

# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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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

**NOT OPEN EASTER SUNDAY**

*Closed on Saturdays.*

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - Year B - March 31, 2024

### Readings for this week:

**Acts of the Apostles 10: 34. 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9**

### Easter Message 2024

For those who require proof, none will suffice. For those who do not require proof, none is necessary. In essence this is what faith is, belief in that which we cannot perceive with our sensory organs. St. Paul tells us, if we do not believe that Jesus has risen from the dead, then our faith is in vain.

We are Easter people, the people of the resurrection. Our faith is founded on Jesus Christ who has been raised to heavenly glory by the God he called his Father and who invites us to call this same God, our Father. The Easter season brings us joy and gives us hope. The same hope and joy experienced by the first disciples whose lives were plunged into despair after the death of their beloved leader, the one that they believed to be the Messiah that they hoped for.

This is the great Christian message hope.

Hope in a better future, hope in a better world.

The resurrection, for we who believe, gives us hope in a life after death, joy after sorrow and forgiveness after guilt. We are the recipients of the mercy and love of our risen saviour. Our lives are changed for the better.

Like the experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, our hearts burn within us as we listen to His message of love, redemption and salvation.

Belief in the resurrection brings renewal and a regeneration into our lives. The resurrection gives us hope in the knowledge that our earthly existence is not the end. That death is a way of transitioning to a new life with the God who loves us and died for us to give us life.

May your experience of Easter bring you life, happiness and joy. On behalf of Fr. Jude, our parish staff and myself, may the risen Lord pour out His blessing upon you and your families.



God Bless

(Fr.) Jim Clarke



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## EASTER CEREMONIES FOR 2024

**GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS - PROCESSION** March 29: 10:45 am:  
Street procession commencing from Myers Street (*at the driveway entrance to the old Anam Cara House*) and ends in the Mall, Lt Malop Street.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (INCLUDES VENERATION OF THE CROSS)** March 29: 3.00 pm

**1st RITE RECONCILIATION** Saturday, March 30: 10.30 am \*\*\* Please note: there will be NO Mass on Holy Saturday morning \*\*\* (*Mass is not celebrated after Holy Thursday until the Easter Vigil*)  
The Basilica will be closed after Reconciliation, and will open at 7pm prior to the Easter Vigil Ceremony)

**EASTER VIGIL MASS** Saturday evening, March 30: 7.30 pm (\*\*No 6.00 pm Mass)

### **EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

Sunday, March 31: 7.30 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am;  
Polish Mass at 12.30 pm

## ITALIAN STATIONS OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY

You are all invited to attend the Way of the Cross, in Italian, in the Basilica on **Friday March 29** at 9.30am.

**AVVISO** Venerdì Santo alle ore 9.30am  
Ci sarà la via Crucis in Italiano. Benvenuti.

Fr Jim, Fr Jude, and the ministers of our Ecumenical community Churches invite you to come along on **GOOD FRIDAY** for our traditional **Way of the Cross Procession** through the streets of Geelong. This is a wonderful joining of community, openly expressing our faith and love for Jesus, and each other.

**Start time: 10.45am** at Myers St (congregate from 10.30am at the *old Anam Cara House* driveway).

**All are invited to participate**

## HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY

A collection will be taken up at the 3pm Good Friday Service to support the church in the Holy Land.

All raised is used to provide assistance to local Christians in the area and help maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the church and people of the Holy Land are particularly struggling with reduced income due to fewer visiting pilgrims.

**PIETY GIFT STALL** The Piety Gift Stall will be closed on Good Friday and remain closed over the Easter weekend, including Easter Monday. It will be open on Easter Tuesday (April 2) at 10.30am.



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**CLOSED OFFICE HOURS** Good Friday - Easter Monday inclusive. The Parish Office will close at 5pm on Holy Thursday and will open after the Easter break on Tuesday April 2 at 8.30am. If you need a priest for last rights or emergency hospital visit, please call 03522 21977 to get the after hours contact number.

## EASTER BLESSING FROM THE PARISH STAFF HERE AT ST MARY'S

May your hearts be glad, may you shout with joy and celebrate this glorious time with family, friends and those you love. The Lord is risen and has given us new life and hope.



Have a blessed Easter everyone.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**  
**CAN NOW BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK, OR THEY MAY BE PLACED IN WITH THE COLLECTION AT OUR WEEKEND MASSES. THANK YOU.**

## WELCOME OUR NEW CATHOLICS

At this weekend's Easter Vigil, eight adults will be received into the Catholic Church by our parish.

After almost six months of the RCIA journey with our community, Adam, Jacinta, Bridie and Sharnie will be baptised, confirmed and receive Holy Communion. Also completing their initiation as Catholics will be Daniel, Danni, Ellery and Judy, who will be confirmed and receive Holy Communion.

Please welcome them to our parish community when you have the opportunity and pray for their ongoing growth in Catholic faith.

Special thanks to our Parish RCIA team – Lou Grima, Pamela Cowdrey, Alan Hubbard and Blake Drever – for their generosity in sharing their faith and their time.

- Kevin Mark, RCIA Coordinator.

## SUNDAY MASS AV SOUND OPERATORS

We are in desperate need of volunteers for **AV-Sound Operators** at our weekend Vigil & Sunday Masses.

It will be just a once a month commitment.

Please direct all calls to the Parish

Office: 5222 1977 during the week, or email

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### RADIO MASS

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

If you miss the 10am Sunday Mass broadcast, you can listen to the current, and past Sunday Masses, from St Mary's Basilica by clicking on this link: <https://947thepulse.com/shows/sunday-at-saint-marys/> These audio recordings can be accessed at any time of the day. They are not a podcast and therefore cannot be downloaded. You will require the internet to connect and listen.  
*Sunday Masses are usually kept for around 4 weeks.*

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Sunday April 7, 2024.

