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Bulletin Notices: Due by: Thursday 1.00pm Email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au or call Parish Office: 5222 1977



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

PIETY GIFT STALL

**CURRENTLY CLOSED
FOR ALL OF JANUARY 2024**

Re-opens on Thursday February 1st, 2024. 10.30am - 12.30pm

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B - January 7, 2023

Readings for this week:

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6; Ephesians 3: 2 - 3. 5 - 6; Matthew 2: 1 - 12

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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Historical Context – The Magi

In some translations, the 'wise men' of this passage are referred to as 'Magi'. Magi was the name given to the Persian priestly caste. Persia (now, Iran) lies to the east of Israel. These wise men are also sometimes portrayed as astrologers, but that is largely because of the reference 'We saw his star as it rose'. It is interesting that the passage describes 'some' wise men; tradition has developed a specific number of three – based on the three gifts presented. These anonymous (and purely literary) figures have been given names and their 'relics' lie in honour beneath the Cathedral of Cologne.

Have you thought? – Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewish-ness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

Gospel Focus – Going home

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind. When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

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RADIO MASS from **St Mary's Parish, Geelong**

Due to pre-recorded programming, to allow time off for volunteer broadcasters, the Mass will not be Broadcast on Sunday 10am on PULSE FM 94.7 for 2 weekends - January 7 and January 14, 2024.

Broadcast of the Mass from St Mary's will resume on Sunday January 21, 2024 - 10am.

VIQUEQUE SUNDAY January 7. Today we pray for our partner parish of Mary Immaculate in Viqueque. Please use the envelopes in the Narthex if you wish to donate to support the community. These envelopes, can be placed in with the Collection bags at Sunday Masses, or can be dropped into the Parish Office during the week. Thank you for your generosity.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS AND DIVINE MERCY CALENDARS

We now have these calendars available for purchase from the Parish Office, whilst the Piety Gift Stall is closed. Limited copies available.

Divine Mercy Calendars 2024: \$12.00 each

Columban Art Calendars 2024: \$10.00 each

CONFIRMATION - ENROL NOW

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Wednesday March 20 and Thursday March 21.

Our after-school classes commence in Term 1, 2024. If you are in the public school system, have a child in Grade 6 in 2024, and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Anna before the school term starts (Jan 29, 2024)

KEEP VIGILANT - a friendly reminder!

Please be aware, and take care to keep all personal belongings well at hand whilst in the Basilica; whether visiting or attending Weekday-Sunday Masses.

CADEL EVANS GREAT OCEAN ROAD RACE

Geelong - Barwon Heads - Torquay

Wednesday January 24 - Sunday January 28

Please be aware of this event as it may affect accessibility to the Basilica for Mass Times or visits. Visit the website for full details of the event.



cadelevansgreatoceanroadrace.com.au or you can scan the QR code provided here, with your phone and head directly to the 2024 Traffic and Transport Information page.



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ST MARY'S PARISH, GEELONG PRAYER CHAIN

An example of needs of prayer support may be an illness, whether it is physical or mental. Other needs of prayer support might be relationship, financial or personal trauma, including survivors of abuse.

It can be very comforting to know that someone is praying for you, and that Jesus is present in that prayer.

How the Prayer Chain Works:

People are invited to send prayer requests to Geoff. directly via email: gevans3216@gmail.com. The chain is completely confidential. People can use just first name and/or initials, or prayer requests can be left in the gold coloured box labeled "Prayer Requests" in the Narthex (on the Information Desk, left hand side). The box is checked regularly.

Request for Prayer intercessors:

If you would like to provide prayer support for others through the St Mary of the Angels, Geelong Prayer Chain, please do not hesitate to contact Geoff via the email address provided above.

"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in our distress" (Psalm 46:2)

NEW JAN./FEB. 2024 ROSTERS COMPLETED

The Reader, Special Minister, Welcomer, Main Collector and AV Rosters for January + February 2024 are now completed. They have been emailed out to all volunteers. If you have not received your email, please contact Rebecca:

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

Some printed copies are available on the table at the South Transept pews.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR SUNDAY MASS

If you would like to become an Altar Server at any Sunday Mass, we invite you to contact Fr Jude: j.johnson@stmarysgeelong.com.au or call: 5222 1977 Training is provided. New servers always welcome.

