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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

10.00am Tuesday - Saturday
ROSARY recited prior to Mass

RECONCILIATION

After 10.00am Mass Saturday

SATURDAY

6.00pm (Vigil)

SUNDAY

7.30am; 9.30am; 11.00am;
12.30pm (Polish)



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First Sunday of Advent - Year B - December 3, 2023

Readings for this week:

Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1. 3-8; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 33-37

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope.

The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

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VIQUEQUE SUNDAY December 3. Today we pray for and remember our partner parish, Mary Immaculate in Viqueque. Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex, and donations can be left with the Collector.



SENIORS ANOINTING MASS Saturday Dec. 9 @ 10.00am. This Mass is dedicated to the Seniors in our parish, and will include an Anointing of the Sick. You are all invited to stay for a 'cuppa' after Mass, in the Narthex foyer of the Basilica.

Reconciliation will be held at 11am after Mass.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th - ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE BASILICA

Time: 2pm - 4pm. Carols begin at 3pm. It will all be held over in the Basilica and grounds.

We have a Christmas Gift Stall, Sweets/Treats Stall, Face painting & Christmas Raffle with many prizes. Raffle will be drawn at the close of Carols. A **Bean Cravin'** Coffee van will be onsite for the event. You are invited to bring yourself, family and friends.

Our main sponsor for the 2023 event is:

SC Technology Geelong and one of the Raffle prizes is a gift pack donated by **Soul Pattinson Chemist** cnr. Yarra & Myers Sts, Geelong.

We encourage you to support these businesses.

RECONCILIATION A 2nd Rite Reconciliation Service will be held on Tuesday **December 12th at 7.30pm**. Regular Reconciliation times *before* Christmas will be: Saturdays after the 10am Mass. [Dec. 9; 16 & 23]

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL MASS in the Basilica on **December 19th at 7.30pm**.

Invitations for those who have lost a loved one, in the last 12 months, and the Funeral was celebrated at St Mary's, have been sent out via email or snail mail. If you did not receive an invitation, or have a recent death name to add (*even if not buried from St Mary's*) please contact the Parish Office 5222 1977 asap. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Names will be accepted until Friday Dec. 15.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU from Anthony John McGregor. St Mary's Parish donated \$2060 to the GoFund Me account for the family of the 3 children who recently died in a tragic fire in Corio. Anthony asked for a "sincerest thankyou, from the family" to be passed onto all our parishioners.



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MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023 - OUR PARISH SCHEDULE A5 copies available in the Narthex, or online at: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au

PARISH ADVENT GROUP

You are invited to join the group to celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas. Meetings are held in the Pioneer Room (*Level 2 at the Parish Office buildings, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong*) every Tuesday at approx. 10.45am. Tea and coffee are provided, as well as a copy of the Scripture Readings. All are welcome. No need to book your place in advance.

For further information please contact Kevin Mark via kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au



ADVENT DAILY REFLECTIONS BOOK

Now available from the Piety Stall and Parish Office. "**The Sign**", is a full-colour, 80-page book presenting spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (December 3, 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (January 8, 2024). It is beautifully presented and excellent value at \$5.00 per copy. Limited stock available.

FRIENDS OF FAITH & LIGHT GEELONG Christmas Celebration 2023. Come along and welcome Jesus into your lives at a special Christmas gathering of Friends of Faith & Light Geelong.

When: Saturday, December 9, 2.00 to 4.30 pm, in the Pioneer Room, Level 2 (access by lift), at St Mary's Parish, 150 Yarra St, Geelong. The Pioneer Room will be open from 1.30pm. This will be a Christmas celebration with story, prayer and afternoon tea. Please bring some food to share and a small Christmas gift for another. Pre-booking is a must. Call or text your name to Tricia on 0414 672 267 to book (RSVP by Friday, 12noon, December 8), or for further information.

CONFIRMATION - ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

If you have a child who will be in Grade 6 in 2024, and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Anna in the Parish Office on 5222 1977. Early warning: You will be required to bring along the certificates of your child's Baptism and First Eucharist at the time you place your enrolment.

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PARISH PANTRY - DONATIONS If you have any empty egg cartons you can donate, please bring them to the Parish Office during the week.

JOIN A CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

New Choir members warmly welcomed.

Mixtures Choir welcomes new adult members for Carols on Dec 10, and @ 8pm Mass Christmas Eve.

