



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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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

## Second Sunday of Easter - Year A – April 12, 2026

### Readings for this week:

**Acts of the Apostles 2: 42 - 47; 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9; John 20: 19 - 31**

### Reflection: Leo's Lens

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Jesus' proclamation, 'Peace be with you', is more than a greeting, Pope Leo XIV says. Rather, it is a gift which 'truly brings about a lasting transformation in those who receive it, and consequently in all of reality.'

Having 'conquered death and broken down the walls of division that separate humanity', Jesus shares his peace with us so that we may share it too. 'His presence, his gift and his victory', the Pope says, 'continue to shine through the perseverance of many witnesses through whom God's work carries on in the world, becoming even more visible and radiant in the darkness of our times.'

'In order to overcome the darkness,' the Pope reflects, 'it is necessary to see the light and believe in it. This is a call that Jesus' disciples are invited to live in a unique and privileged way.'

'Peace is a breath of the eternal', the Pope reminds us. Indeed, he adds, 'Saint Augustine urged Christians to forge an unbreakable bond with peace, so that by cherishing it deeply in their hearts, they would be able to radiate its luminous warmth around them.'

'Peace is more than just a goal', the Pope wants us to understand, because 'it is a presence and a journey' we are all called to share.

### PIETY GIFT STALL

OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays  
10.30am – 1.00pm  
CLOSED ON SATURDAYS  
OPEN Sundays  
10.15am – 12.15pm

### Saturday April 25 - ANZAC DAY

The Eucharistic celebration will be held at the Basilica & will begin with a procession in at 9.00am. It will replace the regular 10.00am Mass.



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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 time details.**

### VIQUEQUE SUNDAY - April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Because of our Easter celebrations we moved Viqueque Sunday, and are remembering and praying for our partner parish in Viqueque this weekend.



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 either Collection at Sunday Masses. They can also be dropped into the Parish Office during the week. EFTPOS or cash donations can be made at the Parish Office. Thank you.

### RCIA ARTICLE - WELL WORTH A READ (online)

Our parish RCIA is featured on the Archdiocese's "Melbourne Catholic" website. You can read the story by following this URL link:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/a-community-of-welcome-rcia-at-st-marys-parish-geelong>

### Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

Over 780,000 people are displaced due to conflict. Your support can help provide essential support.

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Photo: Caritas Lebanon

### Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

A special message of thanks to all our beautiful



Mass volunteers, who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations the best they could be. Your dedication to your roles within the parish is inspiring and your efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>

Where? St Thomas Catholic Church, Peninsula Drive, Drysdale. When & What's happening? Exposition at 2.00pm, Confession at 2.30pm (2 priests), Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, blessing of Divine Mercy Images. Holy Mass and Benediction at 3.00pm. Celebrant: Fr Ray Bugeja. Enquiries: John Brown - 0428 409 345

### BUILDING THE SYNODAL WAY TOGETHER

We are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together.

The *Synodal Way* calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit. In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- **Listening with an open heart** to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
- **Engaging in meaningful conversation**, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
- **Strengthening our sense of communion**, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.
- **Discerning pathways forward**, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod. If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email:

[Synod2026@cam.org.au](mailto:Synod2026@cam.org.au)

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## menALIVE (a national Catholic Ministry for Men)

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. Cost: \$50 pp – includes workshops, morning & afternoon tea, lunch & dinner on both days. Register by April 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information and details you can visit: <https://bannockburn.menalivevic.au>

**Where Are You Now Dad?** is a children's written by Marisa Alo and can be purchased using the link below or from St Mary's Piety Gift Stall for \$20 per copy.

[Where Are You Now Dad? : Alo, Miss Marisa, Alo, Marisa, Alo, Marisa: Amazon.com.au: Books](#)

Through simple storytelling and heartfelt illustrations, the book reflects themes of love, remembrance, faith, and the reassurance that those we love remain close to us. The story comes from the writer's own personal journey of losing her parents. During that time, the Catholic faith and beliefs helped guide her through grief and brought her comfort and hope.

The hope in promoting this book is that this story can provide comfort to children who may be struggling with difficult emotions, while also reflecting the faith-centred values that are so important within Catholic school communities.

It may be a helpful resource for wellbeing programs, classroom discussions, pastoral care, or for supporting individual students navigating grief.

## "MCM Sleep at The 'G" event - Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to support Antonia (*one of our dedicated Mass volunteers*) to raise awareness and vital funds for MCM's youth homelessness services. She discovered that over 7,600 young people, aged 12-24, are homeless in Victoria every night. Homelessness is not a choice. It doesn't discriminate. Every person should have a safe place to call home and so, for their sake, Antonia is committing to spend one night at the MCG to make a difference. All you need to do is click on her fundraising page using the link provided:

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm.

## Friends of Music at the Basilica Membership *Join and Enjoy!!*

We invite you to join this group of music-lovers helping to bring fine music to Geelong.

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[info@musicatthebasilica.org.au](mailto:info@musicatthebasilica.org.au)

## Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

**Junior Choir** and **Mixtures Choir** are currently not running and will not be providing Music Ministry at 11am Masses for a time.

**Basilica Choir** Next Mass: April 19<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am  
New members are welcome. Practices are held in the Sodalities Room on a Thursday evening.  
For more details please email Jane:

[jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)

**To be a member of the Choir you must hold a current Working with Children Check.**

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." – Dan Wilson

## JOKE FOR THE DAY

What kind of medical condition causes wrinkled clothes? An iron deficiency.



## St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

30 days has September, April, June and November. Which is the longest month?

**Answer to last week's question:** \*\* Due to a full Bulletin last week there was no question included.



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**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Janette Lineen, Janice Henderson, Bernie Henderson, John Relayson, James Conway, Patricia Kibbis, Mary Polley, Marijke "Maria" Blake, Patricia Harris, William Devlin, Ralph Joyce, Judy O'Brien, Rose Mora **Month Mind:** Lisa Cammarto, Concetta Gingitta

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** Mark Scanlon, Dhyana Woods (*Rebecca's sister*)

*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 10am on The Pulse FM 94.7**



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY [CLOW] -** [For children Grade 2 – Grade 6]

Children's Liturgy of the Word has finished for Term 1.

Please keep an eye on this notice space for Mass Times when CLOW returns in Term 2.



**Third Sunday of Easter - Year A – April 19, 2026**

**Readings for next week:**

**Acts of the Apostles 2: 14, 22 - 33; 1 Peter 1: 17 - 21; Luke 24: 13 - 35**



Children's Liturgy	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3
11.00am MASS	xxx No CLOW School holidays	xxx No CLOW School holidays	CLOW	CLOW

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Jude	Margot	Gael Trish	Tim	Vince
7.30am	Nola	Seung	Barry Nola	Monica	Carlo
9.30am	Geoff	Marita C	Maree Geoff M Marita C	...	Mick
11.00am	Linda	Alec	Georgia Barbara Slavica	Domenica/Neve	Prue
<b>AV</b>	<b>OPERATOR</b>	<b>6.00pm VIGIL</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
		Natalia	Mareta	Marcia	Ella

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

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