A PLACE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR YOUR LOVED

ONE/S We invite any who are interested, to purchase a Memorial brick which is placed on St Mary's "Memorial Brick Pathway" - around the edge of the Basilica's cemented walkways. Please direct all enquiries/interest to Diane (Business Manager) at the Parish Office. Call: 5222 1977 or you can email:

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TESTIMONIAL - from Peter S. - (5 time pilgrim)

Take your life for a walk. For me, the Camino de Santiago is the best and most rewarding travel experience that I have had. You will walk and you will laugh, walk and you will wonder, walk and there will be emotions, walk and you will reflect deeply, walk and there will be challenges, walk and your life changes.

For me, the Camino de Santiago is a wonderful experience, alone or with others, enjoying the companionship of pilgrims from around the world, the living Spanish culture, the "Pilgrims Menu" and the Spirituality of the pilgrim way. And as they say on the way, "Buon Camino".

CD - "I CALL YOUR NAME" by Rebecca Hay - the Music/Liturgy Coordinator here at the Basilica. The CD is currently available for purchase from the Parish Office. CDs are: \$20 per copy. It features the song Rebecca wrote especially for Fr Jim's 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood (Aug. 2023): "*I will be your Shepherd*", and many other beautiful self compositions.

We look forward to hearing from you

VOLUNTEERS AT ST MARY'S PARISH

Become a Volunteer in 2024

Please contact us via email:

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2024 PANTRY OPENING TIME

The Pantry will open for 2024 on
Tuesday January 9th, at 1.00pm.

Pantry operating days and times in 2024 will be:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
between 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: Feb. 25, 2024 - 11am. The Parish Junior Choir breaks for the School Holidays. Practices resume on Friday, Feb 9, 2024. Practices 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 or more details.

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR **Next Mass:** February 11, 2024 - 11am. The Mixtures Choir is currently on break. 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 The Basilica Choir is on break for the month of January. Practices resume Thursday Feb. 1, 2024, in the Sodalities Room (entrance at the rear of the Basilica). Starting at 7.30pm. **Next Mass:** Feb. 4, 2024 - 9.30am. New members welcomed. Contact Jane at jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK ...

Hope is wishing something will happen. Faith is knowing something will happen. Courage is making something happen. - *Anonymous*

JOKE OF THE DAY ...



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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terry Belleville, Chris Chalk, Maria Melito, Ivan Siketa



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Frances Drew, Dino Giampetrone, Angelo Buso, Giuseppe Macula, Cresenciana Mangas, Stjepan Turkovic, Krystyna Gruba, Roy Stoneham, Ronald Cotter, Lisebie Hector, Columba Neil Gallagher, Jeanne Duhau, Julita Aquino, Isabel Clingan, Tony Houlihan
Month Mind: Anthony Uchenna Nnoku

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
NO BROADCAST on 94.7 PULSE FM TILL Jan 21, 2024




Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - January 14, 2024

Readings for next week:

1 Samuel 3: 3 - 10. 19; 1 Corinthians 6: 13 - 15. 17 - 20; John 1: 35 - 42

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Main Collector</u>
6.00pm VIGIL	Natalia Barber	Margot Jarman	Trish Nicholson Gael Perry	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Annette Wilkinson	Nola Schwidlewski	Mike McGovern Barry Leith	Monica P or Brenda Mc	Carlo Werzac
9.30am	Maree Ryan	Rhonda Sullivan	Jennifer Guinane Blake Drever Keith Vriens	Joanne McMahon	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Domenica Croce	Santina Taranto	Liz Bauer Barbara Antony Linda Stacchino	Domenica Croce or Liz Bauer	Michael Belleville

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>7.30am</u>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>11.00am</u>
AV-SOUND OPERATOR	Clevon Peris	Jack Munk	Marcia O'Brien	Georgia Cowdery

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