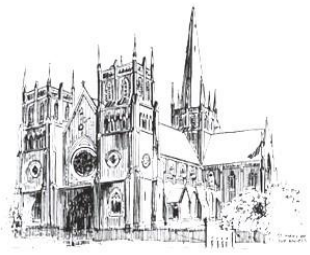




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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS

10.00am Wednesday – 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 Wednesday to Friday

10.30am – 1.00pm

CLOSED ON SATURDAY

OPEN Sunday

10.15am – 12.15pm



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B – November 3, 2024

Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 6: 2 - 6; Hebrews 7: 23 - 28; Mark 12: 28 - 34

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

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Excerpts from Greg Sunter's Gospel Reflection (Liturgy Help Online)

Historical Context – Sacrifice We know from the Old Testament that sacrifice was an important religious practice dating back to the foundations of Jewish faith. After the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem, sacrifice of birds and animals was practised there as the highest form of worship. With the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE – about the time Mark's gospel was written – temple worship and sacrifice came to an abrupt end. The entire nature of Judaism changed from a Temple-centred faith to a much more decentralised faith. In this week's gospel, the gospel writer is projecting the reality of his time back into the scribe's encounter with Jesus.

Living the Gospel – Love Jesus reminds us 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' There's an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask!

Gospel Focus – First of all Jesus is asked which commandment is first and he provides two commandments as his answer. However, he doesn't bundle them together as one overarching commandment – he very distinctly identifies them as first and second. Sometimes we can feel the way to express love for God is through demonstrating our love for other people in charitable or justice-focused actions. However, Jesus makes clear that the first commandment of all is the love of God with all our being – that God is worthy of love in God's own right. Our love of God may inspire us to action for others, but the first step is loving God for who God is.

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BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE: (this week)
Monday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Wednesday - Friday,
9.00am – 5.00pm. It is open on the weekend for
10.00am Mass, Reconciliation, Baptisms &
Weddings, and of course for the 6pm Saturday Vigil
and all Sunday morning Masses.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS – Sat. November 2 - 10am

**CLOSURE TIMES – BASILICA; PARISH OFFICE;
PIETY GIFT STALL & PARISH PANTRY**
Please note that the Basilica, Piety Gift Stall, Parish
Office and the Parish Pantry will be **closed all day**
on Tuesday November 5 for the public holiday.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED
IN THE PARISH CENSUS**
If you have not, you can still fill out a Form.
The forms and grey collection box will remain in
the Narthex for the month of November to allow all
of our parishioners time to complete & return a
Form. Only one form per household is required.
Please bring forms back to the Collection box, or
drop them into the Parish Office.

VIQUEQUE SUNDAY – November 3 2024
Newsletter available in the Narthex.



The long anticipated visit to Timor-Leste by Pope Francis took place in September 2024. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from all over Timor-Leste made the journey to Dili to participate in the activities and celebrations. With the support of St Mary of the Angels Geelong, 2200 parishioners from the Viqueque parish were able to participate in the Mass at Tasi-Tolu (Dili) celebrated by Pope Francis, with an estimated 700,000 people in all, attending the Mass!

The month of November is traditionally a special time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have passed on from this life. Our **MEMORIAL BOX** has been placed on a table at the right hand side of the front Altar steps. We invite you to come up prior to the Mass you attend, or at your time of visiting, to write down the name of your loved one, and place it in the box. In this way we can remember and pray for those dear to us, in a symbolic offering to God. The box will remain in the Basilica for the whole month. This way we can pray for the souls of all the faithful departed at each Mass.

ST MARY’S PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP
Please note the group will not be meeting this Tuesday (November 5) due to the public holiday.
The group will meet on the following Tuesday, November 12 at 10.45 am at the Parish Centre, 150 Yarra Street, upstairs in the Pioneer Room.

