



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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## MASS TIMES

### WEEKDAY MASS

**CLOSED Tuesday – Friday**

**10am Mass on Saturday  
September 20<sup>th</sup> only.**

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

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Year C – September 14, 2025

### Readings for next week:

**Numbers 21: 4 - 9; Philippians 2: 6 - 11; John 3: 13 - 17**

### Season of Creation Reflection

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During the very first Mass for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo commented on how 'the liturgy represents life.' Given this, we should learn to more fully appreciate the relationship between the prayer of the Church and the Church's concern for the world.

Indeed, the pope wants us to 'pray for the conversion of the many people, inside and outside the Church, who do not yet recognise the urgent need to care for our common home.' Pope Leo affirms that Pope Francis' teaching in *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti* 'continues to be timely.'

So too does the example of Our Lord. The Gospels clearly show us that in Galilee Jesus revealed his own 'deep connection with that land and those waters, with the rhythm of the seasons and with the life of creatures.'

We too, to be truly Christ-like, cannot then turn our backs on creation.

'Our mission to care for creation, to foster peace and reconciliation, is Jesus' own mission,' Pope Leo declares. It is 'the mission that the Lord entrusts to us.'

'We hear the cry of the earth, and we hear the cry of the poor,' the pope says in echo of his predecessor, 'because this plea has reached the heart of God. Our indignation is his indignation; our work is his work.'

**PIETY GIFT STALL WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK  
DUE TO BASILICA MAINTENANCE** (Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> inclusive)

ALSO CLOSED ON SATURDAY September 20<sup>th</sup>



**OPEN ON: Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10.15am – 12.15pm**



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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.

**BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:**

Monday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm. Open on the weekend for 10.00am Mass, followed by Reconciliation. Baptisms & Weddings, occasional weekend MAB concerts and for our regular Saturday Vigil & Sunday morning Masses.

**See the front page for Mass time details.**

**The Basilica & Piety Stall will be closed for the entire week of September 15<sup>th</sup> – September 19<sup>th</sup>.**

(Monday – Friday inclusive)

There will be no 10am Weekday Masses etc.

**The Basilica will open for 10am Mass on Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>; the Piety Stall will open again on Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Sunday Masses will be celebrated as per the normal weekend schedule.**

**NB:** Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled AFL public holiday. The Parish Office, Basilica & Piety Stall will all be closed for the whole day.

**RCIA 2025-26: We invite you to ENROL NOW !!**

Are you, a family member or friend considering becoming Catholic? Then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the pathway.

St Mary's Parish RCIA for 2025-26 begins next month.

Please email our RCIA Coordinator, Kevin Mark, via

[kevinm@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:kevinm@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

to enrol or to enquire, or visit our website at:

[www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/rcia](http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/rcia).

**We'd love to have you join us for the journey!**



Each month, Catholic Mission will be sharing the **Holy Father's (Pope Leo) Monthly Prayer Intention**, accompanied by a visual reflection. This is an invitation to a 'moment of stillness' - a pause for prayer. Use this link to access and view the September Youtube Video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVewnWW1TAc>

This is not a call to action, nor a request for donations.

**FEAST OF ST BARTOLOMEO – Celebrate Today!!**

The Mass will be celebrated in Italian, and held in the Basilica on Sunday, September 14, at 2.30pm. All are invited and welcome to attend.

**AVVISO Festa di San Bartolomeo giorno 14 di Settembre, alle ore 2.30pm. Ci sara' la Santa Messa in Italiano celebrata da Padre Sijeesh Pullankunnel Abraham. Siete tutti benvenuti.**

You are all invited to attend **FR JUDE'S PARISH FAREWELL September 28<sup>th</sup> at 12noon** in the Hibernian Hall or Pioneer Room, St Mary's Parish Centre – 150 Yarra St. Geelong.

We will be presenting Fr Jude with a farewell "gift", along with our blessings. **If you would like to contribute to this gift, please do so at the Parish Office during the week.**

**Monday - Friday [9am - 4.30pm] Thank you.**

For those who may not be able to attend, next weekend (on September 20/21) there will be a "card" made available in the Narthex for the Sunday Masses, to sign with your special farewell message.

**Safeguarding Sunday – September 14th**

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable.

In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church.

In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.



