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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,

Sundays: 10.15am -12.15pm.

Closed on Saturdays.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - November 12, 2023

Readings for this week:

Wisdom 6: 12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13



REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones.

Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises?

No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes.

It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future.

It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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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.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12th - CAFÉ LIGHT & MOVIE

This is the last opening & session for 2023.

Café Light and the Plaza Theatre will be open on Sunday November 12.

The **Café** will be open from **10.30am - 12.30pm**.

Please pop in for a cuppa and treat.

The **Movie** showing in the Plaza Theatre will be **"Sliding Doors"**.

The start time for the movie is: **1.00pm**.

All are welcome. We appreciate your support.

All proceeds/donations go to support Viqueque.



Ron Huntley, international coach of parish clergy and leadership, is visiting Melbourne this November.

Drawing from his experience and knowledge from working with parishes, hear how we can foster parishes of vitality. There will be three opportunities to hear this address and a question and answer session will follow. Open to all clergy, parish leadership teams and interested parishioners.



Bookings essential for limited capacity venues and hospitality.

Trybooking link:

www.trybooking.com/CMUOP



RON HUNTLEY

Based in Canada, Ron Huntley works internationally with church leaders to achieve fruitful parish missionary renewal. He is driven by a deep love for Christ, people and the Catholic Church. A speaker, author and podcast host, Ron's primary passion is coaching parish priests

and their teams to lead parishes that transform lives. Hear Ron speak of how parishes are making disciples and transforming lives around the world, through reliance on the Holy Spirit and great leadership principles.

WESTERN REGION SESSION Tuesday November 21 - 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Hosted by Fr Jim Clarke & St Mary of the Angels. Venue: Pioneer Room 150 Yarra St, Geelong



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MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023 - OUR PARISH SCHEDULE

A5 Copies available in the Narthex.

ST MARY'S SCRIPTURE GROUP

Meetings resume this week on Tuesday November 14, after the 10am Mass (at around 10.45am).

They take place in the Pioneer Room - 150 Yarra St Geelong. All are welcome.

FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG: is a Christian community for people with disabilities, their carers, families and friends.

You are warmly invited to come to the next monthly meeting on Saturday, 25th November, to share news, a Gospel reflection with songs and prayers, and an afternoon tea, plus fun and conversation. The theme will be "The gifts we share in our community".

The gathering is from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm (Room open from 1.30 pm). The venue is: St Mary's Parish, Pioneer Room, Level 1 (entry by lift), 150 Yarra Street, Geelong.

Please RSVP by Thursday, 23rd November to Tricia O'Keeffe on 0414 672 267 or email Kevin via kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

For further information please visit the website www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/faithandlight

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL'S WORK PLAN

St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to share with you its Work Plan 2023-27. The Work Plan is built from the ideas and suggestions that were raised by the parish community through the planning phase. This means we will aim to deliver work for parishioners, raised by parishioners.

You can read the Work Plan by visiting our website or asking for a hard-copy at the Parish Office during open hours. The Parish Pastoral Council will review the Work Plan every year with accountability to report on how the parish has delivered on actions. To read the Work Plan in full, visit our website using this link: <https://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/parishplanning>

CONFIRMATION - ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

It is time to enroll NOW !!

Enrolments have opened and will be accepted until mid-January 2024. If you have a child who will be in Grade 6 in 2024, and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Anna in the Parish Office on 5222 1977.

Early warning: You will be required to present the certificates of your child's Baptism and First Eucharist at the time you place your enrolment, from which we will make a copy for our records.



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PARISH PANTRY - URGENT DONATION REQUEST

Once again the Pantry is in need of egg cartons. If you have any empty cartons you can donate please bring them to the Parish Office during the week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARISH PANTRY

13/10/2013 - 13/10/2023.

The Parish Pantry has been running for 10 years. Over these years many volunteers have generously given their time collecting, storing, preparing and serving clients. Since opening its doors, parishioners, parish priests, donors and many other supporters have enabled us, 'the Pantry' to continue financially, and we are truly thankful for all their continued support. As we are aware, times are tough for many in our community - prices at supermarkets continue to rise; petrol, along with electricity and gas have become unaffordable for many. We hope to continue being there to help those who show up at our door throughout the next 10 years. God bless you all.
- Gary McIlvena (Parish Pantry pioneer/founder)

CAMEO COMMUNITY OPERA presents 'Amahl & the Night Visitors' an Opera by Gain Carlo Minotti. Saturday Dec. 2nd @ 3pm. St Luke's Uniting Church, Highton. Tickets available from: trybooking.com/CKFVI

MEMORIAL BRICKS We invite 'expressions of interest'. Please direct all enquiries/interest to Diane (Business Manager) at the Parish Office. Call: 5222 1977 or email: dianer@stmarysgeelong.com.au
Full details are on the PDF (link)

<https://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/files/MEMORIAL%20WALK%20BRICKS%20ORDER%20FORM%202023.pdf>

Details can also be found on our website: on the Home page www.stmarysgeelong.com.au

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR SUNDAY MASSES

Give something back to the Parish. Please contact us via email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au or you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977. We look forward to hearing from you.

