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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

### PIETY GIFT STALL

**OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays:**

10.30am - 1.00pm,

**Sundays:** 10.15am -12.15pm.

*Closed on Saturdays.*

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B - March 17, 2024

### Readings for this week:

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

### REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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If ever you get the chance to travel to Turkey make sure you go to the Roman ruins at Ephesus. The trip is instructive for all sorts of reasons, not least because two thousand years ago Ephesus was a seaport and now you have to drive inland for over an hour to get there. I wonder what our cities will look like in another two thousand years? But Ephesus is worth the trip. The Roman ruins there, especially the library, are extraordinary. For Christians, however, three other places there capture the imagination. It's the place to which the great letter in the New Testament was addressed. There are the ruins of the hall in which the important Council of Ephesus met, and there are ruins of a monastery built over what is claimed to be the final home of St John, the Beloved Disciple. There is also the much more dubious claim that Mary's final house, and the site of her Assumption, is on top of the mountain overlooking the ancient city.

There are good reasons to believe that the Gospel of John, from which we have just read, was written in Ephesus, 70 years after Jesus' death. I like to think about the context in which the Scriptures were written, not just because it helps me understand some things in the text, but also to appreciate that our Scriptures were inspired by the experience of a flesh and blood community. Ephesus was a centre of learning, trade, government and religion in the ancient world. We also know that the early Christians were greatly persecuted and martyred there. The early church was filled with stories of betrayal, torture, death and heroic witness to the faith. The stakes for believing in Jesus were very high.

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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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**Gospel Reflection**

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And it was the heroic witness of these martyrs that eventually led to the conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity. It should come as no surprise to us then that John's Gospel should have a special focus on sharing in the sufferings of Jesus and the glory to come. The words of Jesus in today's Gospel must have been very important to a community that was awash with the blood of their fellow believers. Our foremothers and forefathers in the faith counted themselves blessed to die as Jesus died, alive in the faith of God's love for the world. Just imagine how that community of martyrs first heard these words, 'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'

By comparison we have it easy today, but martyrdom comes to all believers in different ways. In the broadest sense a martyr is one who is prepared to pay the price for holding true to Christ. For us now this might mean making serious choices about the company we keep, the business ventures we enter into, the non-violent protests we mount, foregoing luxuries so that others in our world might have necessities, and even remaining faithful to the vows and promises we have made. Christian faith sometimes bites hard, and when it does we know we are sharing in the martyr's lot.

And what should be our response when our faith in Christ costs us something big? Jesus models it for us in today's Gospel, '...what should I say? "Father, save me from this hour." No, it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.'

May this final week of Lent, then, see this flesh and blood community be like our forebears in Ephesus and actively seek out ways of sharing in the martyr's lot by letting go of what is not essential and focusing on the One who loved us to the end.

**CAFÉ LIGHT** will be open Sunday March 17 from 10.30am till 12.30pm. All are welcome.

The Café is run by a group of volunteers from Sacred Heart College. This group is made up of staff and students. The cost of a coffee/tea and treat is only \$5 per person. All monies raised are donated directly to our Partner Parish, Mary Immaculate in Viqueque.

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The final Stations of the Cross will be recited on Friday March 22. 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.

Music at the Basilica presents  
**WINDFIRE CHOIR EASTER CONCERT**  
**Sunday March, 24 - 5.00pm**

Basilica of St Mary of the Angels Basilica  
136 Yarra St Geelong

**Requiem - Gabriel Fauré 1893 version for choir, baritone and soprano with chamber orchestra.**

**Requiem for solo cello by Peter Sculthorpe.**

**Septem Verba for violin and organ by Frederick Frahm, and Panis Angelicus by Caesar Franck**

*Conductor Joseph Hie*

Windfire Choir and Orchestra, Manfred Pohlenz - bass, Phillipa McQuinn - soprano, Zanaida Campigli - soprano (Windfire vocal scholar)

Miranda Brockman - cello, Philip Healey - violin, Laura Tanata - harp, Frank DeRosso - organ

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CatholicCare and Northern Bay College – Corio are seeking qualified and experienced Volunteer Tutors for Secondary College students in Years 11 and 12 to support and improve their study in the following subjects: General Maths, English, Biology, Legal Studies, and Business Management.

