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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

## Happy Father's Day!

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C – September 7, 2025**

**Readings for this week:**

**Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:2-33**

**REFLECTION** - Leo's Lens

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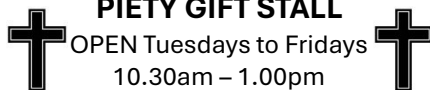
'Every good and worthwhile human activity', Pope Leo says, 'is in some way a reflection of God's infinite beauty, and sport is certainly one of these.'

Sport, the pope explains, 'challenges us to relate to others and with others, not only outwardly but also, and above all, interiorly. It shows us the importance of 'giving of ourselves, putting ourselves "in play" ... giving of ourselves for others.'

The pope therefore wants us to approach sport as a means, not an end. It is good for us when it is 'for our personal improvement, for our athletic supporters, for our loved ones, our coaches and colleagues, for the greater public, and even for our opponents.'

In this spirit, the pope wants us to appreciate that sport itself is 'an important means of reconciliation and encounter', which can teach us 'the value of cooperating, working together and sharing.' He hopes it provides us 'a valuable and concrete means of bringing individuals together' in our highly fractured world. He sees its potential for teaching us 'the art of losing, to confront one of the deepest truths of our human condition: our fragility, our limitations and our imperfections.'

'It is daily training in love that brings us closer to final victory', he points out, 'and enables us to contribute to the building of a new world.'



### PIETY GIFT STALL

OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays  
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10.15am – 12.15pm



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### 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>.**

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!

### FEAST OF ST BARTOLOMEO

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.**

### FR JUDE'S PARISH FAREWELL **September 28<sup>th</sup> at**

**12noon** in the Hibernian Hall, 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]**

The **unsafe area** at the **South Transept** is still deemed unsafe, although the way we indicate this has changed. The pews have been removed and safety bollards and tape put in their place. **Please comply with the "DO NOT ENTER" signage we have in place. Thank you.**



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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 (Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 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](http://caritas.org.au/debt)
- 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/](http://caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/)

**RADIO MASS** Broadcast is brought to you by **St Mary's Parish, Geelong** @ 10.00am Sunday on PULSE FM 94.7. If you miss the 10am Sunday Mass broadcast, you can listen to the current, and past Sunday Masses, from St Mary's Basilica by clicking on this link: <https://947thepulse.com/shows/sunday-at-saint-marys/> These audio recordings can be accessed at any time of the day. They are not a podcast and therefore cannot be downloaded. You will require the internet to connect and listen. **Sunday Masses are usually kept for around 4 weeks, sometimes longer.**

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## VIQUEQUE SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 7th

Today we pray for our partner parish of Mary Immaculate in Viqueque. Please use the envelopes in the Narthex if you wish to donate to support the community. These envelopes, can be placed in with the Collection bags at Sunday Masses, or can be dropped into the Parish Office during the week.

## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>** *Every conversation matters.*

The Catholic Church in Australia will observe Safeguarding Sunday on the September 14th, coinciding with the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. This day is dedicated to recognising the deep and lasting impact of sexual abuse experienced by children, young people and adults at risk, including abuse that occurred within Catholic settings by clergy, religious figures, and laypeople. This day calls on the faithful to offer prayers for all those who have been affected by abuse, both personally and through their connection to others who have suffered.

## Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

### ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Practices for Term 3 @ 3.30pm are held in the Hibernian Hall. New members always welcome.

**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 7<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:** The letter A is next. The sequence is the first 2 letters of the days of the week.

### New 1% CLUB QUESTION

A spy has given us their name but has coded it by moving each letter one letter backwards in the alphabet. What is their real name? **ODMDKNOD**

**CAFÉ LIGHT** Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Please come and join us **TODAY**

at Café Light, over in the Parish Centre, at 150 Yarra St, between 10.30am – 12.30pm. Sacred Heart College staff and student volunteers will be there to serve lovely 'homemade' treats and tea/coffee. The cost per serve, per person is \$5.00. All donations go towards support for our partner parish and surrounding community in Viqueque.



## ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

Pantry operating days and times are:  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm

## MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

*16th Annual Windfire Music Festival*  
**Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>**

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>

**MAB will present six concerts and a series of five short presentations featuring original poetry from local writers and music.**

The opening concert will showcase Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir. Other concerts will feature a baroque flute and harpsichord, a string trio with piano, a saxophone quartet, the Australian Boys Choir, and a very special concert with works old and new, performed by a number of well-known local musicians.

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK



"What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

## 3 JOKES FOR THE DAY - corny Dad jokes 😊

1. What's the difference between Iron Man and Aluminium Man? Iron Man stops the bad guys in their tracks. Aluminium Man foils their plans.
2. Why should you never throw grandpa's false teeth at a vehicle? You might denture car.
3. I can always tell when someone is lying. I can tell when they're standing too.

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## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Elizabeth Leorke, Alfred Carmelo Buttigieg, Jimmy Benstead, Raymond Gleeson, Shaun Treffry



**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Paul Pleszkan, Fr Desmond Magennis, Lila Hunter, Joseph & Barbara Dabkowski, Neil Byrne, Irene Byrne, Radoslav Boras, members of the Boras family: Jozo, Mara, Ivan, Stipe & Mila, Domenico & Rosa Marguglio, Francesco Saija, Elena Calderazzo, Kenneth "Don" Campbell, Rodney Peart, Kathleen Brennan, Umberto "Jack" Calderazzo, Aniela Pawlak, Patricia Foorde, Len Roper, Joseph Abela

**Month Mind:** Desma Doherty, Maria Vargovic, Adrian Dunne

## ALL 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.



## 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.

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## 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**



Children's Liturgy	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
<b>11.00am MASS</b>	Domenica Croce Lina Sidoti	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	xxx No CLOW School Holidays	xxx No CLOW School Holidays

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael Perry	Brendan Sullivan	Trish Nicholson Gael Perry	...	Vince Zavaglia
7.30am	Nola Schwidlewski	Lesley Almond	Margi Munk Nola Schwidlewski	Monica Pearce	Glenn Acaso
9.30am	Vicki Myers	Rhonda Sullivan	Marita Campagnolo Erminia Ficca Rhonda Sullivan	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Domenica Croce	Maria Monea	Nina Tarsitano Barbara Antony Maria Monea	Maria Monea	Klaus Bauer
<b>AV</b>	<b>OPERATOR</b>	<b>6.00pm VIGIL</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
		Rebecca + edit	Jack Munk	Teresa Eadie	Charlene Sagad



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