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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

PIETY GIFT STALL

OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays

10.30am – 1.00pm

CLOSED ON SATURDAYS

OPEN Sundays

10.15am – 12.15pm

Second Sunday of Advent - Year A – December 7, 2025

Readings for this week:

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10; Romans 15: 4 - 9; Matthew 3: 1 - 12

ST MARY'S PARISH RCIA UPDATE

(from Kevin Mark)

Our parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has been underway for several weeks. This Sunday (Dec 7th) marks the next stage in the RCIA journey for those seeking to join the Catholic Church at St Mary's Parish. At the 11.00 am Mass, the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens will be celebrated for those who are unbaptised.

The Rite of Welcome will also be celebrated for those already baptised and preparing to be received into the Catholic Church ("Candidates"). From this Sunday Mass and until their full initiation into the Catholic Church next Easter, both Catechumens and Candidates are "dismissed" at the end of the Liturgy of the Word. The RCIA group and team leave the body of the Basilica to continue considering the significance of the Scripture readings for their faith journey as an essential aspect of their RCIA journey.

CHRISTMAS AT THE BASILICA - December dates for 2025

Sat. December 13th: *Seniors' Anointing Mass and cuppa in the Narthex – 10am.

Tues. December 16th: 2nd Rite Reconciliation Service – 7.30pm.

Wed. December 17th: Christmas Memorial Mass – 7.30pm.

You are invited to submit names of those deceased to be prayed for at this Mass. Those passed away in the past 12 months will be on screen and those passed away more than 12 months ago will be placed in our Prayer Basket and brought up as offering for the Mass. Please clearly indicate '12' or '12++' beside the names submitted, and also let us know if you will be attending the Mass.

Email: admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au or call the Office: 5222 1977

Christmas Eve Masses: Wednesday December 24th: 6pm; 8pm; Polish Mass – 9.30pm; and Carols at 11.30pm, followed by Midnight Mass (12am).

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



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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.

*Please note that there will be **NO RECONCILIATION AFTER THE SENIORS' ANOINTING MASS ON DECEMBER 13th**. Attending the Mass and receiving the Anointing during the Mass is the Reconciliation.

The Parish Office will close at 3pm on Dec. 24th, reopening on Monday January 5th 2026 at 9am. The Basilica will open during the Christmas/ New Year break, for Weekday and Sunday Masses only. It will close at all other times.

EXTRA MASSES

Boxing Day: Dec. 26th - 12.30pm in Polish

Saturday Dec. 27th - 10am Mass

Tuesday Dec. 30th - 10am Mass

Wednesday Dec. 31st - 10am Mass

New Year's Day: January 1st - 10am Mass in English, 12.30pm in Polish

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**CAFÉ LIGHT – OPEN !! Sunday December 7th**

This is the final Café Light session for 2025. Please remember to thank the staff & students from SHC, as they share their hospitality with you between 10.30am – 12.30pm. All are welcome.

Cost: \$5 per serve. All funds are directed to Viqueque.

VIQUEQUE SUNDAY – December 7th.

Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you wish to donate to support the community.

These envelopes can be taken home, filled and returned the following week, placing them in with the Collection at Sunday Masses. They can also be dropped into the Parish Office during the week. Eftpos donations can be made at the Parish Office. Thank you.

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

FELLOWSHIP, AND REFLECTION 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, December 7th - 3:00pm. Our Lady Star of the Sea Church 68 John Dory Drive, Ocean Grove.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND NATIVITY ENACTMENT

A warm invitation is extended to everyone. **Sunday December 7th 6.30pm. St Thomas Aquinas Church**, 51 Plume St, Norlane. Event followed by a social supper. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND ECUMENICAL FELLOWSHIP – CAROL OF THE BELLS 2025.

Sunday December 21st - 5:30pm, Geelong West Town Hall, 153 Pakington Street. This event seeks to celebrate Christmas in unity with the diverse communities of faith alongside the Syro Malabar parish community. If you require more information or details, please reach out to the event coordinator:

Babu Varghese 0449 079 134

CAROLS AT ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

On Latrobe Terrace. Sunday 21st December at 3pm at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to this beautiful traditional service of Readings and Carols, led by the 45 voices of the St Paul's Choirs.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

Together, parishes across the Melbourne Archdiocese have raised over 1.1million, including the donations which came from parishioners of St Mary's Parish. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission, and for expressing your faith through your generous support. These funds strengthen the key mission across the Archdiocese, including the Priests' Retirement Fund, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

RADIO MASS This broadcast on PULSE FM 94.7 @ 10.00am on a Sunday, is brought to you from **St Mary's Parish, Geelong.**

December 21st will be the final Radio Mass recording for 2025. The 'live' current Mass Broadcast will resume on Sunday January 18th, 2026. Thank you for your support and for listening over the past year.

