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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS

10.00am Tuesday – Saturday
ROSARY recited prior to Mass

RECONCILIATION

After 10am 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 10am Mass

NOVENA to ST ANTHONY

Tuesdays after 10am Mass

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Thursday at 9.00am

PIETY GIFT STALL

OPENS ON FEBRUARY 4th

OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays

10.30am – 1.00pm

CLOSED ON SATURDAYS

OPEN Sundays

10.15am – 12.15pm



The Presentation of the Lord - Year C – February 2nd, 2025

Readings for this week:

Malachi 3: 1 - 4; Hebrews 2: 14 - 18; Luke 2: 22 - 40

Reflection on the Gospel

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Pope Francis draws our attention to the way that today's feast is about encounter. He is particularly interested in how this episode takes place 'between the young and the old'. This was a profound spiritual moment shared by 'two newlyweds,' as the Pope describes Mary and Joseph, and the elderly and faithful Simeon and Anna.

The Pope draws our attention to their respective dispositions. Mary and Joseph are not just going through the motions. They clearly really believe that what they are doing is important, even if they wonder what it all means. Meanwhile, Simeon and Anna were clearly 'guided by the Holy Spirit' and 'full of life!' Their encounter was not only between generations, therefore, but was also what the Pope calls 'a unique encounter between observance and prophecy.'

'It's good for the elderly to communicate their wisdom to the young,' the Pope reminds us, 'and it's good for the young people to gather this wealth of experience and wisdom, and to carry it forward ... addressing the challenges that life brings.'

Perhaps we might pray this week for the wisdom to respond to the promptings of the Spirit, and for the Grace to leave a joyful mark on all the people we might encounter, young or old.

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In the spirit of reconciliation, the Parish of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong acknowledges the Waddawarrung people, the Traditional Owners and Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:

Monday 10am - 5pm;

Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 5pm.

Open on the weekend for 10am Mass, Reconciliation (after the 10am Mass), Baptisms & Weddings, and for regular Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses.

See front page for Mass time details.

St Mary's Parish: LOURDES DAY MASS

Our Lourdes Day Mass will be celebrated on Saturday February 15th at the 10am Mass time.

During this Mass there will be a blessing and anointing, and small 15ml vials of Lourdes Holy Water will be available (1 per person).

Because of the anointing, which cleanses us of our sins, there will be no Reconciliation held after the Mass.

We will be offering a social "cuppa get together" in the Narthex, and invite you to stay for a tea/coffee and biscuit after the Mass.

CADEL EVANS GREAT OCEAN ROAD RACE

January 29 – SUNDAY February 2, 2025

Traffic and Transport Information Sheet

<https://www.cadelevansgreatoceanroadrace.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-CEGORR-Traffic-Transport-Flyer-Final.pdf>

Race logistics and planned road closures may affect your ability to get to the Church or Office during this time. **Please use the link provided to assess the impact on your movements.**

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB

You are warmly invited to the monthly social get-together of friends for dinner in February.

Date: Tuesday, February 11th, 2025. **Time:** 6pm.

Venue: Great Western Hotel, in the "Western Room" - access from the bar. **Where:** Cnr. Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave, Newtown.

Cost: the purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you wish to come to the dinner, please phone or text Joan: 0429 215 111 or Michael: 0431 959 584 by Friday, February 7th.



Jubilee 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

2025 marks the 27th Jubilee year of the

Catholic Church in Rome. This happens only once every 25 years and promises to be a time of grace for thousands of pilgrims and the world's faithful. Helloworld Highton has amended their previous tour offer to commemorate this experience of a lifetime, and is now offering **2025 JUBILEE TOUR**

Pope Francis has named this Jubilee celebration year "Pilgrims of Hope" as a celebration of peace, hope and love.

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For more information, or to register your interest please contact: **HELLOWORLD TRAVEL HIGHTON**, 83 Barrabool Road, Highton. (03) 5243 9311, email: highton@helloworld.com.au

VIQUEQUE SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 2nd

This weekend we acknowledge the first Sunday of the month, and we remember & pray for our friends in our partner parish of Mary Immaculate in Viqueque. Throughout the year we have supported this community and we invite you to continue to do so in 2025.

Our support enables the community to develop their faith & education, and accomplish everyday things which we so often take for granted. Our help is much appreciated by the community in East Timor.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

If you are looking to join our team, please contact us with your details and availability via email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au or you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977.

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ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

New members are always welcome.

If you are interested, please call Rebecca at the Parish Office on 5222 1977 during the week, or you can email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au
Weekly practices are held during the school term on a Friday after school [3.30pm - 4.30pm] in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light]. Junior Choir resumes practices on Friday February 7 for Term 1. **Next Mass: February 23rd @ 11am**

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

Next Mass: February 9th @ 11am.

Practice is prior to the 11am Mass - starting at 9.30am in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light].

If interested to join please email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR: New members welcome.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9.00 pm in the Sodalities Room at the rear of St Mary's Basilica - entry from outside.

Next Mass: February 2nd @ 9.30am

For more information or details please email:

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St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

From the Bulletin of January 12th, 2025

What pattern do all these 4 words have in common? CHIN, GHOST, BIOPSY, ALMOST

The answer is that all their letters are in alphabetical order.

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

What three numbers, none of which is zero, give the same answer whether they're added or multiplied? **A) 123 B) 456 C) 789**

ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

Pantry operating days and times are:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm - 3pm

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

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Jamie Parker & Amy You - Violin,
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Sunday March 2nd, 5.00pm

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Children and school students - free

FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT THE BASILICA MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

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- A special "Friends" Bulletin will keep you up to date.
- At the end of the concert series, there will be a friendly "Evening Gathering" with wine and cheese.

Simply complete the [Friends form](#) save it and email at info@musicatthebasilica.org.au

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK "The most beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." - B.B. King

JOKE OF THE WEEK



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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Janice Wilson, Zofia Rudski

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Caterina Vellucci, Jean Peacock, Salvatore Casaceli, Mieczyslaw Kornacki, Dinny Moriarty, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Maureen Moynihan, Rosalinda Laudadio, Pedro Maloney, Kenneth McMahon, Adam Zychla, Cornelius Biemans, Anne Nelson, Mark Hallam, Vilma Dwyer



ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Oliver and James Mendis

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C – February 9, 2025

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 6: 1 - 8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11; Luke 5: 1 - 11



CHILDREN'S LITURGY [CLOW] - FILL OUT YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!!

CLOW resumes on February 9th, 2025

Scan this QR code to access the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM.**

[For children Grade 2 – Grade 6] Children are required to be fully registered, and forms submitted prior to sessions. A form must be submitted at least once per year, and updated per school term, if any of your circumstances/details change.

Children's Liturgy	February 9	February 16	February 23	March 2
11.00am MASS	Slavica Kulic Kerry Tomison	Blake Drever Nina Tarsitano	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Mary Forder Lina Sidoti

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Brendan Sullivan	Trish Nicholson	Gael Perry Trish Nicholson	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Lesley Almond	Terry O'Brien	Nola Schwidlewski Annette Wilkinson	Brenda MacGregor	Carlo Werzak
9.30am	Geoff Miles	Ann Salerno	Rhonda Sullivan Erminia Ficca Jennifer Guinane	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Shirley Carroll	Santina Taranto	Georgia Cowdery Linda Stacchino Kirra	Domenica Croce	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Natalia Barber	Jack Munk	Marcia O'Brien	Georgia Cowdery

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