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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS

10.00am Tuesday – Saturday
ROSARY recited prior to Mass

RECONCILIATION

After 10am 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 10am Mass

NOVENA to ST ANTHONY

Tuesdays after 10am Mass

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Thursday at 9.00am

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C – March 23, 2025

Readings for this week:

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

REFLECTION Francis' Focus

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In today's Gospel reading, Pope Francis explains, we see that 'Jesus rejects and strongly contests the idea of blaming God' for the world's misfortunes. God does not send disasters to punish people. God is not vindictive, but ever merciful. And we are all called to respond to God's mercy, the Pope says, 'especially during this time of Lent.'

This includes learning how to stop blaming God. We should try to turn our attention to those times when, as the Pope puts it, it is 'our selfishness that tears apart relationships; ... our wrong and violent choices that unleash evil.' We are called to become the kind of people who can acknowledge our own faults.

'But Jesus knows that conversion is not easy,' the Pope adds, 'and he wants to help us here.' This is why Jesus 'encourages us with a parable that tells of the patience of God.'

The fig tree is an obvious symbol for each one of us. 'More time is given to it,' the Pope says, 'another possibility. I like to think', he adds, 'that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility": God always gives us another opportunity.'

Such a chance is here, now. It is up to us to seize it.

PIETY GIFT STALL
OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays
10.30am – 1.00pm
CLOSED ON SATURDAYS
OPEN Sundays
10.15am – 12.15pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS The Stations of the Cross will be said at 9.30am prior to the 10.00am Mass, every Friday during Lent, up until the Friday before Good Friday (*which is on April 18*). The recital of the Rosary has been moved to the time of 9.00am Fridays.

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BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:

Monday 10am - 5pm; Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. Also open on the weekend for 10am Mass, Reconciliation, Baptisms & Weddings, and for regular Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses.

See the front page for all Mass time details.

RCIA UPDATE For the next three Sundays, those adults who are preparing for baptism (known as “the Elect”) at our parish Easter Vigil will undertake the Scrutiny Rites. Based on the Catechumenate of the ancient Church, these are prayers of purification and enlightenment based on key readings from the Gospel of John, which the Elect were required to ponder and engage with before baptism. This will take place at the 11.00 am Masses and the Scripture readings will be replaced with those required for the Scrutinies. Each reflects a fundamental aspect of Christian baptism. This Sunday the Gospel will be the story of Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5–42), which symbolises the living waters of baptism and the promise of eternal life for the baptised. As part of your Lenten commitment, you may wish to regularly pray for our parish’s Elect (as the Catechumens are now known) and Candidates – Alicia, Breanna, Cecilia, Chris, Daniel, Debbie, Ella, Januk, Jason, Kenny, Luke, Marina and Shelley – as they prepare to become Catholics.

FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG Christian

Community for those with disability and their families. Next monthly meeting. **Date: Tuesday 25th March, 2pm - 4 pm.** All welcome to attend. Chat, Prayer, Songs, Afternoon tea.

Where? St Marys Parish [150 Yarra St] in the Hibernian Room/Café Light (ground level)

RSVP to Tricia on 0414 672 267

ITALIAN WAY OF THE CROSS – GOOD FRIDAY

Will be held in the Basilica on Friday April 18th from 9.30am in Italian. All are invited to attend. AVVISO Venerdì Santo alle ore 9.30am. Ci sarà la Crucis in Italiano. Benvenuti.

ACIES – You are invited to join their annual consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, March 29th at St Francis Xavier Church in Corio. It begins at 8:30 am with Rosary followed by Mass and Consecration. All are welcome and please bring along family and friends and a plate to share. For more info call Adela on 0409 135 589

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

Lenten groups are meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm and Tuesday at 10.45 am in the Pioneer Room (upper level), Parish Office building, 150 Yarra Street. Even if you missed previous weeks, you are most welcome to join in. Further information is available here:

www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent_2025

CatholicCare Victoria need VOLUNTEER TUTORS to support Homework Clubs at schools for newly-arrived Year 7 - 12 students from refugee backgrounds, based in Geelong.

Apply now if you are interested to help.

✦ 3.15pm - 4.30pm | 12:40-1:30pm **during school terms.** ✦ Mondays - Year 9 and 10 & Thursdays - Years 7 and 12.

