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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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - January 28, 2024

Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20; 1 Corinthians 7: 32 - 35; Mark 1: 21 - 28

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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This week's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day.

The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.

Still on the same day, we see the expansion of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day he has cast an unclean spirit out of a possessed man in the synagogue, healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then healed the crowds of people who came to the door. The next morning he announces that they will take the ministry to the whole region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the gospel of Mark has described the growth of Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated examples to a deliberate reaching out to the people of an entire region.

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;
His love endures forever.

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.

STONEMASON WORK AT THE BASILICA

On Tuesday January 30 (all day) and Wednesday January 31 (all day) there will be continued stone mason work and maintenance taking place in the Basilica. The building will remain open to visitors, but we warn you that there may be some extra noise, which may disturb your peaceful prayer time. The work will cease for 10.00am Mass on the Tuesday and Wednesday and Mass will still be celebrated.

BASILICA MASS TIMES UPDATE:

LOURDES DAY MASS - Saturday February 10 - 10am (*Mass will include an anointing and we will have some blessed Lourdes water available - 1 pp*)

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - February 14.

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

PREPARING FOR LENT

PARISH LENT GROUP 2024

Lent is less than four weeks away, with Ash Wednesday on 14 February this year. A daytime Lent group will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10.45 am (*following the Mass in the Basilica for those who wish to attend*), commencing on 13 February and continuing until Holy Week.

An evening group will also be offered on Mondays at 7.30 pm, commencing on 12 February, but will only go ahead if there are sufficient numbers.

As in previous years, the groups will use the excellent Lent book from the Diocese of Wollongong, which will be available to purchase in coming weeks. Please register your interest in attending one of the Lent groups by emailing Kevin

kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au or calling the Parish Office during office hours on 03 5222 1977.

Please supply your name, a contact phone number and/or email address, and which group you are registering for (daytime or evening).

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

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FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG

A Christian community for people with a disability, their family, friends and carers. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 10.

You are warmly invited to attend. Venue: St Mary's Pioneer Room (Level 2) 150 Yarra Street. The room will open at 1.30pm. Access to the upper level can be by the lift entrance near Parish Office. Time: 2.00pm - 4.30pm. Enquiries: Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267 [Email: patriciaok65@gmail.com]. New members are very welcome.

'ASHES TO EASTER' LENTEN CONCERT-

REFLECTION with Peter Kearney.

"A beautiful Lenten reflection ... prayerful and spiritual ... a worthwhile part of our Lenten journey".

- Rita: Musician.

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.

Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter, singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. Peter's 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. Though mainly for adults, upper-primary and older students could also enjoy and benefit.

Please direct all enquiries to Robert 0418 593 537.

LOST PROPERTY Quite a few lost items have made their way into our "Lost property basket" here in the Parish Office. If you have accidentally left something behind please come and check out our collection.

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please contact us via email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au or you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977.

We especially require more volunteers to enable us to keep the AV-sound going at our Sunday Masses. and look forward to hearing from you soon.

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA will hold its **AGM** at 7.30pm Tuesday February 13, 2024. All positions on the Committee, except Artistic Director, will be open. **Please contact us if you would like to nominate for a position and/or attend the AGM.**
Email: music.basilica@bigpond.com
Phone: (Jane) 0447 238 432

CAFÉ LIGHT & PLAZA THEATRE MOVIE NEWS

We are pleased to announce the SHC staff and volunteers can once again support Café Light once a month for 2024. Please keep an eye out for the dates as they are announced.

The Café will be open on February 18 at 10.30am - 12.30pm. The Movie (TBC) to be shown at 1.00pm.

TAIZE PRAYER - Santa Casa, Queenscliff

All are welcome.

Save these dates for 2024: February; March 23; May 19; August 31; October 5; and December 14. Prayer followed by afternoon tea. 2.30pm - 3.30pm. For catering and seating purposes prior to each date, please RSVP Sr Lizzie 0418 194 261 or via email: santacasea@ismapng.org.au

St Mary's Basilica is hosting

Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (from Germany)
Monday March 11th 2024

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.

Tickets are available from www.ticketmaster.com.au and will be available at the door (cash only) 1 hour prior to the start of the concert.

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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Pantry operating days and times are: Tuesday,
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Music at the Basilica 136 Yarra St, Geelong
presents

Encounters 2024 "A VOICE, LENT TO MUSIC"

Join **Frank De Rosso (organ)** and associate artists in a
journey of music and poetry, leading up to Easter.

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)**

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: Feb. 25, 2024 - 11am. Practices resume on
Friday, Feb 9, 2024. They take place in the
Hibernian Hall (Café) on Fridays of the school term.
3.30pm - 4.30pm. New members are most welcome.
Email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au for enquiries.

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR **Next Mass:** February 11,
2024 - 11am. Practices resume Sunday Feb.11 at
9.30am, prior to scheduled 11am Mass. If interested to
join please email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR **Next Mass:** Feb. 4, 2024 - 9.30am.
Practices resume Thursday Feb. 1, 2024, in the
Sodalities Room (entrance at the rear of the Basilica).
Starting at 7.30pm. New members welcomed.
Contact Jane at jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK The heart that gives
thanks is a happy one. For you cannot be thankful and
unhappy at the same time. - *Douglas Wood*

JOKE OF THE DAY



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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Christopher Chandley, George Marshall, James Moloney



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Nicola Taranto, Marie Burke, Patricia Adams, Shirley McFarlane, Connie Villanti, Andelko 'Vic' Sesar, Asbjorn Hansen, Raymond Wood, Maria Vannata, Monica Curwood, Salvatore Casaceli, Pietro Milone, Stephen Modestie

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:

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 B - February 4, 2024

Readings for next week:

Job 7: 1 - 4. 6 - 7; 1 Corinthians 9: 16 - 19. 22 - 23; Mark 1: 29 - 39

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Main Collector</u>
6.00pm VIGIL	Margot Jarman	Natalia Barber	Vicki Zavaglia Margot Jarman	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Lesley Almond	Barry Leith	Barry Leith Annette Wilkinson	Brenda MacGregor	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Blake Drever	Maree Ryan	Blake Drever Ann Salerno Rhonda Sullivan	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Santina Taranto	Maria Monea	Barbara Antony Kirra Liz Bauer	Liz Bauer	Maria Monea 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	Keith Almond	Andrew De Angelis	Georgia Cowdery

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