

# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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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

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

### Readings for this week:

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

## REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

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It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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**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](http://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 Please **RSVP** attendance to the Parish Office by Nov 20.

**MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023 - OUR PARISH SCHEDULE** A5 Copies available in the Narthex. **Please note** that the Sunday Masses for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in Advent are not listed on this calendar. *It should be understood that the Masses happen regardless.* Only the extra 'events', and the transition from Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> through Christmas are listed.

**DECEMBER 10th - ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE BASILICA**

**Our main sponsor is: SC Technology Geelong**  
The event runs from 2pm - 4pm. Carols at 3pm. There will be a Christmas Gift Stall, Sweet Treats Stall, Face painting & Raffle (*which is drawn at close of the Carols*). We have also invited a Bean Cravin' Coffee van along. ALL ARE WELCOME.

**DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS 'KNICK-KNACKS'**

If you have any Christmas themed decorations or other items, which are of decent quality, but you no longer require them, you may like to donate them to our Christmas Stall on December 10. All items can be dropped off to the Parish Office during the week.

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**JOIN A CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS**

**New Choir members warmly welcomed.**

**Mixtures Choir** welcomes new adult members for Carols on Dec 10, and 8pm Mass Christmas Eve.

**Junior Choir** welcomes new primary school aged children to join regular practices leading up to Christmas (*See notice next page*)

For either of these 2 choirs contact Rebecca: [rhay@stmarysgeelong](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong) (or call the Office 5222 1977) for full details and practice times/dates.

**Basilica Choir** invites new members to join them for Midnight Mass & pre-Carols. For more details please contact Jane: [jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)

**ST MARY'S SCRIPTURE GROUP**

Meetings are held after the 10am Mass (at around 10.45am). They take place in the Pioneer Room - 150 Yarra St Geelong. All are welcome.

**CONFIRMATION - ENROLMENTS FOR 2024**

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.

**SENIORS ANOINTING MASS** Saturday Dec. 9 @ 10.00am. This Mass is dedicated to the Seniors in our parish, and will include an Anointing of the Sick. You are all invited to stay for a 'cuppa' after Mass, in the Narthex foyer of the Basilica.

**Reconciliation will be held at 11am after Mass.**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL'S WORK PLAN**

St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to share with you its Work Plan 2023-27, built from the ideas and suggestions that were raised by the parish community through the planning phase.

You can read the Work Plan by visiting our website or asking for a printed 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>

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

### ST MARYS PARISH PANTRY - OPEN

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong.

Pantry operating days and times are: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday between 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

### PARISH PANTRY - DONATION REQUEST

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

**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 a 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](mailto:kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

For further information please visit the website [www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/faithandlight](http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/faithandlight)

Live in me and let me live  
in you, says the Lord; my branches  
bear much fruit.



### WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP: VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASS

You can contact us via email: [rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au) or you can give the Parish Office a call during the week on 5222 1977.

Please ...

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au)

**CAMEO COMMUNITY OPERA** presents 'Amahl & the Night Visitors' an Opera by Gain Carlo Minotti.

Saturday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 3pm. St Luke's Uniting Church, Highton. Tickets available from: [trybooking.com/CKFV1](http://trybooking.com/CKFV1)



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### MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St, Geelong

Sunday December 3, 3.00pm

### BAROQUE CHRISTMAS

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### ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: Sunday November 26 @ 11.00am.

Practices happen on Fridays during the school term. 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the Hibernian Hall (Café Light).

**MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR** Next Mass: Sunday December 24 @ 8.00pm. Practices for this Mass will be 6pm-8pm [Wednesdays Dec 13 & 20] in the Pioneer Room. 150 Yarra St, Geelong. **Anyone interested to join this choir for Christmas Eve is welcome.**

**BASILICA CHOIR** Next Mass: Sunday November 19 @ 9.30am. Practices for this choir are held on Thursday nights in the Sodalties Room (at the rear of the Basilica). Starting at 7.30pm. New members welcomed. Contact Jane at [jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)

### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes... even you. - Ann Lamott

### JOKE OF THE DAY



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**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



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A - November 26, 2023

Readings for next week:

Ezekiel 34: 11 - 12. 15 - 17; 1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 26. 28; Matthew 25:31 - 46

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Collector</u>
<b>6.00pm VIGIL</b>	Natalia Barber	Trish Nicholson	Vicki Zavaglia Trish Nicholson	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
<b>7.30am</b>	Barry Leith	Annette Wilkinson	Rosa Marino Mike McGovern	Carlo Werzac	...
<b>9.30am</b>	Rhonda Sullivan	Peter Mackinlay	Erminia Ficca Blake Drever Keith Vriens Virginia: Choir Loft	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
<b>11.00am</b>	Pamela Cowdery	Shirley Carroll	Liz Bauer Pamela Cowdery Linda Stacchino	Liz Bauer	Klaus Bauer

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>7.30am</u>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>11.00am</u>
<b>AV-SOUND OPERATOR</b>	Clevon Peris	Mareta Eagles	Marcia O'Brien	Natalia Barber



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You can also visit our regularly updated and very informative webpage: [www.stmarysgeelong.com.au](http://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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