ST MARYS PARISH PANTRY - OPEN

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

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St, Geelong

Sunday December 3, 3.00pm

BAROQUE CHRISTMAS

Australian Chamber Choir

Director: Douglas Lawrence

The ACC8 treats you to a historical 'pick of the pops', from the late 1400s to the end of the Baroque period and beyond.

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ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

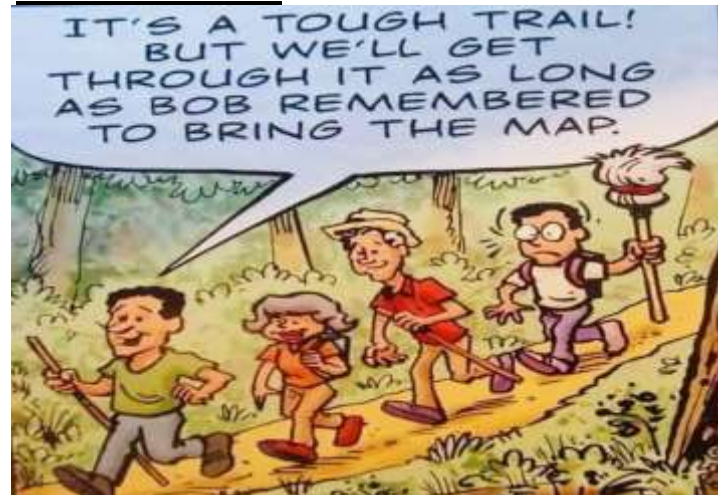
Next Mass: Sunday November 26 @ 11.00am.

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Next Mass: Sunday November 12 @ 11.00am. Practice for this Mass will be at 9.30am prior to the Mass, in the Pioneer Room. 150 Yarra St, Geelong. New members are welcome.

BASILICA CHOIR Next Mass: Sunday November 12 @ 9.30am. Practices for this choir are held on Thursday nights in the Sodalities Room (at the rear of the Basilica). Starting at 7.30pm. New members welcomed. Contact Jane at jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart."
- Helen Keller

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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:



RECENTLY DECEASED: Philip Scarcella, Norm Leggo, Antonio Fanizza

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Vlado Lastavec, Mara Glaina, Mica Glavina, Marko Kristic, Mara Kristic, Ruza Raos, Fran Jones, Greg Walsh, Eveleen Moynihan, Paul Fernandes, Monsignor James Murray, Francesco Marino, Maria Marino, Sam Marino, Domenica Pandullo, Maria Rosa Pandullo, Domenico Marino, Vittoria Marino, Giuseppe Vivona, Maria Vivona, Domenico Vivona, Maria Caterina Vivona, Francesco Galati, Rosa Galati, Juanita McFarlane, Simone Rodgers, Peter Rodgers, Relatives of the Rodgers & Harrington families, Ficca Famiglia, Laudodio Famiglia, Mr & Mrs Clapinski, Max Clapinski, Eileen Clapinski, The families of: Grabowski, Zychla, Definski, Flipowicz, Kuzmiuk, Kuligowski, Kowalski, Minge, Bäcker, Fedyk, Cieszki, Munich, Bourke, Brouwer **Month Mind:** Louise Marie Devienne, Mary Rose Kelly

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Pippa McPherson

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



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - November 19, 2023

Readings for next week:

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Collector</u>
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Margot Jarman	Margot Jarman Vicki Zavaglia	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Nola Schwidlewski	Mike McGovern	Annette Wilkinson Barry Leith	Monica Pearce	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Jennifer Guinane	Des Guinane	Rhonda Sullivan Jennifer Guinane Des Guinane	Anna Demetriou	Geoff Johnston
11.00am	Maria Monea	Alec Kulic	Lina Sidoti Shirley Carroll Kirra	Maria Monea or Liz Bauer	Michael Belleville
<u>TIMES</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>7.30am</u>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>11.00am</u>	
<u>AV-SOUND OPERATOR</u>	Clevon Peris	Barry Leith	Clevon Peris	Joan Belleville	



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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Mary-of-the-Angels-Parish-103118478011107/> 'Follow' the page and like our updates & reflections. A good way to stay in touch.

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

On the webpage we include updates & current Parish information, Daily Reflections, Prayers, images, links and even something for the kids. **Everything you need to know about our faith community.**

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