



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

150 Yarra Street Geelong 3220 | 03 5222 1977 | www.stmarysgeelong.com.au

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-4.30pm
Closed on Public Holidays

Basilica Opening Hours

Monday 10am-3pm*
Tuesday - Friday 9am-3pm
Saturday-Sunday: Mass Times
Please note change of hours

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR DATES

July 13- St Henry
July 14- St Camilius de Lellis
July 15- St Bonaventure
July 16- Our Lady of Mount Carmel
July 20- St Apollinaris
July 21- St Lawrence of Brindisi
July 22- St Mary Magdalene

FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- JULY 12, 2026

PARISH PRIEST

Fr James Clarke
frj@stmarysgeelong.com.au

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Vinoth Santiago
jpvinoth@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Growing in
faith



Reflection:

©Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

VOTE 1 PAKO WEST

- ✓ 1000 FREE CAR PARK SPACES
- ✓ FRIENDLY LOCAL TRADERS
- ✓ WHERE YOUR CUSTOM IS VALUED
- ✓ 5 MAJOR BANKS
- ✓ GEELONG'S BEST SHOPPING STRIP

THE BAYLEAF

BAY LEAF COMMUNITY KITCHEN IS A NON-PROFIT CHARITY PROVIDING HOME COOKED MEALS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED IN THE GEELONG REGION.

If you are interested in contributing to Bay Leaf Community Kitchen, please get in touch!

Become a Supporter All donations over \$2 are tax deductible

CALL MARTIN ROWAN ON 0419 528 495
admin@bayleafkitchen.com.au

BAY LEAF KITCHEN
BSB: 633 000
ACC: 168 394 740

CRAWFORDS FUNERALS
03 5248 5500

Geelong, Bellarine and Surf Coast

1 COPPARDS RD, NEWCOMB, 3219 www.crawfordfunerals.com.au

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.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 64: 10-14 R. Lk 8: 8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading: Romans 8: 18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

St Vincent de Paul Prayer-

Lord help us to follow the example of St Vincent de Paul, and do good works among those whom society may have abandoned, or forgotten. Inspire us to feed the hungry, care for families in need, provide comfort, support and medicine to the sick, clothe those whose garments are threadbare, and offer hope and love in Jesus' name to all who need pastoral guidance. May we commit ourselves selflessly to doing the charitable acts which help and enhance the lives of all those in need. Amen.

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.



ST JOHN OF GOD

Geelong Hospital

Our patients have voted us first in Emergency Care
Emergency Department - 80 Myers St Geelong
Open 7am to 10pm - 7 days a week



Kings
FUNERALS

p: 5248 3444 w: kingsfunerals.com.au

Parish News

Parish Office Team

Business Manager

Diane Read
dianer@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Parish Secretary

Sam Pullin
samps@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Admin Assistant

Viv Adamko
viviennea@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Pastoral Worker

Anna Demetriou
annamariad@stmarysgeelong.com.au

RCIA Coordinator

Kevin Mark
kevinm@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Bulletin Notices

Due by: Thursdays at 1.00pm
admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

NOTICE BOARD

Geelong Catholic Diners Club

You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together of food and friends for our July dinner.
Tuesday July 14, 2026 at 6pm.
Great Western Hotel, Newtown.
Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost.
Please phone / text Joan 0429215111 or Michael 0431959584 by July 10 to make the booking.

Clonard College

70th Anniversary Celebration Dinner - 28th August at Truffleduck, Fyansford at 6pm.
An evening to honour the history, celebrate achievements, and look ahead to the future.
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1549802>

World Day of Grandparents and Elderly

We will celebrate World Day of Grandparents and Elderly 2026 on Sunday July 26th and you are invite to join us for a light morning tea! This occasion allows us to recognise and give thanks for the wisdom, faith, experience, and countless contributions that our older parishioners bring to our Parish. All are encouraged to invite their grandchildren and great-grandchildren to attend Mass and Tea. Together, we can share stories, friendship, and celebrate the important role that older generations play in enriching our lives, our parish, and our world.
Morning Tea will be held in The Hibernian Room from 10.30am.

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for July 2026

For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of humanlife in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMPPrZdo95Us&t=5s>



Sycamore@St Mary's - STARTS TUESDAY 14th JULY!

Please register ASAP if you haven't ready!



This year St Mary's Parish is offering the Sycamore course. Sycamore is an informal course about the Catholic faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each Sycamore session features a short film about a key aspect of Catholic faith and life, serving as the launching point for reflection, sharing, and discussion in small groups.

Sycamore@St Mary's - 14 July and will continue each week until 15 Sept on Tuesday evenings (7.00 pm to around 8.45 pm) in The Pioneer Room (upstairs) at St Mary's Parish Centre, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong. For further information or to register see the Parish website or use the QR code to register.

Marriage and Family Sunday

This weekend, we celebrate Marriage and Family Sunday, giving thanks for the gift of marriage and the vital role families play in the life of the Church and our community. Through love, faith, forgiveness, and service, families become a living witness to God's presence in the world. As we gather in prayer, let us remember and support all married couples and families, especially those facing challenges.