St Thomas' Catholic Church, Peninsula Drive, Drysdale. 2.30pm Confessions (2 Priests). Exposition, Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Blessing of Divine Mercy Images. 3.15pm Holy Mass and Benediction.  
Celebrant: Fr Ray Bugeja. Please direct your enquiries to John Brown on mobile: 0428 409 345.

### DIVINE RENOVATION & ALPHA "MADE FOR MISSION" - Raising Leaders. Inspiring keynotes. Insightful discussion. Prayer. Fellowship.

When: Thursday April 11, 2024. For Clergy: 4pm - 6pm & All others: 6pm - 9pm. Where: Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 62A Everingham Rd, Altona Meadows. VIC 3028. Learn more and register at: [divinerenovation.org/events](http://divinerenovation.org/events)



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL [SDVP] FESTIVAL MASS

The Geelong region SVDP Festival will be held on Thursday April 18 at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Lara - 7pm.

### CALL FOR SUPPORT

We have been informed that several single Mums in our Geelong community are driving around in unroadworthy cars, with fixing costs too high to be affordable. If you are upgrading your car, or selling a cheap affordable car, we ask for your consideration to help. Please contact the Parish Office: 52221977.

### ACCOMODATION REQUEST - Can you help out?

Employed, young Catholic female looking for accommodation with family or other single female/s. Please contact Natasha on 0466 715 407 or email: [gulzarmariam1234@gmail.com](mailto:gulzarmariam1234@gmail.com)

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### ST MARYS PARISH PANTRY - OPEN

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong.  
Pantry operating days and times are: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday between 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

**The Pantry will be closed on Good Friday  
March 29, 2024.  
It will open for regular weekday hours  
(as listed above) on Tuesday April 2**

### MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

#### Would you like to sing with Windfire?

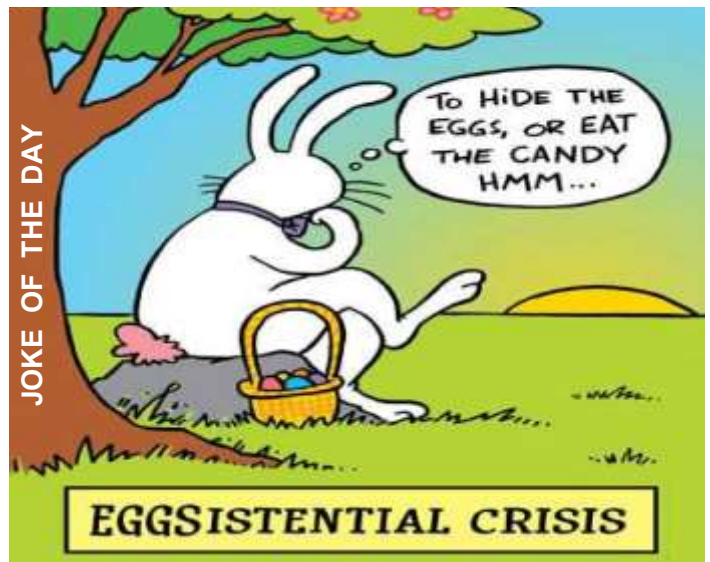
The Windfire Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings for 8 weeks prior to each of our concerts. If you would like to sing with the choir, please contact Jane on 0447 238 432. If you are a keen singer and aged between 16 and 27 please consider applying for a Windfire Chamber Choir Choral Scholarship Click on the link <https://musicatthebasilica.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-Windfire-Scholarship-Form-Email.pdf>

Next Masses: Holy Thursday - 7.30pm,  
Good Friday - 3pm, Easter Vigil - 7.30pm, and  
Easter Sunday - 9.30am.

For more information about the Choir, and if you are interested to join, please contact Jane via email: [jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)

**Thank you to Frank De Rosso & the Basilica Choir  
for all the practice and effort they have put into  
enriching our Holy Week & Easter Ceremonies.**

QUOTE OF THE DAY Live your life in such a way that those who know you but don't know God, will come to know God, because they know you. - *Anonymous*



**AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Mary Mathieson, Mary Wight



**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Bernard James Stow, John Alexander McLean, Mary Sheridan, Francesca & Giuseppe Giuffre, Philip St John, Antonio Marinelli, Tony Marinelli, Manuel Banal, Elizabeth "Bessie" Connolly, Michael Posterino, Brian Keil

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** all who are suffering from the latest wave of viruses.

*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



**Second Sunday of Easter - Year B - April 7, 2024**

**Readings for next week:**

**Acts 4: 32 - 35; 1 John 5: 1 - 6; John 20: 19 - 31**

<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>	Natalia Barber	Trish Nicholson	Gael Perry Trish Nicholson	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
<b>7.30am</b>	Barry Leith	Nola Schwidlewski	Rosa Marino Nola Schwidlewski	Brenda MacGregor	Carlo Werzac
<b>9.30am</b>	Rhonda Sullivan	Blake Drever	Rhonda Sullivan Ann Salerno Erminia Ficca	Joanne McMahon	Geoff Johnson
<b>11.00am</b>	Linda Stacchino	Rosemary Gador	Liz Bauer Lina Sidoti	Pamela Cowdery	Klaus Bauer

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>7.30am</u>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>11.00am</u>
<b>AV-SOUND OPERATOR</b>	Clevon Peris	Mareta Eagles	Marcia O'Brien	Natalia Barber

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