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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

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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**Will re-open in February 2022
when things are steadily and
consistently back to normal.**

Café Light

**CURRENTLY CLOSED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

We thank you for your patience

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C - January 23, 2021

Readings for this week:

Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30; Luke 1: 1-4. 4: 14-21

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'



*"He sent me to give the good news to the poor.
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more; tell blind
people that they can see, and set the down trodden free.
And go tell everyone, the news that the Kingdom of God
has come, and go tell everyone, the news that God's
kingdom has come".*

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SUNDAY LITURGY

First Reading *Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63*

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

(continued in next column)

Second Reading *Shorter form 1 Corinthians 13:4-13*

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

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AUSTRALIA DAY - WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26th

10.00am Mass

Mass will be held at the Basilica on January 26th, 2022 to celebrate and give thanks for all the privileges and opportunities we have living here in Australia. We invite you all to attend.

MANDATORY MASK-WEARING IN THE BASILICA

Wearing a mask is required for everyone aged 8 and above in all indoor settings in Victoria. Face masks must be carried at all times, when leaving home. Businesses and venues must display face mask posters at each public entrance. Please refer to <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/covidsafe-religion-and-ceremonies-guidance#6-check-face-mask-requirements>

Please continue to sanitize. Communion is only distributed to the hands at Masses celebrated here at the Basilica

SUNDAY MASS COLLECTORS REQUIRED CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

If you are available, and this is something you think you may be able to support the work of the Parish, could you please contact us on 52221977 or via email: terryp@stmarysgeelong.com.au.

RADIO MASS Broadcast brought to you by **St Mary's Parish, Geelong**. 10.00am Sunday morning on PULSE FM 94.7

FLOWER ARRANGERS

If you wish to become more involved within our Parish and flower arranging is something you think you may enjoy doing please contact the Parish Office during the week: 5222 1977. Or email: dianer@stmarysgeelong.com.au

CURRENT DONATION PROCESS AT MASSES

1. Collectors stationed at the main entrance to the Basilica, at the start and end of each Mass.
2. Electronic Tap and Go system in the Narthex - a touch free donation point for those of you who no longer carry cash with you.

Please note that you require a Debit or Credit card to make a payment as EFTPOS savings cards do not work on this system.

PARISH PANTRY - OPEN

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong.
Pantry operating days and times are: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday between 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels,
136 Yarra St, Geelong.

We are delighted to announce our concert program for 2022. COVID permitting, we hope to offer you some excellent music during the second half of this year.

Please put these dates in your diary:

Friday February 18, 2022 - 8.00pm

Australian Chamber Choir 8 (ACC8) - Australian Chamber Choir - Director: Douglas Lawrence.
Tickets: \$50 Full, \$45 Seniors; \$40 Concession; children and school students - free. Available from the website www.auschoir.org or at the door.

12TH ANNUAL WINDFIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday March 11, 2022 to Sunday March 22, 2022

Workshops and Concerts

Check our website for details of the full program: <https://musicatthebasilica.org.au/music-festival/>

Friday April 8, 2022 - 8.00pm

WINDFIRE CHOIR & ORCHESTRA - Easter Concert "SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST" - by Theodore Dudois. Tickets: \$50 Adult, \$45 Senior, \$40 Concession; children and school students - free, available from www.trybooking.com/BVVOO or at the door.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Start the day with love; fill the day with love and end the day with love. That is the way to God. - *Sathya Sai Baba*

JOKE OF THE DAY Can you believe it?

Two backpackers arrive at the pub and order a couple of drinks. They then proceed to take sandwiches out from their backpacks, and begin to eat. Seeing this, the angry publican approaches them and says, "Excuse me, but you cannot eat your own sandwiches in here!" The two look at each other, shrug and exchange their sandwiches.

AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN
faith, hope & love
BUT THE GREATEST
OF THESE IS *Love*
1st Corinthians 13:13

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THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Anetta Turcinov, Ashley Smythe

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 and 10am on The Pulse FM 94.7

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - January 30, 2022

Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 1: 4 - 5. 17 - 19 ; 1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13: 13; Luke 4: 18



<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomer/s</u>	<u>Collector</u>
6.00pm VIGIL	Brendan Sullivan	Denis Turnbull	Vicki Zavaglia Margot Jarman	Diane Read	Norm Read
7.30am	Kate Parke	Mike McGovern	Kate Parke Nola Schwidlewski	Bridgette Henderson	Jennifer Wolfe
9.30am	Jennifer Guinane	Eleanor Bowman	Ann Salerno Marita Fitzpatrick	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Natasha Karunaratne	Domenica Croce	Barbara Antony Nina Tarsitano	Joan Belleville	Michael Belleville

NOTE FOR SPECIAL MINISTERS:

If you are at Mass and a notice that 3rd person is needed please do not hesitate to step up, even if not rostered on. Thank you

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>7.30am</u>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>11.00am</u>
AV-SOUND OPERATOR	David Bowman	Barry Leith	David Bowman	Georgia Cowdery



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You can also visit our regularly updated and very informative webpage: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au

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