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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

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Year C – November 9, 2025

Readings for this week:

Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17; John 2:13-22

Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Pope, who also holds the position of Bishop of Rome. It is considered the most important Catholic church because it contains the *Cathedra Romana*, the symbol of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome.

The basilica was first dedicated in 324 after the property was donated to the Church by Emperor Constantine, the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity. Whilst we celebrate the dedication of this most important church, at the same time we celebrate all churches throughout the world.

What is a Basilica, and how does it differ from a cathedral or church?

The Latin word originally simply described a public building. Once the Roman Empire adopted Christianity, the name came to mean a large, important church. So, the term has both architectural and ecclesial meanings. Only the pope can declare a particular church to be a basilica. When this happens the basilica is given specific symbols and insignia that identify it as a basilica and of greater importance as a church building. There are approximately 1500 basilicas around the world, some identified as major basilicas and others as minor basilicas.

On this feast we celebrate our unity amidst our diversity, as we focus on the Mother Church of all Roman Catholic Churches.

May we always remember in the spirit of today's Gospel that the Church is not defined by bricks and mortar, but that the glorified Body of Christ is made of people who live out his saving love in the world today.

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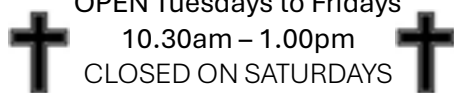
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10.30am – 1.00pm

CLOSED ON SATURDAYS

OPEN Sundays

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. Open for Baptisms & Weddings, occasional weekend MAB concerts and for our regular Saturday Vigil & Sunday morning Masses.
See the front page for Mass time details.

****NOTICE** Equipment will be onsite, and maintenance will be executed on the Basilica roof for the entire week of Monday November 10th to Friday November 14th**
From 7am each weekday, light to moderate construction noise may be present during daytime hours, and may be noticeable to parishioners visiting for private prayer. We apologize for these disturbances.
All work will cease during scheduled Masses and Funerals throughout that week to ensure these services are conducted without disruption. **The Basilica will remain OPEN.**
To ensure the safety of all parishioners and visitors, temporary fencing will be installed around each work zone as it progresses through the various areas around the Basilica. Access to the Basilica will still be maintained throughout, with pathways to guide parishioners safely around the work areas.

ADVENT BOOKLET 2025: 'The Promise'

Advent begins 30 November. Available now is the new Advent and Christmas booklet from the Diocese of Wollongong, with the theme "The Promise". 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! Stocks are limited.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE – LEMON TREE

If you would like a healthy young lemon tree please **come into the Parish Office on Monday**. It is currently living in a pot and can be easily transferred and planted in your garden.

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

Saturday December 13th – Seniors Anointing Mass and 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.

GOD'S WORD 2026: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary

especially produced for Australia, this attractive colour publication contains 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.

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!**

LIFEBOAT RAFFLE TICKETS will be for sale in the Narthex at the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend (November 8th). This will be the final opportunity for you to purchase them and support the efforts of this community service. If you would like to purchase a book of Raffle tickets you can also call Lyn on mobile: 0422 131 144

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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

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

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 the 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 9th @ 9.30am

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

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer to last week's question is: 6.

(There would be numbers: 31, 33, 35, 37, 38, 43)

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

Serena is about to cast a vote for her local council. She picks a candidate with a name that is an acronym of 'electoral system'.

Who does she vote for?

- A. Caroline Genteel B. Scarlett Mosely
C. Nicola Gollete D. Phil Gobolton E. Lexi Pilot

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

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

🎵 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

The way you act will shape the way you feel. If you want to feel differently then all you have to do is act differently. - *Anonymous*

JOKE FOR THE DAY

I just got arrested for stealing a kitchen utensil. I have to admit it was a whisk I was willing to take.



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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Timothy Maher, Bessie Pike, Garry McGrath, Mary Ford, John Ernest Turley, Paul Drenovac, Pawel Jablonski



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Richard Brennan, Patrick Doolan, Luigi Vannata, Antonio Fanizza, Fortunato Maisano, Elizabeth Morgan, Adrian Marsden, Ivanka Bole, Norman De Grandi, Bedriska "Betty" Doslik, Domenico "Nick" De Rosso, Eileen Salt, Salvatore Raimondo, Agnes & Patrick O'Shea, Laurance Featherston **Month Mind:** Adrian Kol, Carol Davison

ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Regina Hanna, Mandy Newbold

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] - [For children Grade 2 – Grade 6] Scan this QR code to access the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM**. 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.

ST. JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL CHAPEL MASS: Every Thursday at 11.30am



RADIO MASS BROADCAST: SUNDAY 10am on The Pulse FM 94.7



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

Readings for next week:

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



Children's Liturgy	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
11.00am MASS	Maria Lina	Slavica Liz	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Domenica Liz

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael	Januk	Margot Vicki Z	Samina	Vince
7.30am	Annette	Terry	Annette Nola	Carlo	Lachlan
9.30am	Maree R	Jennifer M	Geoff M Vicki M Clare	...	Geoff
11.00am	Pamela	Shirley	Lina Pamela Domenica	Prue	Klaus
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca	Antonia	Dominic	Ella

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Mary-of-the-Angels-Parish-103118478011107/>

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