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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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C – November 16, 2025

Readings for this week:

Malachi 3: 19 - 20; 2 Thessalonians 3: 7 - 12; Luke 21: 5 - 19

Reflection Leo's Lens

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In *Dilexi Te*, the Apostolic Exhortation first drafted by his predecessor, Pope Leo frequently uses Pope Francis' metaphor of 'concrete' Church activity to make an important point.

For example: 'Concrete love was the criterion of holiness' exemplified by Saint Basil. Caring for the sick showed 'that salvation is not an abstract idea, but concrete action.' Authentic Christian monasticism is 'a style of holiness and a concrete way to transform society.'

Overall, this 'concrete' metaphor underlines how the Church is not a building but a building process. Our firm and lasting commitment to active, charitable discipleship in Christ helps manifest the Church in our world.

Our mission, the Pope makes emphatically clear, therefore involves being willing 'to welcome Christ who comes in the person of the poor and the stranger.' It means working towards 'an economy of solidarity in contrast to the logic of accumulation.' And it involves embracing 'a mysticism of God's presence in the little ones' to whom the world remains indifferent.

'When the Church kneels beside a leper, a malnourished child or an anonymous dying person,' the Pope declares, 'she fulfils her deepest vocation: to love the Lord where he is most disfigured.'

As such, the Church has a 'mission of liberation' that, when put into practice, can be understood as 'an extension of Christ's redemptive sacrifice.'

[Quotes from Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, 4 October 2025:

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html]

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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 times.**

PLANNING AHEAD – CHRISTMAS AT THE BASILICA - December dates for 2025

Saturday December 13th – Seniors Anointing Mass followed by cuppa in the Narthex – 10am
Tuesday December 16th – 2nd Rite Reconciliation Service – 7.30pm.

Wednesday December 17th – Annual Christmas Memorial Mass – 7.30pm.

Christmas Eve Masses: Wed. December 24th 6pm; 8pm; Polish Mass – 9.30pm; and Midnight Mass (12am) – Carols prior to Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day Masses: Thurs. December 25th 7.30am; 9.30am; 11am and Polish Mass 12.30pm.

ADVENT BOOKLET 2025: 'The Promise'

This year Advent begins on Sunday November 30th. The new Advent and Christmas booklet from the Diocese of Wollongong, with the theme "The Promise" is now available. 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, 11 January 2026.

Available from the Piety Stall and Parish Office for **\$6.00** per copy. **Get in quick as stocks are limited.**

GOD'S WORD 2026: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary especially produced for Australia, is an attractive colour publication containing the Bible readings set down for each day of the liturgical year along with reflections by eminent spiritual writers. Designed to help you keep the Word of God close to your heart in daily life, to be source for prayer and to prepare for Mass. **Now available from the Parish Office and Piety Stall.**

This year the book is only **\$22.00** per copy.

INVITATION TO ATTEND - The Christian

heritage of science: Dr John Long from Deakin University will talk about how Christianity influenced scientific revolution based on the work of Rev. Fr. Stanley Jaki OSB. Fr. Jaki was a theologian and a scientist. All are welcome on

📅 Sunday, 30 November, ⌚ 12.15 pm starting with a light lunch. 📍 Xavier Centre, 143 Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio. To indicate attendance or for more information please contact Corio Parish Office on 03 4212 0791.

A JOURNEY OF HOPE: VATICAN II AND THE PATH OF SYNODALITY - AN AFTERNOON OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND REFLECTION

You are warmly invited to an inspiring afternoon with Rev. Dr Max Vodola, who will explore the lasting significance of Vatican II and its influence on the Church's journey of synodality, linked with the **Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.**

📅 Sunday, 7 December 2025 ⌚ 3:00 PM

📍 **Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove**
68 John Dory Drive, Ocean Grove VIC 3226
Come and share in an afternoon of learning, reflection, and community. **All are welcome!**

As we all prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the **SYRO-MALABAR COMMUNITY OF GEELONG** warmly invite you and your loved ones to join them for this year's **Christmas Carols and Ecumenical Fellowship – Carol of the Bells 2025.**

