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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

10.00am Tuesday - Saturday
ROSARY recited prior to Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9.30am FRIDAYS IN LENT

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B - March 10, 2024

Readings for this week:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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As Christians in the world we cannot help but be influenced by the developments that happen around us. Indeed, we believe that many of these advances are gifts from God, given to us to enjoy. But not all developments in thinking and practices are for the better.

One recent and alarming development is the false thinking that we cannot judge other people, or that we should not be judged. The wider community regularly maintains that no one is in a position to judge another's behaviour or statements. This approach holds that everyone's words and actions are of equal value. This position is many things, but it's certainly not Christian, but this hasn't stopped it from finding a home amongst us. We regularly hear statements from Christian men and women like, 'We're not in a position to judge' or 'You can't judge them' and 'If it's fine for them, then it's fine'. This thinking has a name. It's called moral relativism and it tries to claim that the morality of behaviour is only determined by the person who does the act, or the context within which the action is taken.

Our Catholic tradition teaches us that a context is very important in trying to work out if someone is to blame for what they say and do, but that a person's particular circumstances never change the fact that the words or actions are in themselves wrong. We hold that while all human beings have equal value and dignity, we do not believe that everyone's opinion and actions are of equal worth. We believe that 'right judgment' is a gift of the Holy Spirit and that it's best exercised with humility and compassion.

When I hear people say I should not judge others, I assume they are telling me that I should not condemn other people. There is a world of difference between judging and condemning. To judge is to make an assessment.

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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.

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To condemn is to damn. As Christians we judge because we have to keep discerning how the things of the world can be reconciled with the things we hold to be true. Condemnation is the prerogative of God alone, who sees all, knows all and loves all. In today's Gospel,; however, John tells us that even God has forfeited the right to condemn the world, but has sent Jesus to be the world's light, life, truth and saviour. The Gospel reminds us that if we feel condemned for what we have done and said, then it's because we have condemned ourselves, not because God condemns us.

John tells us that even when we find ourselves lost in the darkness of our most destructive behaviour, the saving love of Christ is always available to us, inviting us to come out of the darkness into his light. What a great metaphor the light and dark is for making the best judgments in our own lives. Alarm bells should always ring when we find ourselves not wanting anyone else to know what we have said or done. Secrecy is often the ally of sin and the more open and transparent we are, the more confident we can be that we are walking as children of the light.

May this Lenten Eucharist enable us to let go of the desire to condemn others and ourselves, and to receive again the compassionate, just and humble gift of right judgment that helps us to see the darkness for what it is, and keeps us walking in the light of Christ.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be recited each Friday in Lent. Starting at 9.30am and finishing in time for the 10.00am weekday Mass. The Rosary will be recited after the Basilica opens at 9.00am.

RADIO MASS

Broadcast brought to you by **St Mary of the Angels Parish, Geelong**. 10.00am Sunday morning on **PULSE FM 94.7**

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: WINDFIRE CHOIR

EASTER CONCERT: Sunday 24 March, 5pm, Basilica of St Mary of the Angels Tickets \$50/\$45/40 www.trybooking.com/CODRN & at Door, Children & Students—Free

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE (from Germany) Monday March 11th 2024 TOMORROW NIGHT !!

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



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PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

St Mary's Parish Lenten Groups continue to meet on Monday 7.30 pm and Tuesday 10.45 am. Please note that we are now meeting in the Hibernian Room next to the Parish Office, 150 Yarra Street. All are welcome. For further information see www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent-2024

STONEMASONS WORKING IN BASILICA

The workers will be working at the Basilica on Tuesday 12 March and Wednesday 13 March. The work will cease for 10 am Mass.

FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG: RESCHEDULED

Due to the extreme heat forecast for this Saturday, the Friends of Faith & Light Geelong gathering has been rescheduled for Saturday, 16th March 1.30-4.00pm. Venue: Hibernian Rm ground flr, 150 Yarra St Geelong. Share your Lenten journey with the Gospel, prayer, activities and afternoon tea. To RSVP or for any enquiries contact Tricia O'Keeffe, mobile 014 672 267 or Kevin Mark email:kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au. For further information see: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/faithandlight.

PASSION OF CHRIST:

A journey through the Passion of Christ: We invite you to a prayerful and spiritual Lenten experience including Holy Mass and healing adoration with Fr Rojan George VC, Director of Vincentian Retreat Centre in Melbourne. Thursday, 21 March from 6.30pm at Holy Family Church Bell Park

RCIA UPDATE: THE SCRUTINIES:

This Sunday at the 11.00am Mass, there will be the second of the Scrutinies for those in our parish Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) seeking Baptism. The Gospel at the Mass will be Jesus' cure of the man born blind (John 9:1-42), which speaks of Christ our Light, a key dimension of baptism. The RCIA group will also be presented with a copy of the Nicene Creed.

GENAZZANO FCJ COLLEGE

Students will be attending the 6 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 16 March 2024. Please make them welcome.





4th Sunday of Lent - March 9 & 10

Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

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GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB

You are warmly invited to join us for a social gathering for food and friends for our dinner for March. Date & time: Tuesday 12th March at 6.00pm Venue Belmont Hotel Bistro cnr High St & Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont. Purchase Meals and drink at own cost. Please text or phone **Joan on 0429215111** or **Michael on 0431959584** by Monday 11th March.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

A wonderful way to remember your loved ones with a memorial brick placed in our Memorial Brick Pathway and Rose Garden. Cost is \$140 includes laying. Please direct all enquiries/interest to at the Parish Office. Call: 5222 1977 or email: viva@stmarysgeelong.com.au joannem@stmarysgeelong.com.au

ST MARYS PARISH PANTRY - OPEN
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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 10 March **John Seal (marimba)**
Sunday 17 March **Helen Seymour (poetry)**

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR
Next Mass: Will resume after the Term 1 Easter-School Holidays. For more information please email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au for enquiries. New members are always welcome.

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR The Mixtures will resume again after Easter. For more information or if interested to join please email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR Next Mass: March 10, 2024 - 9.30am. New members are most welcome. For more information please contact Jane via email: jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK
"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." - *Mother Teresa*

JOKE OF THE DAY



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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Amanda Wallace, Bogdan "George" Mazur, Ron Macpherson, Harry Howard

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Maria (Domenica) Restifa, Maimie O'Sullivan, Armando Granata, Franco Ciconte, Elaine Harvey, Eneas Connolly, Paul McDonald, Ray Wilby Snr, Margaret Tobin

MONTH MIND: Caterina Vellucci...

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 of Lent - Year B - March 17, 2024

Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34; Hebrews 5:7 - 9; John 12:20 - 33

<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	Genazzano	Vicki Zavaglia Margot Jarman		Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Annette Wilkinson	Lesley Almond	Nola Schwidlewski Annette Wilkinson	Bridgette Henderson	Glenn Acaso
9.30am	Marita Fitzpatrick	Peter Mackinlay	Erminia Ficca Des Guinane	Joanne McMahan	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Domenica Croce	Shirley Carroll	Slavica Kulic Maria Monea	Liz Bauer	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	Clevon or Marcia	Joan Belleville



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