



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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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

### PIETY GIFT STALL

OPEN Tuesdays to  
Fridays

10.30am – 1.00pm

CLOSED ON SATURDAYS

OPEN Sundays



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

### Readings for this week:

**Acts of the Apostles 15: 1 - 2. 22 - 29;**

**Revelation 21: 10 - 14, 22 - 23; John 14: 23- 29 - 51**

### Reflection on the Gospel

An excerpt from © Greg Sunter

Just like last week's gospel, this passage also comes from the Last Supper discourse in the Gospel of John. Again, although its original context was pre-crucifixion, the language works in the post-resurrection Easter season as we anticipate the celebration of the Ascension next week. This double purpose language is, of course, no accident. The gospel was written 60 or more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus and so the writer was consciously conveying the double meaning of 'going away': Jesus going to his death; and Jesus going back to the Father. But Jesus also promises his return in this speech. Continuing the double meaning, the gospel writer knew that Jesus had come good on his promise to return after his death and so conveys to the gospel audience, and to us, a sense of confidence and hope that the second promised return will also be fulfilled at the right time.

**Gospel Focus – Advocate** In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.

**MAY MASS COUNT** This weekend sees the last week of the 2025 May Mass Count, collecting Mass attendance numbers for the Archdiocese. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this process.



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### BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:

Monday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm. It is open on the weekend for 10am Mass followed by Reconciliation, Baptisms & Weddings, and for regular Saturday Vigil & our regular Sunday Masses.

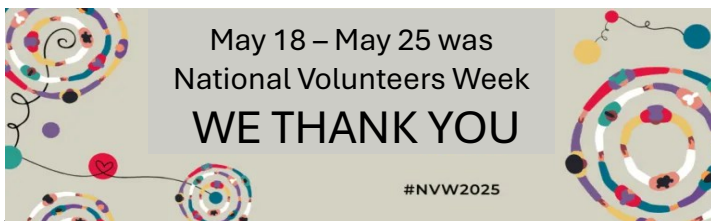
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### OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM 2025

In two weeks, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program for our parish community, which will run over a four-week period. Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christian worshippers.

We will guide you gently through each week.

You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ, through this process.



Safeguarding the most vulnerable members of our community requires a shared response – everyone has a part to play.

Our parish could not function without the tireless efforts of our volunteers. Whether you are welcoming people upon arrival at mass, creating opportunities for children and young people to participate in their parish in youth ministry, preparing a beautiful flower arrangement, or supporting the parish priest to deliver an inspired Sunday Mass - each and every role is extremely valuable.

This weekend we take the opportunity to say thank you, and let you know how much we value the precious time that you devote to this parish. Through your work, our parish continues to grow as an enriching, welcoming and safe community for all who are a part of it.

Together we ensure a safe environment for all, and foster a positive experience when engaging with our Church community.

### MASS ON THE RADIO

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

### FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG

A Christian community for anyone with a disability, their family and friends.

#### 6th Birthday Celebration.

**Next Gathering:** Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm. Parishioners welcome. St Mary's Hibernian Hall (Café Light). **Theme:** Hope Prayer, Sharing, Music, Afternoon Tea. **RSVP:** Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 277 for more information, or visit the website: [www.faithandlight.org](http://www.faithandlight.org)

### PRAY & PAINT St Bernadette & the Living Water Catholic Women's League of Victoria & Wagga

**Wagga** You are invited to join in on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 9.00am – 12.15pm.

**Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church & Hall – 631 High St, East Prahan. *No painting experience required, and all materials are provided.* **Program:** Commences with Mass at 9.00am followed by morning tea, a short talk by Fr Dean Mathieson, and a painting session.

**Tickets:** \$30 (\$20 for members)

**RSVP** by June 10<sup>th</sup> (or unless sold out) **Trybooking:** [www.trybooking.com/DATEX](http://www.trybooking.com/DATEX)

For more information you can contact via email: [info@cwlvicwv.org.au](mailto:info@cwlvicwv.org.au)

### THANK YOU FROM CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA 😊

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's Sunday Appeal. The generosity of our Parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue to mission: to create transformational personal impact and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full.

**Thank you for helping those in need!**

### SEEKING ACCOMODATION - 75 year old

grandmother is moving to Geelong. Her son and family reside in Belmont and she is hoping to find a 1- 2 bedroom unit close by. Good references will be provided. If you can help, please contact Anne Denham on mobile: 0418 573 354.

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# CHILDREN'S Liturgy

Being a 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, CLOW will not be available at the 11am Mass this Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>, due to Junior Choir singing.