This opportunity may suit retired teachers or university students studying these subjects, or anyone with expertise in one of these areas. Students are from Refugee, Non English speaking backgrounds and tutors will assist the students to engage homework & learning activities. Training sessions will be provided about the school curriculum and working with students who have English as a second language.

**Location & School:** VCE Centre, Northern Bay College – Goldsworthy Road Campus, Corio 3214.

**Time required:** Thursdays (3:15-4:30pm) during school terms commencing Term 2 2024

**Ongoing:** Terms 2 – 4 in 2024

**Contact:** Jaclyn Fraser (Volunteer Program Coordinator, CatholicCare Victoria) Phone: 0499 001 022 Email: [jaclyn.fraser@catholiccarevic.org.au](mailto:jaclyn.fraser@catholiccarevic.org.au)  
Apart from encouraging and supporting students With academic studies and homework help, volunteers work closely with school EAL office to appropriately support students from CALD backgrounds. Centre for Multicultural Youth provides free training to volunteer tutors.

**Skills required:** Good interpersonal skills, cross cultural communication, able to assist refugee students in homework tutoring, social & language development. Knowledge of the topic of study is important.

**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.**



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**\*\*\*\*FINAL PERFORMANCE TODAY\*\*\*\***

**“A Voice, Lent to Music”**

Sunday 17 March; 5.00pm to 5.30pm at the Basilica  
**Helen Seymour (poetry) Frank DeRosso - (organ)**  
**Admission is free.**

**MEMORIAL BRICKS** This is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones - a memorial brick placed in our Memorial Brick Pathway and Rose Garden. The cost is \$140 each, which includes laying. Please direct all enquiries to at the Parish Office. Call: 5222 1977, during the week, or you can email: [viva@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:viva@stmarysgeelong.com.au) or [joannem@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:joannem@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

**BASILICA CHOIR** **Next Mass:** March 17, 2024 - 9.30am. New members are most welcome. For more information please contact Jane via email: [jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)

**QUOTE OF THE DAY** Sometimes it only takes one small act of kindness and compassion to change a person’s life forever. - *Anonymous.*

**JOKE OF THE DAY**



**AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Raymond Joseph Harvey, Stipe Boras, Douglas James Solly

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Annice Muir, Matthew Costa, Richard Costa, Miroslaw Peter Gizycki, Brian Walsh, Rosa Ramondo, Radoslav Boras, Jozo Boras, Mara Boras, Ivan Boras, Mishelle Virkes, Simone Valadon, Veronica Keys, Fortunato Polimeni

**Month Mind:** Valia Di Rocco, Stanley "Stan" Stuart, Concetta Orioli



**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**



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B - March 24, 2024

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philipians 2: 6-11; (*Long*) Mark 14:1-15:47 (*Short*) Mark 15:1-39

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Main Collector</u>
<b>6.00pm VIGIL</b>	Gael Perry	Brendan Sullivan	Trish Nicholson Gael Perry	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
<b>7.30am</b>	Nola Schwidlewski	Terry O'Brien	Barry Leith Mike McGovern	Monica Pearce	Lachlan Buchanan
<b>9.30am</b>	Jennifer Guinane	Des Guinane (+ extras for the Long Gospel)	Jennifer Guinane Keith Vriens Blake Drever	Joanne McMahon	Geoff Johnston
<b>11.00am</b>	Maria Monea	Slavica Kulic (+ extras for the Long Gospel)	Barbara Antony Pamela Cowdery Linda Stacchino	Domenica Croce	Michael Belleville

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>7.30am</u>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>11.00am</u>
<b>AV-SOUND OPERATOR</b>	Georgia Cowdery	Barry Leith	Marcia O'Brien	Natalia Barber



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You can also visit our regularly updated and very informative webpage: [www.stmarysgeelong.com.au](http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au)

On the webpage we include updates & current Parish information, Daily Reflections, Prayers, images, links and even something for the kids. **Everything you need to know about our faith community.**



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