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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

PIETY GIFT STALL

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10.30am - 1.00pm,

Sundays: 10.15am - 12.15pm.

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Third Sunday of Lent - Year B - March 3, 2024

Readings for this week:

Exodus 20: 1 - 17; 1 Corinthians 1: 22 - 25; John 2: 13 - 25

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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In recent years the Ten Commandments have become an unusual staging ground for various groups within the Church. Some people complain that young Catholics don't know them off by heart. This position is countered by those who say that rather than being able to recite them we should live them, though it's hard to see how we can do one without the other. Still, others rightly claim that Jesus summarised them in his new commandments, 'To love God with all our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.' The problem with teaching the Ten Commandments is not what they say, but how they say it.

In an article entitled 'Preaching to the Modern Pagans' journalist Bryan Appleyard tells how he interviewed a person who kept quoting them at length. Later he decided to read them for the first time since childhood and he was struck by their insightfulness into the human character.

Appleyard thought all the Ten Commandments needed was a makeover so that we can reclaim the power of them.

'You shall have no other gods beside me.' *Be serious!*

'You shall not carve idols for yourselves ... nor bow down before them.' *Get real!*

'You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.' *Be humble!*

'Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day ...' *Be quiet!*

Honour your father and your mother ...' *Respect age!*

'You shall not kill.' *Do not kill, for all murder is suicide!*

'You shall not commit adultery.' *Mean what you say!*

You shall not commit adultery.' *Mean what you say!*

'You shall not steal.' *Do not steal, or all the world will die!*

'You shall not bear false witness against your

neighbour.' *Honour others, their frailties are usually your own! (cont overleaf)*

Today (March 3) is **VIQUEQUE SUNDAY**. As we pray for our brothers and sisters in Viqueque, we offer support through donations to help with survival and development of their community. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.



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So by putting some ancient words into the modern vernacular we are exhorted this Sunday to seriousness, facing reality, humility, creating space, respecting age, honesty, and fidelity, and we are bluntly told to stop killing and stealing. There is nothing old fashioned about these challenges. As in other instances, we can see that it's not what our tradition has to say but the way we say it that can be the problem.

RCIA UPDATE

For the next three Sundays of Lent, those in our parish Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) group seeking baptism will receive special prayers at our 11.00 am Mass in preparation for reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Known as "Scrutinies", these prayer rituals for each Sunday (following the homily) are based on classic stories from the Gospel of John that were used in the early Church to prepare for Christian initiation. At the 11.00am Masses, these Gospel texts will replace the normal Sunday Gospels. This Sunday, the Gospel text will be the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman (John 4:1-42), which is rich in the symbolism of the waters of baptism. For the 4th Sunday of Lent, the Gospel will be Jesus' cure of the man born blind (John 9:1-42), which speaks of Christ our light. For 5th Sunday of Lent, the Gospel will be the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45), which refers to baptism as death to sin.

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 info please see www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent-2024.

STONEMASON WORK AT THE BASILICA

The workers will be at the Basilica on Monday **March 4** (all day) and Wednesday **March 6**(all day). The building will remain open on Monday and Wednesday. The work will cease for 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.

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

The **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** is holding its next **general meeting on next Tuesday 12 March.**

If you would like to raise an issue for the consideration of the council you can email them at: pastoralcouncil@stmarysgeelong.com.au or contact the Parish Office 5222 1977. The council inbox is managed by volunteers and is checked just prior to meetings, please note that it may not be possible to discuss all matters at the immediate meeting and some matters may be

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.

FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG A Christian community for people with disabilities, their families and friends who meet together to share faith and friendship and celebrate. You are invited to the next Gathering on Saturday March 9th, 1.30pm - 4.00pm. **Venue:** St Mary's Parish Offices, Hibernian Rm ground floor, 150 Yarra Street. Share your Lenten journey with the Gospel, Prayer & Activities and shared afternoon tea. Direct all enquiries to Tricia O'Keeffe, Mobile: 0414 672 267 or Kevin Mark Email: Kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

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.

St Mary's Parish is hosting **CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE** (from Germany) **Monday March 11th 2024** in the Basilica. **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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3rd Sunday of Lent March 3 & 4

Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result. Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry. Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street. With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INVITED

FREE to any interested parties/person.

- * Pool table and Accessories (*Cues, Ball set ... etc*)
- * 50 x solid green chairs
- * 20 x square foldable tables (from Café Light)

You are most welcome to come into the Parish Office Centre to assess the items for yourself. Removal & costs are expected to be met by the interested party. If interested please call the Office on 5222 1977 during the week. Mon-Fri (9am-5pm)



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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: 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

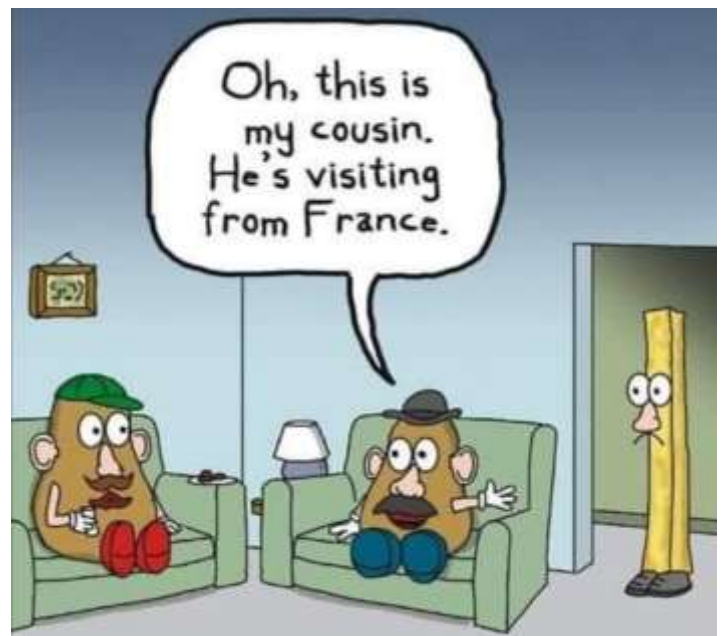
BASILICA CHOIR Next Mass: March 3, 2024 - 9.30am. New members are most welcome.

For more information please contact Jane via email: jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." - *George Washington Carver*

JOKE OF THE DAY



AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth Coleman, Elvino Lolait, Harry Howard, David Mifsud



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Agnes Goonan, Vincenzo Alo, Eufemia Alo, Sebastiana Puliafito, Maria Alesci, Dinny Moriarty, Patrick Moriarty **Month Mind:** Percy Jones, Annette Walsh

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



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

Readings for next week:

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

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Main Collector</u>
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Brendan Sullivan	Trish Nicholson Gael Perry		Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Barry Leith	Nola Schwidlewski	Mike McGovern Rosa Marino	Brenda MacGregor	Carlo Werzac
9.30am	Maree Ryan	Rhonda Sullivan	Keith Vriens Rhonda Sullivan	Joanne McMahon	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Alec Kulic	Santina Taranto	Liz Bauer Lina Sidoti	Domenica Croce	Michael Belleville

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



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You can also visit our regularly updated and very informative webpage: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au

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