We encourage families to come along to the 11am 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.

Use the QR code on the back page of the Bulletin to access the registration form.

## 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](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

**MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR** Come Join Us!!

**Next Mass: June 15th @ 11am.**

If interested to join, please call 5222 1977 or email: [rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

**BASILICA CHOIR:** New members welcome.

**Next Mass: May 25th @ 9.30am**

For more information or details please email: [jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto: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: 5222 1977 or email : [admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

### St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer for last week is: 4. An anagram is a remix of same letters to make a different word.  
[Alice & Celia. Dan & And. Enid & Dine. Plane & Nepal.]

### New 1% CLUB QUESTION

Q: What one letter replaces the asterisks to complete the sentence? \*I\*\*A'S \*AM\*ERED  
\*U\*\*IES \*OO\* ON \*UR\*LE \*A\*ER.

### ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

Pantry operating days and times are:  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm - 3pm.

### MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

136 Yarra St, Geelong presents

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on **Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 4.00pm**

Ballarat Choral Society.

Tickets are: \$35/\$30 from

[www.trybooking.com/CYIWT](http://www.trybooking.com/CYIWT) or are available at the door. Cash or card payments welcome.  
Children & students are free.

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You are also invited to attend on **Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 7.30pm - WINTERING**

All Saints Anglican Church - 140 Noble St, Newtown

Rosemary Blake, poetry; Sonoka Miyake, piano

Suzanne Moody, flute; Frank De Rosso, organ

**Commemorating the 100th Anniversary**

**of Eric Satie, featuring his music,**

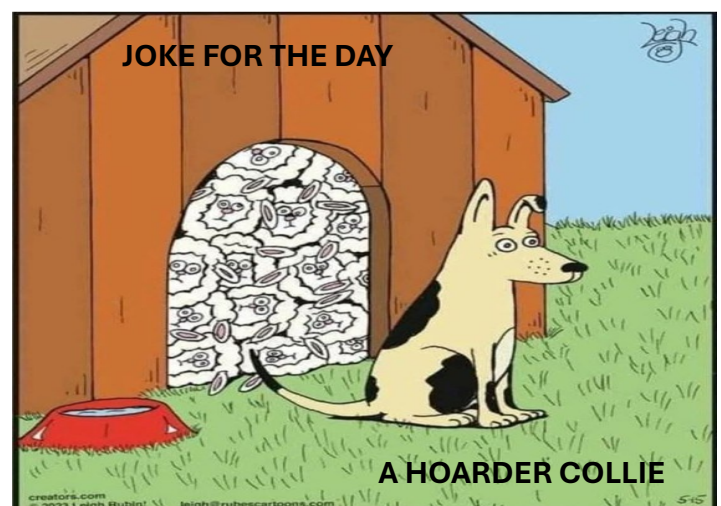
**with poetry by Rosemary Blake**

Tickets \$35 Full and Seniors; \$30 Concession available from [www.trybooking.com/CZSPJ](http://www.trybooking.com/CZSPJ) or at the door. Children and school students - free  
Stay for refreshments after the concert.

### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting"

- Anonymous



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## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Frank Posterino, Phil Farrow, Margaret West

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Aldo Russo, Nila De Leon, Raymond Dargham, Antonietta Laudadio, Carmelo Scaffidi, Francesco Stramandinoli, Marie Byrnes, Wedad Anawati, Patricia McCormack, Harold Stewart, Genevieve O'Donnell, John Connelley, Pat Redden, Brendan Lawton, Margaret Dowie, Iris Arundell, Dionisio Cabardo, Allan Barber, Antonio Croce **Month Mind:** Frank Smith

**ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** Tyler McKenzie

*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



## The Ascension of our Lord - Year C – June 1, 2025

### Readings for next week:

**Acts of the Apostles 1: 1 - 11; Ephesians 1: 17 - 23; Luke 24: 46 - 53**



### 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 25	June 1	June 8	June 15
11.00am MASS	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Slavica Kulic Lina Sidoti	Maria Monea Liz Bauer	Domenica Croce Nina Tarsitano

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Brendan Sullivan	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	...	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Roxanne Szulik	Terry O'Brien	Nola Schwidlewski Barry Leith	Carlo Werzak	Glenn Acaso
9.30am	Maree Ryan	Marita Fitzpatrick	Rhonda Sullivan Geoff Miles Clare O'Malley	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Domenica Croce	Rosemary Gador	Pamela Cowdery Liz Bauer Maria Monea	Slavica Kulic	Klaus Bauer
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca Hay	Keith Almond	Dominic Andrews	Rebecca or Charlene

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