

St Mary of the Angels Parish

Connection Survey

About this survey

We are listening to our parish community as we plan for the future. Your feedback will help us build a more welcoming and connected parish.

This survey is for all parishioners aged 16 and over. If you attend occasionally or are just visiting, we still value your feedback.

This survey takes about **5-7 minutes** to complete. There are 5 pages.

The information gathered will assist with pastoral planning, communication, and ensuring we meet the needs of everyone in our parish. Your participation is greatly appreciated. All responses are confidential.

Please complete this survey by: **31 May 2026**.

When completed, please leave your survey in the collection box in the St Mary's Basilica or drop it off at or post to the Parish Office, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong 3216.

How to answer

There are no right or wrong answers. You can skip any question if you like.

For most questions, tick one box, for example:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

For some questions we have asked for you to provide more detail. You can write as little or as much as you like. We will leave space for you to write your answer.

If you need help completing this survey, you can ask a family member, friend or the parish office to assist you.

If you would like to share more detailed feedback, you are welcome to email the Parish Pastoral Council at: pastoralcouncil@stmarysgeelong.com.au.

While this inbox is not monitored frequently, all messages are read and valued. If you require a response or assistance, please contact the parish office directly at: admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au or by phone at (03) 5222 1977.

Thank you

Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

Your feedback will help the Parish Pastoral Council understand how we can better support and strengthen our parish community. We are grateful for the time you have taken to share your thoughts.

Parish Pastoral Council

Section 1. About You

1. What is your age?

Under 18 18-34 35-54 55-64 65+

2. What is your gender?

Woman Man Prefer not to say Other

If Other you can provide more detail here: _____

3. What is your marital status?

Single Married Widowed Divorced Separated Other

If Other you can provide more detail here: _____

4. What is your cultural background? (i.e Australian, Polish, Prefer not to say etc.)

5. Do you live in St Mary's Parish?

Yes No Not sure

6. Typically, how often do you attend Mass?

Daily Weekly Monthly Yearly Rarely Other

If Other you can provide more detail here: _____

7. Do you listen to the St Mary's radio mass?

8. Yes No Sometimes

9. How long have you been a member of St Mary's Parish?

<1 year 1-2 years 3-5 years 5-10 years

10-20 years >20 years I'm not a member

10. What best describes your faith journey?

Lifelong Catholic New to Catholic faith

Reborn/recently returned to the faith Converting to Catholicism

Not Catholic, but interested Other

If Other you can provide more detail here: _____

Section 2. Connection at St Mary's

11. Sense of belonging at St Mary's

I feel a strong sense of belonging:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

I feel welcomed and valued when I attend activities or Mass:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

I feel comfortable being myself:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

I feel that people in this parish care about one another:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

I want to be more connected:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

12. Relationship and community at St Mary's

I have formed meaningful relationships:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

I feel connected to other parishioners:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

I feel know who to talk to if I need support or guidance:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

I feel that our parish is a friendly and inclusive community:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

There are regular events for me to build my sense of community:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

13. Spiritual connection at St Mary's

The parish supports my spiritual growth:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

I feel spiritually nourished by the liturgy and sacraments:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

The homilies and teaching help me grow in my faith:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

Faith groups and faith formation opportunities are available if I need them:

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

Spiritual liturgies and celebrations meet my faith needs (outside of regular Mass, such as vigils and memorials):

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral

Agree Strongly agree Unsure

14. Why do you choose to attend St Mary's?

15. Do we meet your faith/spiritual needs? And if not, how can we better support you?

16. Communication at St Mary's

I feel well informed about what is happening:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral |
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The parish communicates in ways that are engaging and accessible:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

I know how to get involved if I want to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

The parish bulletin is clear and easy to find information:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

Bulletin notices in Mass help direct me to important items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

17. How would you like to receive communications from us? (Choose one or more options.)

- | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal (for example, in mass) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |

If Other you can provide more detail here: _____

18. What helps (or would help) you feel more connected to St Mary's parish?
(Choose one or more options.)

Social events

Small groups or ministries

Volunteering

Faith formation or Bible study

Family or children's programs Online or digital engagement

Other

If Other you can provide more detail here: _____

19. What makes it harder to feel more involved or connected at St Mary's?

20. What's going well in the parish?

21. What should we do more of?

22. What should we do less of?

23. Is there anything else you would like to share?

You have now completed the survey. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

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