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### Caritas Australia – Season of Creation

The Season of Creation's call for *Peace with Creation* aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges. This Season of Creation (September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>) Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by: signing the **"Turn Debt into Hope"** petition – [caritas.org.au/debt](https://caritas.org.au/debt) and committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a **Catholic Earthcare Household** – [caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/](https://caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/)

### Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

#### ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Practices for Term 3 have concluded. There will be no practices held during the school holidays. Junior Choir resumes on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>. New members are welcome. Join us in Term 4.  
**Next Mass: September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11am**

#### MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

**Next Mass: September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11am.** Practice is held at 9.30am on the Sunday of the scheduled Mass, prior to the Mass. If you are interested to join the choir, please call 5222 1977 or email Rebecca: [rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

**BASILICA CHOIR:** New members welcome.

**Next Mass: September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am**

For more information or details please email: [jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)

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

**The answer to last week's question is:** Penelope. The code was one letter back... move one letter ahead in the alphabet to get the name.

#### New 1% CLUB QUESTION

How many combinations are there of displaying four digits on one hand?

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm.

**NB: The Pantry will be closed on Friday  
September 26<sup>th</sup> – due to AFL Public Holiday**

### MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

*16th Annual Windfire Music Festival*

Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>

The opening concert is on

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm** and will showcase

Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir.

Download a copy of the 2025 Windfire Festival

Program using this link:

<https://musicatthebasilica.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025-Festival-Booklet.pdf>

### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Absolutely no one escapes pain, fear, and suffering. Yet from pain can come wisdom, from fear can come courage, from suffering can come strength – that is, if we develop the virtue of resilience." - Anonymous

### JOKE FOR THE DAY - After all \$50 is \$50

Walter took Ethel to the state fair every year, and every time he would say to her, "Ethel, you know that I'd love to go for a ride in that helicopter." But Ethel would always reply, "I know Walter, but that helicopter ride is \$50, and \$50 is \$50."

Again, they went to the fair, and Walter said to Ethel, "I'm 87 years old now. If I don't ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance."

Once again Ethel replied, "Walter, you know that helicopter ride is \$50, and \$50 is \$50."

This time the helicopter pilot overheard their conversation and said, "Hey, I'll make a deal with you. I'll take both of you for a ride, and if you can both stay quiet for the entire ride I won't charge you! But if you say just one word, it's \$50."

Walter and Ethel agreed, and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but neither Walter nor Ethel said a single word.

The pilot did death-defying tricks over and over again, but still, there wasn't so much as one word said.

When they finally landed, the pilot turned to Walter,

"Wow! I've got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn't. I'm really impressed!" Walter replied,

"Well, to be honest, I almost said something when Ethel fell out but, you know, \$50 is \$50!"

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## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** William Dalziel, Stepjan "Steve" Siljac, John McElligot, Laila de Paz, Ana Zovko

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Francesco Marino, Sam Marino, Gimara Fernandez, Christopher Roberts, Susan Shanley, Peter Carson, Jozefa Borczyk, Marlene McFarlane, Oliveen Laudanback, Pawel Miroslaw Nuc, Kathleen Reed, Pilar De Guzman, Matilda Fernandes, Dagmar Mackinlay, Bob Stirling, Gwendoline Jeevan Raj **Month Mind:** Kristijan Matkovic, Dolores Medina



## THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: ...

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.

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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY [CLOW] – FINISHED FOR TERM 3. RESUMES ON Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>.

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.



## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C – September 21, 2025

### Readings for next week:

**Amos 8: 4 - 7; 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 8; Luke 16: 1 - 13**



Children's Liturgy	September 14	September 21	September 28	October 5
<b>11.00am MASS</b>	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	xxx No CLOW School Holidays	xxx No CLOW School Holidays	xxx No CLOW School Holidays

  

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Margot	Trish	Margot Vicki	...	Vince
7.30am	Corinne	Terry	Annette Nola	Carlo	Lachlan
9.30am	Geoff	Ann	Geoff Maree Vicki	...	Geoff
11.00am	Slavica	Domenica	Slavica Liz Linda	Prue	Klaus
<b>AV</b>	<b>OPERATOR</b>	<b>6.00pm VIGIL</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
		Natalia	Barry/ Antonia	Dominic	Georgia

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