

# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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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)

### NOVENA to OUR LADY of PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays after 10.00am Mass

### NOVENA to ST. ANTHONY

Tuesdays after 10.00am Mass

### ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Thursday at 9.00am

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10.30am - 1.00pm,

**Sundays:** 10.15am -12.15pm.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - February 11, 2024

### Readings for this week:

Leviticus 13: 1-2. 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1; Mark 1:40-45

### REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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#### Gospel Reflection

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen's disease today).

It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

#### Gospel Focus – What's in a word?

Verse 41 of this week's reading begins, 'Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand.' This translation is from the Jerusalem Bible but if we were to consider other translations of the Bible we would find other phrases used such as: moved with pity; filled with pity; moved with compassion; filled with compassion; or even, filled with anger. By comparison, 'Feeling sorry for him' seems a weak translation. Jesus' reaction is a fully human one of indignation at what this man is forced to endure. It is a gut-wrenching response from the very core of Jesus' humanity.

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# Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February 2024



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## PARISH LENT GROUP 2024 UPDATE

St Mary's Parish is offering two Lenten groups this year: evening and daytime.

The **evening group** will meet on Mondays at 7.30pm, commencing this coming Monday, 12 February.

The **daytime group** will meet on Tuesdays at 10.45am (which will allow those wishing to attend the 10.00am Mass in St Mary's Basilica to do so). It will commence this Tuesday, 13 February.

The Lenten groups will meet in the Pioneer Room (upstairs, Parish Office building, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong), which can be accessed via the lift at the Yarra Street end of the building, or the ramp at the other end of the building.

Each week the groups will focus on the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday. We will use the Lenten book produced by the Diocese of Wollongong, which this year has the theme, "Pietà".

If you are planning to be part of a Lenten group, we recommend you purchase a copy of the Pietà Lenten book as soon as possible, as our supplies are very limited (*see below for further details*).

### LENT BOOK "PIETÀ"

Please note: Our supply of these Lenten books is limited and the publisher has sold out, so please purchase your copy as soon as possible. Available from the Piety Stall or Parish Office for \$10.00 each. Embark on a transformative Lenten journey with Pietà, an exquisite 80-page, full-colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading, in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and *visio divina* that can also be used in Lenten group gatherings. For further information, see [www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent\\_2024](http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent_2024)

## BASILICA MASS TIMES:

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - February 14.

Times for Masses will be: 10am; 12noon and 7.30pm.

Forewarning: Children from our 4 Primary schools will be attending the 10.00am & 12noon Masses.

## STONEMASON WORK AT THE BASILICA

On Monday **February 12** (all day) and Tuesday **February 13** (all day) there will be continued stonemason work and maintenance taking place in the Basilica. The building will remain open on Monday (10am - 5pm) and Tuesday (9am - 5pm). The work will cease for 10.00am Mass on Tuesday.

## 'ASHES TO EASTER' LENTEN CONCERT- REFLECTION

Hosted by St Thomas Catholic Parish, Drysdale.

Date & Time: **Saturday 24th February**. 11.00am (after 10.00am Mass).

Location: St. Thomas Church, 27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale. Admission: gold coin donation.

Please direct all enquiries to Robert 0418 593 537.

If you cannot make it to the Saturday presentation, St Michael's Parish, Holy Family Church, Bell Park is hosting Peter Kearney on **Tuesday 27th February 7.00pm**. To book your place, please contact the Parish office on 5278 1343 or email to:

[bellpark@cam.org.au](mailto:bellpark@cam.org.au).

## A PLACE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE/S

We invite any who are interested in purchasing a Memorial brick which will be placed on the grounds of St Mary's Basilica. A new purpose built "Memorial Brick Pathway" is in the planning stage. Please direct all enquiries/interest to Viv or Joanne at the Parish Office. Call: 5222 1977 or you can email: [admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au)



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### **CAFÉ LIGHT & PLAZA THEATRE MOVIE NEWS**

The Café will be open on **Sunday February 18** at 10.30am - 12.30pm. Cost is \$5 per serve.  
There is a change to the Movie screening. **"Singing in the Rain"** starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, Debbie Reynolds will be shown at 1.00pm in the Plaza Theatre. All are welcome.