📅 Sunday, 21 December 2025 ⌚ 5:30 PM

📍 **Geelong West Town Hall, 153 Pakington Street, Geelong West.**

There is special excitement to sing *Carol of the Bells* 2025 together in one harmonious voice, filling the hall with the spirit of the season. This event seeks to celebrate Christmas in unity with the diverse communities of faith alongside our parish community. Should you have any questions or require further information, feel free to reach out to the event coordinator:

Babu Varghese on mobile 0449 079 134



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CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND NATIVITY ENACTMENT

Invitation to come along. 📅 Sunday December 7th
🕒 6.30pm. 📍 St Thomas Aquinas Church, Plume St, Norlane. All welcome. Followed by a social supper. Please bring a plate to share.

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ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Practices @ 3.30pm on Fridays in the Hibernian Hall. **Next Mass: November 23rd @ 11am**

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

Next Mass: November 16th @ 11am.

Practice held at 9.30am on the Sunday of the scheduled Mass, prior to Mass. If you are interested to join the choir, please call 5222 1977 or email Rebecca: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

BASILICA CHOIR: New members are welcome.

Next Mass: November 16th @ 9.30am

For more information or details please email: ibashiruddin@bigpond.com

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer to last week's question is: B. Scarlett Mosely. You may have had difficulty in guessing as there was a mistake in the printing of the question. The word ought to have asked after 'anagram' not 'acronym'. (2 totally different things).

New 1% CLUB QUESTION What one word do the following 3 phrases have in common?

1. Loud unpleasant noise,
2. Tennis equipment,
3. Fraudulent activity.

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MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

136 Yarra Street, Geelong presents

Handel's monumental "Messiah".

Date: Sun Dec. 7th, 2025 *4:00 pm - 7:00 pm*

The combined voices of Windfire Choir and the Geelong Chorale, with soloists and orchestra conducted by Joseph Hie.

Lee Abrahmsen – soprano, Austin Haynes – counter tenor, Robert Macfarlane – tenor, Manfred Pohlenz - bass

Tickets: \$60/\$55/\$50 *Children and school students free*. Tickets are available from Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/DCLAM

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🎵 CALLING ALL SINGERS! 🎵

Do you enjoy singing? We're looking for voices to join our **Basilica Choir** as we prepare to make this year's **Christmas Mass** truly special. No previous experience is needed - just a love of music and a willing heart! If you'd like to give it a try, simply come and say *hello* and join in on a **Sunday morning at the 9.30 am Mass**. Sing the hymns and see how joyful it can be to be part of our choir family. All are warmly welcome! **Phone or text Jane on 0447 238 432 if you would like to know more information.**

If you would like to join the **JUNIOR CHOIR** or **MIXTURES CHOIR** for Christmas Masses please email Rebecca: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au
Practice details to follow soon.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you - *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

JOKE FOR THE DAY

How do you tell the difference between a bull and a cow? It is either one or the udder!



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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Michael Monsour, Bernard Mathieson, Francesco Posterino, Teresita Oliveros, Natalina Chisari, Klara Van Slooten, Basil Bates, Eveleen Moynihan, Fran Jones, Greg Walsh, Margaret Goode, Monsignor James Murray, Asbjorne Hansen, Shirley Haste, Angela Plesa, Zofia Ostrowski, Mary Dwyer, Gabriel Clarke, Giuseppe Posterino, William Weatherly, Anthony Johnson

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Regina Hanna, Nola Frances O'Neill, Lydia Trentino

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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Feast of Christ the King - Year C – November 23, 2025

Readings for next week:

2 Samuel 5: 1 - 3; Colossians 1: 12 - 20; Luke 23: 35 - 43



Children's Liturgy	November 16	November 23	November 30	December 7
11.00am MASS	Slavica Liz	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Domenica Liz	Ella Kerry

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Samina	Brendan	Gael Vicki Z	Tim	Vince
7.30am	Antonia	Philip	Margi Barry	Monica	Carlo
9.30am	Marita C	Rhonda	Ann Erminia Marita	...	Mick
11.00am	Georgia	Linda	Georgia Liz Linda	Domenica & Neve	Michael
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Natalia	Keith	Marcia	Joan

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