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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



4th Sunday of Easter – Yr C – May 11, 2025

Readings for this week:

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

Reflection – Francis' Focus

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'Sometimes Jesus calls us, he invites us to follow him, but perhaps we do not realise that it is he who is calling,' Pope Francis once said.

Francis explained that these few lines in today's Gospel passage 'contain the whole of Jesus' message ... he calls us to share in his relationship with the Father.' Indeed, he continued, 'Jesus wants to establish with his friends a relationship which mirrors his own relationship with the Father: a relationship of reciprocal belonging.'

Such listening and reciprocity is at the heart of the late Pope's call for the Church to become more synodal. 'Synodality', Francis explains, means journeying together. It is, therefore, really 'an expression of the Church's nature, her form, style and mission.' We journey to the Father, with Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

As Francis put it at one point: 'we are sheep, yet we are also members of the flock.'

We must rediscover, he declared, 'that we are a people meant to walk together, with one another and with all humanity.' We must learn 'to trust that the Spirit will always make his voice heard.' And a good place to start discerning God's voice, he suggested, is 'by listening to each other.'

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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.

BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:

Monday 10am - 5pm; Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. Open on the weekend for Saturday 10am Mass, Reconciliation, Baptisms & Weddings, and for regular Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses. **See the front page for Mass time details.**

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES – LAST CHANCE

There are still some Thanksgiving envelopes for the new financial year 2025/2026, in the Narthex. If you have not already done so, please collect your envelopes, as soon as possible.

SING JOYFULLY a concert of sacred and secular choral music 4:00pm to 5:00pm, Saturday May 17th, @ Sacred Heart College Chapel, 61 Retreat Rd, Newtown. VIC. 3220 Parking is available around the College grounds. Tickets: General Admission is \$10 per person. Concession is \$5 per person. Book your tickets using this link provided.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DAXYY> Proceeds from this event will benefit the Sacred Heart College Music Program.

MAY MASS COUNT 2025 - continues

For the 4 weekends in May (3 more to go), we will be conducting our annual Parish May Mass count on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please do not be alarmed if you see people walking around, looking at you and counting during the Homily at all Sunday

Let's look to all whom we honour as mothers and pray this blessing...

May the Lord bless you and keep you – in times of joy and in times of trial. May the Lord make his face shine on you – that you, in turn, may be the face of God to those you mother.

May the Lord be gracious to you – that you may be the instrument of grace in your families and communities.

And may the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace – that you might bring peace to your homes, to your families, to your work and to your world. Amen.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS the late POPE FRANCIS, FOR THE 62nd WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS [written on March 19, 2025]

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Pilgrims of Hope: the Gift of Life

Dear sisters and brothers,
On this, the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I wish to extend to you a joyful and encouraging invitation to become pilgrims of hope by generously offering your lives as a gift. A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service. Every vocation in the Church, whether lay, ordained or consecrated, is a sign of the hope that God has for this world and for each of his children. Nowadays, many young people feel dismayed as they look to the future. Often, they experience insecurity about their prospects of employment and a profound identity crisis, a crisis of meaning and values, which the confused messages of the digital world only aggravate. The unjust treatment of the poor and vulnerable, the indifference of a complacent and self-centred society, and the brutality of war all threaten the hopes for a fulfilling life that young people cherish in their hearts. Yet the Lord, who knows the human heart, does not abandon us in our uncertainty. He wants us to know that we are loved, called and sent as pilgrims of hope.

To read the full letter please use the link provided to access the PDF online:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20250319-messaggio-62-gm-vocazioni.pdf>

*I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine
know me. Alleluia*



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CHILDREN'S Liturgy

Will be available at the 11am Mass on Sunday May 11th. We encourage families to come along to this Mass and guide their children to becoming involved in learning about the Lord our God, through prayers, discussions and activities, using the readings & liturgy of the day. Children's Liturgy of the Word [CLOW] will be held on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of a month.

Use the QR code on the back page of the Bulletin to register for the term.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASS – URGENT!!

Please contact us with your details and availability, or for more information via email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

or you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - WWCC

Click on this link to access details online:

<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

If you need help to update please contact the Parish Office. 5222 1977. *Complete your update and please remember to submit updated details to the Parish Office. You need a current WWCC to volunteer in the parish.*

*Once you have completed and informed the Office of your updated details, the **Safeguarding module** link will be emailed to you. Please let us know if your email details have changed.*

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer for last week is: Apologies.

There was a mistake in last week's question. The letter P should also have been included in the mix.

[B C D E G P T] All that aside... The answer to the last week's question is: V. They all sound alike.

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

The times on these 'digital' clocks are code to the name of which Australian city?

[1:04] [5:12] [1:09] [4.05]

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK Don't count the days.
You gotta make the days count – *Muhammad Ali*



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MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

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www.trybooking.com/CYIWT or are available at

the door. Cash or card payments welcome.

Children & students are free.

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Junior Choir practices have resumed.

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: May 25 @ 11am

Email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

Next Mass: May 18 @ 11am.

If interested to join, please email:

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BASILICA CHOIR: New members welcome.

Next Mass: May 11 @ 9.30am

For more information or details please email:

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JOKE OF THE DAY

This year we decided not to make you breakfast in bed and keep your kitchen nice and clean....

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!!



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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Giuseppa Stefano, Cheryl Beer, Joan Teresa Humm,
 Robert Cummins, Everdina Gregorio, Monica Archer, Lawrence Foley, Molly Carroll, Agnes Orlebar,
 Vincenzo Di Lorenzo, Colette Quinn, Peter Gerard Nolan, Maria Villanti



THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Francesco Fiala

*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 Easter - Year C – May 18, 2025

Readings for next week:

Acts of the Apostles 14: 21 - 27; Revelation 21: 1 - 5; John 13: 31 - 35



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD [CLOW] – @ 11.00am SUNDAY MASS

Sessions will be held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of a month.
 [For children Grade 2 – Grade 6] Full registration is required prior to the sessions.

Scan this OR code to access the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM.**

Children's Liturgy	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
11.00am MASS	Maria Monea Kerry Tomison	Domenica Croce Nina Tarsitano	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Slavica Kulic Lina Sidoti

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Margot Jarman	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Lesley Almond	Nola Schwidlewski	Nola Schwidlewski Barry Leith	Monica Pearce	Glenn Acaso
9.30am	Geoff Miles	Peter Mackinlay	Geoff Miles Vicki Myers	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Pamela Cowdery	Linda Stacchino	Linda Stacchino Barbara Antony Slavica Kulic	Liz Bauer	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Cameron Brooks	Jack Munk	Marcia O'Brien	Charlene Sagad

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Mary-of-the-Angels-Parish-103118478011107/>

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