ADVENT BOOKLET 2024: THE LIGHT - \$5 per copy
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.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS & KARAOKE Date: Sunday December 8.
New event time: 12 noon – 3pm. Venue: Parish Centre @ 150 Yarra St - Hibernian & Pioneer Rooms
Christmas Performances & Karaoke
The Karaoke is open to children and adults. Register prior to the event. Registration closes: Friday Dec. 6 – 12noon. Registration on the day will be taken up to 15 mins prior to the start time. Please use this link provided to access the registration form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDSOKAH1u875rTpZ1qUOtCjOHPpsa_cDoF4YemdNx-HeBKBQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

ADVENT REFLECTION FEATURING MARIA FORDE:
St Michael’s Parish invites you to an evening of Advent reflection with Maria Forde on Thursday November 14, 7pm at Holy Family Church Bell Park. Free admission!

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DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL

Do you have some unwanted, new or used Christmas decorations, gifts, ornaments or the like? Please consider donating them 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.

TAIZÉ SERVICES St Michael's Parish - Holy Spirit Church, on the corner of Narmbool St & Bostock Ave in Manifold Heights, are hosting Taizé Services on a Thursday evening. The dates are: November 21 and December 12 from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. **All welcome!**

Sacred Heart College Alumni Association extends a warm invitation to anyone who is a past student of Sacred Heart College Geelong to come and celebrate their **CENTENARY TEA PARTY** on Sunday 10 November 2024 at Sacred Heart College, Geelong. Starting with 11am Mass in Sacred Heart College Chapel and 12noon to 3.00pm Centenary Tea Party in the Atrium. Tickets are priced at \$30. Please RSVP before November 5, 2024 to Alumni & Development Officer Jo Welch on 5222 0464 or book online here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CSHTK>.

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

GEELONG CATHOLIC DINER'S CLUB invite you to a social get-together dinner with friends.
Date: Tuesday, November 12. **Time:** 6.00pm
Venue: Great Western Hotel, "Western Room" access from the bar, cnr Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave, Newtown. Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. As it is a new venue please consider inviting and bringing along some of your friends.
For more information or to RSVP phone or text Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by Friday November 8.

Last week's answer is: **It is in the letters.** A horse has 1 more than a fish.

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The following words all have a hidden pattern in common. Can you decipher what it is?

DEAR ... SHIP ... SLIP ...

The answer will be printed in the Bulletin next week.

ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong
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Sunday December 15, 5.00pm

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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: November 10, 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

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9.00 pm in the Sodalities Room (rear of the Basilica) Level 1 Parish Centre @ 150 Yarra Street. **Next Mass: November 3 @ 9.30am**

The Basilica Choir is celebrating 70 years!

For the full story please visit our website:

www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/parish_choirs

The 9.30am Mass of Celebration will be next weekend on – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

You don't have to see the whole staircase to take the first step – *Martin Luther King*

JOKE OF THE WEEK

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy, and the other is just a little lighter.

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Month Mind: Eileen Martini, Geraldo Avellino and the souls of all the faithful departed.

ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Michael Tinney, Sandra Brunton, 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



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B – November 10, 2024

Readings for next week:

1 Kings 17: 10 - 16; Hebrews 9: 24 - 28; Mark 12: 38 - 44

Children's Liturgy	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
11.00am MASS	Blake Lina	Slavica Liz	Maria Nina	xxx NO CLOW Junior Choir


TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Trish Nicholson	Margot Jarman	Vicki Zavaglia Trish Nicholson	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Barry Leith	Terry O'Brien	Annette Wilkinson	Carlo Werzak	Lachlan Buchanan
9.30am	Maree Ryan	Blake Drever	Jennifer Guinane Blake Drever Rhonda Sullivan	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Georgia Cowdery	Shirley Carroll	Slavica Kulic Barbara Antony Linda Stacchino	Liz Bauer	Michael Belleville
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca Hay	Jack Munk	Marcia O'Brien	Natalia Barber

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