Junior Choir welcomes new primary school aged children to join regular practices leading up to Christmas Eve Mass 6pm (See notice next page)

For either of these 2 choirs contact Rebecca: rhay@stmarysgeelong (or call the Office 5222 1977) for full details and practice times/dates.

Basilica Choir invites new members to join them for Midnight Mass & pre-Carols. For more details please contact Jane: jbashiruddin@bigpond.com



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Come and celebrate Carols with Iona College.

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The event runs from 6pm until 8pm. It will be held in the Colomba Centre.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Clarel and Florise Duhau. 64 years - Wedding Anniversary. Please pray for them and ask for God's blessing for the years to come.

MEMORIAL BRICKS We invite 'expressions of interest'. Please direct all enquiries/interest to Diane (Business Manager) at the Parish Office. Call: 5222 1977 or email: dianer@stmarysgeelong.com.au Full details are on the PDF (link)

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MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St, Geelong

Sunday December 3, 3.00pm

BAROQUE CHRISTMAS

Australian Chamber Choir

Director: Douglas Lawrence

The ACC8 treats you to a historical 'pick of the pops', from the late 1400s to the end of the Baroque period and beyond. Tickets \$50 Full; \$45 Seniors; \$40 Concession available from www.auschoir.org or at the door. Children and school students - free

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: Christmas Eve (Dec 24) @ 6.00pm.

Practices happen on Fridays during the school term. 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the Hibernian Hall (Café Light).

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Next Mass: Sunday December 24 @ 8.00pm. Practices for this Mass will be at 6pm-8pm [on 2 Wednesdays: Dec 13 & 20] in the Hibernian Hall (Café Light). 150 Yarra St, Geelong. **New members are most welcome.**

BASILICA CHOIR Next Mass: Sunday December 3 @ 9.30am. Practices for this choir are held on Thursday nights in the Sodalities Room (at the rear of the Basilica). Starting at 7.30pm. New members welcomed. Contact Jane at jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK Live your best; think your best and act your best, today; for today is your preparation for tomorrow, and all the tomorrows that follow. - Harriet Martineau

JOKE OF THE DAY



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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kerry James Daly, Sandra King, Neil Norman Wig



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Jocelyn Molina, Celie Moloney, Patricia Wakefield, Alix Hector, Vinko Anticevic, Nicola D'Addazio, Trish Virgona, Maria Polimeni, Herminia Jesus Santos, Italia Corica, Carlota Fernandes, Fr Gerard Dowling OAM, Antonio Veracruz

Extra names which missed All Souls Day: Max McKibbin, Eric McKibbin, Leila McKibbin, Edna Bolger, Ray Bolger, Edward McCaig, Frank McCaig, Rose McCaig, Frank Hough Jnr, Frank Hough Snr, Lil Hough, Elva Doig, Allen Doig, Mary McCaig, John Abela, Josie Abela, Marie Hocking, Loretta Dugumesi, Jenny Webb, Rodney Smith, Carmen Caruana, Grace Abela, Anthony Abela, Carmen Bujega, Amadeo Bugeja, Leli Bugeja, Kevin Costa, Matthew Costa, Richard Costa, Wills Beer, Gwen Beer, John Lazarro

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Pippa McPherson

Loving God, we pray that you will be comfort in their suffering, and lead them to know your healing grace, As they place their trust in you, grant them peace of mind, body and spirit. Amen.

St. John of God Hospital Chapel Mass:

Every Thursday at 11.30am

RADIO MASS BROADCAST:

SUNDAY 7am on Light FM 89.9 & 10am on The Pulse FM 94.7



Second Sunday of Advent - Year B - December 10, 2023

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 40: 1 - 5. 9 - 11; 2 Peter 3: 8 - 14; Mark 1: 1 - 8



<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Collector</u>
6.00pm VIGIL	Margot Jarman	Natalia Barber	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Annette Wilkinson	Mike McGovern	Annette Wilkinson Rosa Marino	Bridgette Henderson	Carlo Werzac
9.30am	Blake Drever	Jennifer Guinane	Des Guinane Erminia Ficca Blake Drever	Joanne McMahan	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Linda Stacchino	Domenica Croce	Nina Tarsitano Maria Monea Lina Sidoti	Pamela Cowdery	Klaus Bauer

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>7.30am</u>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>11.00am</u>
AV-SOUND OPERATOR	Clevon Peris	Barry Leith	Clevon or Andrew	Joan Belleville

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