Training sessions will be provided to tutors about the school curriculum and working with students who speak English as a second language. If you are a university student, retired teacher or have adequate knowledge of the topic of study, and can volunteer your time to help please call:

Sally Maddigan (Manager, People & Culture) | Email: sally.madigan@catholiccarevic.org.au or call mobile: 0477 005 108

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE GEELONG

Saint Ignatius College Parents and Friends invites you to celebrate with them at their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday March 30th.

Location: 27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale Victoria 3222. This event takes place from 10.30am – 11.30am. Register your hunt via this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CYZLQ>

Detailed flyers are available in the Narthex.

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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

New members are always welcome.

If you are interested, please call Rebecca at the Parish Office on 5222 1977 during the week, or you can email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au
Weekly practices are held during the school term on a Friday after school [3.30pm - 4.30pm] in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light].

Next Mass: March 23rd @ 11am

This will be our last 11am Mass for Term 1.

Schools break up for holidays on Friday April 4th and resume Tuesday April 22nd after Easter.

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

Next Mass: April 13th @ 11am.

Practice is prior to the 11am Mass - starting at 9.30am in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light].

If interested to join please email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR New members welcome.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9.00 pm in the Sodalities Room at the rear of St Mary's Basilica – entry from outside.

Next Mass: March 23rd @ 9.30am

For more information or details please email:

jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

APPEAL FOR HELP!

A parish family (2 adults, 2 children) are asking for our help. They are fairly new to Geelong and current accommodation finishes on March 31st. Though they have no current rental history, good references will be provided.

Please contact the Parish Office: 5222 1977 during the week if you have accommodation available and can help. Thank you.

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer for last week is: D) Brown. The initials of the guests are consecutive letters, so Alistair's surname must begin with a B.

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

Mary's mother has six children, April, May, June, July, August and who?

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March 23rd: Emily Swanson (soprano), Helen Seymour (alto), Alex McAuley (tenor), Tom Healey (bass)

March 30th: Zinaida Campion (soprano)

April 6th: Miranda Brockman (cello)

WINDFIRE CHOIR EASTER CONCERT

Sunday April 13th, 2023, 5.00pm

The concert is held in the Basilica

The Windfire Choir and orchestra, conducted by Tom Healey will present a lovely program featuring Allegri "Miserere Mei", Mozart's Laudate Dominum and "Ave Verum" as well as music by Rheinberger and Mendelssohn.

Purchase your tickets from

www.trybooking.com/CYIWR

For more details, please visit the website:

www.musicatthebasilica.org.au

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"A moment of patience in a moment of anger saves you a hundred moments of regret."

– Anonymous

JOKE FOR THE DAY

Two old men who both loved to play baseball made an agreement that the first one of them to pass away would tell the other one if there was baseball in Heaven.

Right after one of them died, his spirit appeared before his friend and told him,

"I have good news and bad news. The good news is that there is baseball in Heaven.

The bad news is that you're pitching on Friday!"

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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Elizabeth (Betty) Connolly, Franco Ciconte, Mary Sheridan, Sarah Louise Norris, Maxwell Frances Millie, Giuseppe Palermo, Patricia Franklin, Lois Nugent, Chelsea Rodrigues, Teresa O’Leary, Mary Wight, Dennis McGrath, Carnovale Assunta, Bruno Marino, Mariano De Angelis, Stefania Nutkiewicz



ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Joseph Akande

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C – March 30, 2025

Readings for next week:

Joshua 5: 9 - 12; 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 21; Luke 15: 1 - 3. 11 - 32



CHILDREN’S LITURGY [CLOW] - FILL OUT YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!!

Scan this QR code to access the **CHILDREN’S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM**. [For children Grade 2 – Grade 6] Children are required to be fully registered, and forms submitted prior to sessions. A form must be submitted at least once per year, and updated per school term, if any of your circumstances/details change.

Children’s Liturgy	March 23	March 30	April 6	April 13
11.00am MASS	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Maria Monea Lina Sidoti	xxx No CLOW School Holidays	xxx No CLOW School Holidays

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Natalia Barber	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	Yvette Ramsay	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Annette Wilkinson	Terry O’Brien	Barry Leith Nola Schwidlewski	Carlo Werzak	Glenn Acaso
9.30am	Rhonda Sullivan	Maree Ryan	Erminia Ficca Geoff Miles Jennifer Guinane	...	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Pamela Cowdery	Maria Monea	Pamela Cowdery Liz Bauer Maria Monea	Domenica Croce	Michael Belleville
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca Hay	Keith Almond	Dominic	Joan Belleville

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