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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

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C – May 18, 2025

Readings for this week:

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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The word love has to be the most misused word in our language. We often say we love our house, our car, our holiday or even ice cream. Then we use exactly the same word to describe our feelings for our spouse, family, friends or children. If language is a window into meaning, then we are in strife at the loose way we transfer the same word for vastly different feelings and realities. At least I hope we feel differently about people over possessions. The way some people go on about their car, pets or money we begin to wonder. The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness and patience with each other. Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us. While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. The distinction matters. Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to a glorified life. What's true for him is true for us.

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CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

*This appeal was moved from the month of August to May in 2024. In our Parish it is scheduled for **May 17th and 18th, 2025***

As the Catholic Church's mission in action, *CatholicCare Victoria* delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support.

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential.

Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to *CatholicCare Victoria* Sunday Appeal.

Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelopes available in the Narthex, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

In the Catholic Church, May is traditionally dedicated to honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is often referred to as the "**MONTH OF MARY.**" This tradition involves various devotional practices, including praying the Rosary, saying the Hail Mary, and dedicating altars or gardens to Our Lady. The month also serves as a time to deepen one's love for Christ through humble devotion and sincere faith. We invite you to join in reciting the Rosary during the week prior to our 10am Weekday Masses: Tuesday – Saturday.

BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:

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

UBI ET ORBI 'Peace be with you!'

Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you.'

Pope Leo XIV opened his pontificate with words of peace and hope. 'Peace be with you!' the Holy Father said as he stepped out on the balcony of St Peter's Basilica.

The newly elected leader of the Catholic Church greeted the faithful in his *Urbi et Orbi* blessing and spoke of the need to 'build bridges with dialogue and encounter' as a 'missionary church'.

"**Urbi et Orbi**" translates to "to the city and the world" in Latin. It's a papal address and blessing given by the pope on certain solemn occasions, primarily to the Catholic Church and the world from St. Peter's Square in Rome. The city in this context refers to Rome and the Vatican.

The *Urbi et Orbi* signifies a message of blessing and peace, and is a significant moment in the Catholic Church, offering a time of reflection, prayer, and unity for both the faithful and the wider world. It's commonly used when the pope delivers a message of blessing after a significant event, such as a papal election or during major liturgical celebrations like Easter or Christmas.

The blessing is believed to remit the reparation and compensation for sins, providing a path towards immediate entry into Heaven, provided one abstains from further sin and receives the Eucharist. To read and view the complete greeting we invite you to use this link:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pope-leo-xiv-opens-his-pontificate-with-peace>

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CHILDREN'S Liturgy

Will be available at the 11am Mass on Sunday May 18th. 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.

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 25th @ 11am

Email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

Next Mass: May 18th @ 11am.

If interested to join, please email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR: New members welcome.

Next Mass: May 18th @ 9.30am

For more information or details please email:

jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

If you would like to offer your services within the parish as one of our **Sunday Mass Volunteers**, please contact the Parish Office on: 52221977 or email : admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer for last week is: The Australian city is: Adelaide. The digital clock numbers represent the placement of the letters in the alphabet.

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

Q: How many pairs of anagrams are there in the following sentence?

Alice, Dan, Celia and Enid hoped to dine well on the plane from Nepal.

ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

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MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

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presents **THIS WEEKEND**

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Tickets are: \$35/\$30 from

www.trybooking.com/CYIWT or are available at the door. Cash or card payments welcome.

Children & students are free.

SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS is everyone's responsibility! Here at St Mary's Parish we are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and adults. Through our behaviour, we show that we are followers of Jesus who cares for all the children, and the vulnerable. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office on 5222 1977.

****Please be aware, and know that children are to be supervised by their parent/ guardian at all times, and must also be accompanied to the toilet area by a parent or guardian!****

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"God's love is like an ocean; you can see its beginning, but not its end." - Anonymous

JOKE OF THE DAY Is this one too **corny** for you?



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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Vlado Radalj, Catherine O'Rourke, Giuseppa Tricoli, Vincezo Ferrotto, Geraldo Avellino, Lyn O'Keefe, Nell Cummins, Eric "Bricka" Smith, Kevin Barker, John Byrne, Carmelo Scaffidi, Robert "Bob" Davis, Stanley John Canny, Istvan Horvath, Luxurio Salapa, Margaret Tomison, Moises Mandalunes Snr, Paul Shanahan, Wilma Gonzales **Month Mind:** Francesco Fiala

ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Bernard Delaney

*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

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C – May 25, 2025

Readings for next week:

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29- 51



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	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8
11.00am MASS	Domenica Croce Nina Tarsitano	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Slavica Kulic Lina Sidoti	Maria Monea Liz Bauer

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Trish Nicholson	Natalia Barber	Gael Perry Trish Nicholson	Yvette Ramsay	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Barry Leith	Corinne Fabre	Margi Munk Annette Wilkinson	Brenda MacGregor	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Marita Campagnolo	Maree Ryan	Erminia Ficca Ann Salerno Marita Campagnolo	Roxanne Szulik	Geoff Johnstn
11.00am	Maria Monea	Slavica Kulic	Nina Tarsitano Pamela Cowdery Domenica Croce	Liz Bauer	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Cameron Brooks	Mareta Eagles	Marcia O'Brien	Natalia Barber

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

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