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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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B – November 17, 2024
Readings for this week:
Daniel 12: 1 - 3; Hebrews 10 :11 - 14, 18; Mark 13: 24 - 32

Reflection on the Gospel

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As Pope Francis points out, the story Jesus tells in this week’s Gospel passage is ‘not a discourse on the end of the world, but rather an invitation to live the present well.’ We are told ‘to be vigilant and ever ready for when we will be called to account for our life.’



The Pope reminds us that Jesus is speaking about more than specifics. The dimming sun, darkening moon or falling stars need not be taken as literal descriptions of the future. Rather, Jesus is giving us a true prophetic insight: all created things will pass and Christ will gather his people in glory.

The key to this passage, as the Pope explains, is that human history has meaning through Christ. ‘Human history, like the personal history of each of us,’ he says, ‘cannot be understood as a simple succession of meaningless words and facts.’

What Jesus wants us to know, the Pope suggests, is ‘that the history of peoples and that of individuals have a purpose and an aim to fulfil: the definitive encounter with the Lord.’

Therefore, as the Pope puts it, we should reflect on ‘whether the Word of the Son of God has illuminated our personal existence, or whether we turned our back to it.’ After all, it is when things seem gloomiest that we should turn towards the light.

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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 10.00am Mass, Reconciliation, Baptisms & Weddings, and for the 6pm Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses. (Mass Times are on the front page)

ST MARY'S ADVENT-CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Saturday December 14 – 10am:

Seniors' Anointing Mass

Tuesday December 17 – 7.30pm:

Christmas Memorial Mass

Wednesday December 18 – 7.30pm:

2nd Rite Reconciliation Service

Christmas Eve Mass Times:

6pm Family Mass; 8pm Mass; 9.30pm Polish Mass; 11.30pm Carols & 12am Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day Mass Times:

7.30am; 9.30am; 11am; 12.30pm Polish Mass

NEW YEAR 2025 There is no New Years Eve Mass

New Year's Day January 1 - 10am Mass

The Solemnity of Mary



ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Date: Sunday December 8.

Time: 12 noon – 3pm. Venue: Parish Centre @ 150 Yarra St - Hibernian & Pioneer Rooms.

Free BBQ sausage sizzle, Free Face Painting, Free Activities for the kids, Free Tea/Coffee served in the Pioneer Room. You can purchase from the Christmas Gift Stall & Cake Stall, and a multi prize Raffle will run on the day @ \$1 per ticket (*drawn at approx. 2.30pm*)

Christmas Performances & Karaoke – 12.30pm

This is open to children and adults. Register prior to the event. Registration closes: Friday Dec. 6 – 12noon. Registration on the day will be taken. Please use this link provided to access the registration form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDS0KAH1u875rTpZ1qUOtCjOHPpsa_cDoF4YemdNx-HeBKBQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

CONFIRMATION DATES are early in March 2025 with classes commencing on Tuesday Feb. 4, 2025.

Attention all students who attend non-Catholic private Schools or Government state schools!

Children going into Grade 6 in 2025 must enrol into the Parish Sacramental Program for Confirmation before Christmas. Please contact the Parish Office 5222 1977 or email AnnaMarieD@stmarysgeelong.com.au

To enrol your child must have already received Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist.



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Advent begins on December 1. This resource is available now. Illustrated with full-colour religious artwork, it provides daily Scripture references and reflections for each day of the seasons of Advent and Christmas through to the Baptism of the Lord. Available from the Piety Stall and Parish Office. Stocks are limited.

GOD'S WORD – DAILY REFLECTIONS 2025: \$20 per copy @ PIETY STALL & PARISH OFFICE

This edition contains the Bible readings set down for each day of the liturgical year with reflections by eminent spiritual writers. It is designed to help you keep the word of God close to your heart in daily life. A life-changing companion to nourish you, help make God's Word the foundation of your life, and empower you to pray, to live and to share your faith with others.

- Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible
- Liturgical information of the day, including feasts and memorials of saints.
- Space to note down personal reflections, and important events.
- Produced in flexi-cover format with attractive colour designs.

An ideal companion for the Holy Year 2025!

DONATIONS FOR PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL

Please consider donating **unwanted, new or used Christmas decorations, gifts, ornaments** to us for our annual Christmas Gift Stall on Dec 8. Items can be dropped to the Parish Office during the week. Donations will be received until Friday December 6.

Thank you!
TO OUR SPONSORS

We are very happy to announce the sponsors for our Dec. 8 Carols event... so far.

Tuckers Funeral Services, Kings Funeral Services, Baré Legal & Soul Pattinson Chemist.

See Bulletin advertising for details of: Tuckers, Kings and Baré Legal. Soul Pattinson Chemist is on the corner of Yarra and Myers Sts. Please remember these companies as you go about your daily business and support them as they have supported us.