**TAIZE PRAYER** - Santa Casa, Queenscliff. All are welcome. **February 17**; Prayer followed by afternoon tea. 2.30pm - 3.30pm. For catering and seating purposes please RSVP Sr Lizzie 0418 194 261 or via email: [santacasea@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasea@ismapng.org.au)

### **ST MARYS PARISH PANTRY**

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong.

Pantry operating days and times are: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday between 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

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Thank you to all who have donated to date.

### **JOIN OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS FOR 2024**

Please contact us via email:

[rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au) or you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977.

Though we are hoping for volunteers as Readers, Special Ministers, Welcomers and Collectors, we especially require more volunteers to enable us to keep the AV-sound going at our Sunday Masses.

**We look forward to hearing from you soon.**

St Mary's Parish is hosting

**Chamber Philharmonia Cologne** (from Germany)  
Monday March 11th 2024 in the Basilica

DON'T MISS THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY to Experience one of Germany's finest Ensembles, performing a diverse programme ranging from VIVALDI, J. S. BACH and PAGANINI.

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Tickets: \$45 [Adult]; \$40 [Conc.] \$34 [6 - 18 yrs]

**Please Note:** Children 5 years and under enter free.

General Admission Only - No seats reserved.

**Approximate Running Times:** Doors open - 6:00 pm  
Start - 7:00 pm Finish - 9:00 pm



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### **Encounters 2024 "A VOICE, LENT TO MUSIC"**

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Sundays 5.00 to 5.30pm at the Basilica.

**Admission is free.**

Sunday 11 February **Brigid Mantelli (flute)**

Sunday 18 February **Allister Cox (clarinet)**

Sunday 3 March **Patrycja Radzi-Stewart (violin)**

Sunday 10 March **John Seal (marimba)**

Sunday 17 March **Helen Seymour (poetry)**

and

### **THE AUSTRALIAN MALE WELSH CHOIR**

in concert on Sunday 25 February, 5.00pm

Celebrate St David's Day with the Australian Male Welsh Choir in a program of most-loved songs from Wales. Tickets \$35 Full and Seniors; \$30 Concession available from [www.trybooking.com/CODSW](http://www.trybooking.com/CODSW) or at the door. Children and school students – free.

### **ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR**

**Next Mass:** Feb. 25, 2024 - 11am.

New members are most welcome.

Email: [rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au) for enquiries.

**MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR** **Next Mass:** February 11, 2024 - 11am. If interested to join please email:

[rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

**BASILICA CHOIR** **Next Mass:** Feb. 11, 2024 -

9.30am. New members welcome.

Contact Jane at [jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)

### **QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

FACT: Compassion comes from the Latin word "compati," which literally means "to suffer with."

**"Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength."** – Dalai Lama

### **JOKE OF THE DAY**



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**Month Mind:** Ivan Siketa, Jennifer Biemans

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** all who are suffering illness, unrest and unease.

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

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First Sunday of Lent - Year B - February 18, 2024

Readings for next week:

Genesis 9: 8 - 15; 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22; Mark 1: 12 - 15

<b>TIMES</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>	<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>Main Collector</b>
<b>6.00pm VIGIL</b>	Brendan Sullivan	Margot Jarman	Vicki Zavaglia Margot Jarman	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
<b>7.30am</b>	Barry Leith	Nola Schwidlewski	Mike McGovern Barry Leith	Bridgette Henderson	Lachlan Buchanan
<b>9.30am</b>	Rhonda Sullivan	Des Guinane	Blake Drever Geoff Miles Ann Salerno	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
<b>11.00am</b>	Shirley Carroll	Rosemary Gador	Domenica Croce Slavica Kulic Nina Tarsitano	Maria Monea	Pamela Cowdery

<b>TIMES</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>AV-SOUND OPERATOR</b>	Rebecca Hay	Barry Leith	Clevon Peris	Natalia Barber



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