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HELP US REJUVINATE AND BEAUTIFY THE ST MARY OF THE ANGELS' BASILICA GARDEN

Our community is truly blessed to have the St Mary of the Angels' Basilica as a central part of our spiritual life. The Basilica grounds are in need of beautification. The project, initiated and developed by a life long member of our parish, is to rejuvenate and beautify the Myers Street and Yarra Street gardens. It is a cost one person alone cannot manage, so we are inviting you, our parishioners, to contribute to this parish community-led effort to refresh this special space. Your financial support, no matter the size, will help ensure the garden is a welcoming and peaceful environment for parishioners and visitors alike. If you are able to assist, cash donations can be made at the St Mary's Parish Office. Please ensure contributions are clearly labelled for the "Basilica Garden Project". Thank you for helping us care for a place that means so much to our faith community. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

🎵 CALLING ALL SINGERS! 🎵

Do you enjoy singing? Maybe join our **BASILICA CHOIR** as they prepare for this year's **Christmas Carols & Midnight Mass**. No previous experience is needed - just a love of music and a willing heart! 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 **MIXTURES CHOIR** for the **8pm Christmas Mass** please email Rebecca: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au to indicate interest. Or you can just turn up to the scheduled rehearsals.

Thursday December 11th and 18th 6pm – 8pm
in the Hibernian Hall, 150 Yarra St, Geelong.
All music provided. Just bring along your voice.

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

Next Mass: Dec. 24th @ 6pm (Christmas Eve)

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR Come Join Us!!

Next Mass: December 14th @ 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

BASILICA CHOIR: New members welcome.

Next Mass: December 7th @ 9.30am

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

ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

Pantry operating days and times are:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm.

The final day of operation for the Pantry is Friday December 19th, after which it will close of Christmas and the New Year. The Pantry will reopen on Wednesday January 14th, 2026 at 1pm.

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

136 Yarra Street, Geelong

FREE ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS

held each Monday of Advent from

12.30pm - 1.15pm

at the **Basilica of St Mary of the Angels.**

~~Monday December 1st - Victoria Hay~~

Monday December 8th - Jack Stacey

Monday December 15th - Tom Healey

Monday December 22nd - Frank De Rosso

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer to last week's question is: MARY

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

You are choosing a new PIN for your bank account. Two digits must be the same and all four digits must add up to an even number. Which of these would be accepted as your new PIN? **A. 5224 B. 9161 C. 6017 D. 4033**

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles. It takes away today's peace. - Anonymous



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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:



RECENTLY DECEASED: Raymond Darragh, Paul Inturrisi, Susan Rowan (Sydney)

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Darren Bottrell, Nicola D'Addazio, Biagio Stefano, Zofia Grabowski, Sylvia Drought, Raymond John Finn, Anthony McLeod, Kerry Costelloe, Giovanna Salvia, Anne & Gerard Dalton, Peter & Shirley O'Loghen, Stefaniya Spoljaric, Clare Kearney, Jack Day

ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: all those suffering depression and anxiety

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.

**** DECEMBER 7th & 14th ARE THE FINAL 2 CLOW sessions for 2025 ****

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



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



Third Sunday of Advent - Year A – December 14, 2025

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 35: 1 - 6, 10; James 5: 7 - 10; Matthew 11: 2 - 11



Children's Liturgy	December 7	December 14	December 21	December 28
11.00am MASS	Ella Kerry	Slavica Nina	xxx No CLOW School Holidays	xxx No CLOW School Holidays

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael	Lorraine	Margot Vicki	Samina	Vince
7.30am	Lesley	Terry	Annette Nola	Brenda	Carlo
9.30am	Vicki	Marita F	Erminia Marita C Rhonda	...	Geoff J
11.00am	Slavica	Pamela	Georgia Domenica Liz	Liz & Prue	Klaus
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca	Keith	Teresa	Ella

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

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