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PANTRY DONATIONS REQUEST

Thank you to all who continue to support the Parish Pantry with food and monetary donations. It is very much appreciated by all. If you would like to donate something, please consider **1kg packet of white sugar**. Stocks are low and this is a sought after commodity. Monetary donations are tax deductible.

St John of God Hospital Auxiliary and Cartwheels

OPEN GARDEN DAY Sunday November 17

Morning session: 11.00am – 1.30pm.

Afternoon session 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

Come along for a perfect spring day out in the garden.

Explore 2 gardens, in 2 locations in Waurn Ponds, at their vibrant best and discover the beauty of Spring colours at your leisure. \$25 per attendee. All funds raised will be donated to the Hospital's Cartwheels Art Program. Register your attendance using this link:

<https://bit.ly/SJGGHOpenGardenDay2024>

TORQUAY: Peter Kearney: Signs of Hope - People of Faith. Saturday November 23, 3.00pm - 4.30pm @ St Therese Church 43A Surfcoast Highway, Torquay \$10 per person / \$20 family. Tea, coffee & biscuits at interval. **Hosted by Nazareth Catholic Parish**

JOIN A CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!

Would you like to join any of our Choirs for Christmas Eve and Masses? The Parish Junior Choir, Mixtures Adult Choir and Basilica Choir warmly invite you contact them (*see details in the Music Ministry notice*)

Junior Choir sings at 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve and will practice on Fridays up until December 13.

Mixtures sing at 8pm Mass on Christmas Eve with practices on Thurs. December 12 & 19 @ 6pm – 8pm in the Hibernian Hall (Café Light)

Basilica Choir sings at Midnight Mass with Carols sung prior. (*see details of practice times)



MERCY PLACE RICE VILLAGE – Retirement Village, Marshalltown Road, currently has 1 and 2 bedroom units available to purchase. If interested please call Sally on 5247 2202 for more information.

Last week's answer is:

The 3 word saying in the code: *Strength in numbers*

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

In 1999 it was 28. In 200 it was 2. In 2019 it was 12. What is it in 2024?

The answer will be printed in the Bulletin next week.

ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

Pantry operating days and times are:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm

MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE PARISH PANTRY ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

In the tax deductibility register the Pantry is titled "St Marys Parish Pantry" (*note: no apostrophe*)

Music at the Basilica 136 Yarra St. Geelong

Windfire Choir and

Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday December 15, 5.00pm

Combined choir conducted by Tom Healy will perform John Rutter's Magnificat and In Terra Pax (Christmas Scene by Gerald Finzi. Also featuring guest choir "The Geelong Youth Choir"

Tickets: \$50/\$45/\$40. *Children and school students: FREE.* To book your tickets go to Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/CQYBA

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Practices are held during the school term in the Hibernian Hall [Café Light] on a Friday after school [from 3.30pm - 4.30pm].

Next Mass: November 24, 2024 @ 11am

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

Next Mass: December 1, 2024 @ 11am.

Practice is prior to the 11am Mass - starting at 9.30am upstairs Level 1 [Pioneer Room].

If interested to join please email:

rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR New members welcome

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm in the Sodalities Room – at the rear of the Basilica. Entry from Hay Market carpark

Next Mass: November 17 @ 9.30am for their 70 years Anniversary Celebration Mass.

For the full story please visit our website:

www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/parishchoirs

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet – *Jean-Jacques Rousseau*

JOKE OF THE WEEK Did you hear about the painter who was hospitalized?

The doctors say it was due to too many strokes.

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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Gabriel Clarke, Kevin Costa, Benjamin Miles, Darren Bottrell, Marin Ivelja, Anica Ivelja, Marinko Ivelja, Giovanni Villanti, Monsignor James Murray, Zofia Ostrowski, Shirley Haste, Sandra King, William Weatherly, Anthony Johnson, Clifford Ryan, Antonino Gumina, Teresita Oliveros, Michael Monsour, Elsie McFarlane, Bernie Hansento, Zoe, Ebony & Macey Meade

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Ann Schneider, Grace McConvill, Tim Clark

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.

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.



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



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B – November 24, 2024

Readings for next week:

Daniel 7: 13 - 14; Revelation 1: 5 - 8; John 18: 33 - 37

Children's Liturgy	November 17	November 24	December 1	December 8
11.00am MASS	Maria Nina	xxx NO CLOW Junior Choir	Domenica Kerry	Blake Liz

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Natalia Barber	Trish Nicholson	Margot Jarman Trish Nicholson	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Lesley Almond	Annette Wilkinson	Annette Wilkinson Nola Schwidlewski	Monica Pearce	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Ann Salerno	Geoff Miles	Jennifer Guinane Blake Drever Ann Salerno	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Stavica Kulic	Domenica Croce	Nina Tarsitano Maria Monea Kirra	Domenica Croce	Michael Belleville
AV OPERATOR		6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca & Charlene	Keith Almond	Marcia O'Brien	Georgia Cowdery

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