

# 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

### PIETY GIFT STALL

**OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays:**

10.30am - 1.00pm,

**Sundays:** 10.15am -12.15pm.

Closed on Saturdays.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - February 4, 2024

### Readings for this week:

Job 7: 1-4. 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19. 22-23; Mark 1: 29-39

### REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES excerpt from © Richard Leonard SJ

People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope.

There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing. We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and re-join the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean.

Why should we bother? Because this Sunday Christ comes to us, again, and declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us which cannot be healed or is beyond hope. May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we have received from Him. May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.



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## **STONEMASON WORK AT THE BASILICA**

On February 5 (all day) and Tuesday February 6 (all day) there will be continued stone mason work and maintenance taking place in the Basilica.

The building will remain open for the whole day.

The work will cease for 10.00am Mass on Tuesday.

## **BASILICA MASS TIMES UPDATE:**

**LOURDES DAY MASS** - Saturday February 10 - 10am (Mass will include an anointing and we will have some blessed Lourdes water available - 1 pp)

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** - February 14.  
Times for Masses will be: 10am; 12noon and 7.30pm.

## **PARISH LENT GROUP 2024**

Lent begins in less than two weeks. A daytime Lent group will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10.45 am (following the Mass in the Basilica for those who wish to attend), commencing on 13 February and continuing until Holy Week.

An evening group will also be offered on Mondays at 7.30 pm, commencing on 12 February. It will only go ahead if there are sufficient numbers, so if you wish to be part of the evening group please register ASAP. As in previous years, the groups will use the excellent Lent book from the Diocese of Wollongong (see below for further details). Please register your interest in attending one of the Lent groups by emailing [kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au) or calling the Parish Office during office hours on 03 5222 1977.

Please supply your name, a contact phone number and/or email address, and which group you are registering for (daytime or evening).

## **LENT BOOK "PIETÀ"**

Please note: Our supply of these Lenten books is limited and the publisher has sold out, so please purchase your copy as soon as possible. **The books are now available from the Piety Stall or Parish Office for \$10.00 each.**

Embark on a transformative Lenten journey with Pietà, an exquisite 80-page, full-colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading, in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and visio divina that can also be used in Lenten group gatherings. For further information, see [www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent\\_2024](http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/lent_2024)

**RADIO MASS BROADCAST** brought to you by  
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## **CAFÉ LIGHT & PLAZA THEATRE MOVIE NEWS**

The Café will be open on **Sunday February 18** at 10.30am - 12.30pm. Cost is \$5 per serve. The Movie "**Casino**" starring Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone and Joe Pesci will be shown at 1.00pm in the Plaza Theatre. All are welcome. Bring a friend.



## **VIQUEQUE SUNDAY** February 4.

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 at Sunday Masses, or can be dropped into the Parish Office during the week. Thank you for your generosity. A printed copy of the Viqueque Newsletter/ Update is now available in the Narthex news stand.

## **A PLACE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE/S**

We invite any who are interested in purchasing a Memorial brick which will be placed on the grounds of St Mary's Basilica. A new purpose built "**Memorial Brick Pathway**" is in the planning stage. Please direct all enquiries/interest to Viv or Joanne at the Parish Office. Call: 5222 1977 or you can email: [admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

## **FRIENDS OF FAITH AND LIGHT GEELONG**

A Christian community for people with a disability, their family, friends and carers. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 10. You are warmly invited to attend. Venue: St Mary's Pioneer Room (Level 2) 150 Yarra Street. The room will open at 1.30pm. Access to the upper level can be by the lift entrance near Parish Office. Time: 2.00pm - 4.30pm. Enquiries: Tricia O'Keeffe 0414 672 267 [Email: [patriciaok65@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaok65@gmail.com)]. New members are very welcome.

**TAIZE PRAYER** - Santa Casa, Queenscliff. All are welcome. Save these dates for 2024: February 17; March 23; May 19; August 31; October 5; and December 14. Prayer followed by afternoon tea. 2.30pm - 3.30pm. For catering and seating purposes prior to each date, please RSVP Sr Lizzie 0418 194 261 or via email: [santacasea@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasea@ismapng.org.au)



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Thank you to all who have donated to date.

### 'ASHES TO EASTER' LENTEN CONCERT- REFLECTION

with Peter Kearney.

Hosted by St Thomas Catholic Parish, Drysdale.

Date & Time: Saturday 24th February. 11.00am (after 10.00am Mass).

Location: St. Thomas Church, 27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale. Admission: gold coin donation.

Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter, singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. Peter's 'Ashes to Easter' concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. Though mainly for adults, upper-primary and older students could also enjoy and benefit. Please direct all enquiries to Robert 0418 593 537.

### JOIN OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS FOR 2024

Please contact us via email:

[rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au) or you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977.

Though we are hoping for volunteers as Readers, Special Ministers, Welcomers and Collectors, we especially require more volunteers to enable us to keep the AV-sound going at our Sunday Masses.

**We look forward to hearing from you soon.**

St Mary's Parish is hosting

**Chamber Philharmonia Cologne** (from Germany) Monday March 11th 2024 in the Basilica

DON'T MISS THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY to Experience one of Germany's finest Ensembles, performing a diverse programme ranging from VIVALDI, J. S. BACH and PAGANINI.

Tickets are available from [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au) and will be available at the door (cash only) 1 hour prior to the start of the concert.

Tickets: \$45 [Adult]; \$40 [Conc.] \$34 [6 - 18 yrs] Please Note: Children 5 years and under enter free.

General Admission Only - No seats reserved.

Approximate Running Times: Doors open - 6:00 pm Start - 7:00 pm Finish - 9:00 pm

Music at the Basilica 136 Yarra St, Geelong presents

### Encounters 2024 "A VOICE, LENT TO MUSIC"

Join **Frank De Rosso (organ)** and associate artists in a journey of music and poetry, leading up to Easter.

Sundays 5.00 to 5.30pm at the Basilica.

**Admission is free.**

Sunday 11 February **Brigid Mantelli (flute)**

Sunday 18 February **Allister Cox (clarinet)**

Sunday 3 March **Patrycja Radzi-Stewart (violin)**

Sunday 10 March **John Seal (marimba)**

Sunday 17 March **Helen Seymour (poetry)**

and

### THE AUSTRALIAN MALE WELSH CHOIR

in concert on Sunday 25 February, 5pm at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels.

Celebrate St David's Day with the Australian Male Welsh Choir in a program of most-loved songs from Wales. Tickets \$35 Full and Seniors; \$30 Concession available from [www.trybooking.com/CODSW](http://www.trybooking.com/CODSW) or at the door. Children and school students – free.

### ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: Feb. 25, 2024 - 11am.

New members are most welcome.

Email: [rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au) for enquiries.

**MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR** Next Mass: February 11, 2024 - 11am. If interested to join please email:

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

**BASILICA CHOIR** Next Mass: Feb. 11, 2024 -

9.30am. Practices have resumed, in the Sodalities Room (entrance 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

A person who feels appreciated will do more than expected. - *Anonymous*



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**AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:**



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Percy Jones, Caterina Velluci, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Geraldine O'Shea

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Adam Zychla, Ann Nelson, Cornelius Biemans, Ena Hamilton, Lesley Robertson, Mark Hallam, Santo Gregorio, Vilma Dwyer, Teresa Cicala, Fadlo Anawati, John Sheridan, Nina Croce, Peter Brennan, Terence Brennan, Margita Frlan, Anica Frlan, **Month Mind:** Carmen Galea

**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.

St. John of God Hospital Chapel Mass:  
Every Thursday at 11.30am

RADIO MASS BROADCAST:

**SUNDAY 7.00am on Light FM 89.9 & 10.00am on The Pulse FM 94.7**




Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - February 11, 2024

Readings for next week:

Leviticus 13: 1 - 2, 44 - 46; 1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11: 1; Mark 1:40 - 45

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>Commentator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Special Ministers</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Main Collector</u>
<b>6.00pm VIGIL</b>	Gael Perry	Trish Nicholson	Gael Perry Trish Nicholson	Diane Read	Vince Zavaglia
<b>7.30am</b>	Annette Wilkinson	Terry O'Brien	Rosa Marino Nola Schwidlewski	Monica Pearce	Carlo Werzac
<b>9.30am</b>	Marita Fitzpatrick	Jennifer Guinane	Jennifer Guinane Des Guinane Erminia Ficca	Joanne McMahon	Mick Stokes
<b>11.00am</b>	Linda Stacchino	Domenica Croce	Pamela Cowdery Linda Stacchino Maria Monea	Pamela Cowdery	Michael Belleville

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>6.00pm</u>	<u>7.30am</u>	<u>9.30am</u>	<u>11.00am</u>
<b>AV-SOUND OPERATOR</b>	Rebecca Hay	Jack Munk	Marcia O'Brien	Joan Belleville

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