Venezuela Earthquake Emergency Appeal

With over 2000 people are confirmed dead, and over 10000 injured, following the June 24th earthquake; tens of thousands are unaccounted for. Hospitals are overwhelmed, water and sanitation systems have failed, thousands of families are sleeping outdoors. 'The scale of human suffering unfolding in Venezuela is immense, and the worst may still be ahead,' said Kirsten Sayers, CEO at Caritas Australia, the Catholic Church's international aid organisation. 'Behind every number is a family searching for a loved one, a child sleeping in the open, or a community that has lost everything.' To support Caritas Australia's Venezuela Earthquake Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/venezuela or call 1800 024 413 toll free.



Friday August 14 2026, 7.30pm
Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St., Geelong

LONDON CALLING

Mikaela Oberg, baroque recorder & flute
Adam Masters, baroque oboe
Ben Hoadley, baroque bassoon

Nicholas Dinopoulos, baroque recorder
Kailen Cresp, baroque oboe
Linda Kent, harpsichord

Tickets \$40/\$35 from www.trybooking.com/DLCXX or at the door
Children and school students - free



MULTIPLE SIZED FUNCTION SPACES
Perfect for Pre & Post Weddings / Christenings / Wakes, etc
OPEN LUNCH & DINNER: Tues - Sun from 12pm
5224 1515 - info@centrahotel.com.au
131 Yarra St, Geelong VIC 3220

Where relationships matter!

Our local, family-owned law firm offers services in:

- Property Law (including conveyancing)
- Retirement Village Purchase/Sale
- Commercial Litigation
- Deceased Estates
- Business Purchase/Sale



There's no cost to give us a call and have a chat about your needs!
Mention this advertisement for 10% off professional fees
Phone: 03 5213 1300 info@barelegal.com.au

Tuckers
Funeral & Bereavement Service
...for a life worth celebrating

5221 4788 www.tuckers.com.au

Generations of Care and Compassion
Serving our community for since 1883

Next Week - July 19th 2026:



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time : Readings

Wisdom 12: 13.16-19, Romans 8: 26-27, Matthew 13: 24-30

6.00pm VIGIL

Commentator: Caroline
Reader: Trish
Special Ministers: Gael/ Trish
Welcomer: Maree/ Diane
Main Collector: Vince
AV Operator: Josh

7.30am

Commentator: Nola
Reader: Terry
Special Ministers: Barry/ Margi
Welcomer: Brenda/ Antonia
Main Collector: Carlo
AV Operator: Jack

9.30am

Commentator: Geoff M
Reader: Jennifer
Special Ministers: Vicki/ Ann/ Rhonda
Welcomer: Anna/ David
Main Collector: Geoff J
AV Operator: Teresa

11.00am

Commentator: Rosemary
Reader: Shirley
Special Ministers: Sarah/ Linda/ Barbara
Welcomer: Domenica/ Neve
Main Collector: Klaus
AV Operator: Georgia

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all who join us at St Mary's today—whether you are visiting or returning, we are grateful to share this Mass with you as one community in faith.

To receive the bulletin by email, or to suggest a notice for the weekly bulletin, please contact the Parish Office on admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

St Marys Parish Pantry



150 Yarra Street, Geelong

Open 1-3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

PIETY GIFT STALL

OPEN

Tuesdays to Fridays

10.30am – 1.00pm

OPEN SUNDAYS

10.15am – 12.15pm

Volunteers Welcome!

THE PULSE RADIO MASS BROADCAST:
94.7 FM Every Sunday 10am



ST JOHN OF GOD
Geelong Hospital

HOSPITAL CHAPEL MASS:
Every Thursday at 11.30am

Weekly Quote:

"Open hearts grow abundant faith."

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vincent Salerno (Italy), Sr Aileen Moloney RSM, Sr Carmel O'Dwyer RSM, Lennard Makowski, Catherine Moon, John Kelly

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Antonio Tortoreto, Clyde O'Rourke, Eileen Mary Pocock, Madelena Serraz, Jose Medeiros, Maria Tumminello, Laura Spina, Dr Peter Henderson, Thomas Vincent O'Brien, Erminio Pavlic, Frank Giuffre, Rose Santospirito, Sholto Douglas, Mark Duffin, Assunta Virgona, Michele (Mick) Vannata,

MONTH MIND: Tamara Finnen

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Gwen Stokes, Luka, Saskia Saunders



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORLD [CLOW]

For children Grade 2 – Grade 6

Children's Liturgy 11am Mass



July 19th - CLOW | July 26th - CLOW | August 2nd - CLOW | August 9th - CLOW

Ella & Kerry

Domenica & Lina

Maria & Nina

Maria & Neve



'St Mary of the Angels Parish' is our official Facebook page. 'Follow' the page and like our updates & articles. <https://www.facebook.com/St-Mary-of-the-Angels-Parish-103118478011107/>

helloworld
TRAVEL
THE TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS

Helloworld
Travel
Highton

Open Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm Sat 10am to 2pm

83 Barrabool Road, Highton, VIC, 3216
highton@helloworld.com.au 03 5243 9311

Bayview
PODIATRY GROUP GEELONG
(03) 4250 9850

www.bayviewpodiatrygroup.com

81 Vines Rd, Hamlyn Heights VIC 3215

CARPET
ONE
FLOOR & HOME®

Delta Carpet One
Geelong

1/172 Fyans St
South Geelong

03 5221 4222