ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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ALL SAINTS IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A- NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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In Praise of God's saints



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
CLOSED Tuesday 3rd November

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
November 1- All Saints
November 2- All Souls
November 3- St Martin de Porres
November 4- St Charles Borromeo
November 9- Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 10- St Leo the Great

Reflection: *Remembering our faithful departed*

As we begin the month of November and celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, we are reminded that we belong to a family of faith that extends beyond this world. We rejoice with all the saints who now share in the fullness of God's presence, and we lovingly remember our own family members, friends, and parishioners who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

The readings for All Saints' Day fill us with hope. They remind us that we are God's beloved children and that we are all called to holiness. In the Beatitudes, Jesus shows us the path to true happiness: living with humility, mercy, compassion, purity of heart, and trust in God. The saints are those who embraced this way of life and now enjoy the joy and peace of heaven.

For many of us, November is a deeply personal month. We remember faces we miss, voices we long to hear again, and loved ones who remain close to our hearts. While their absence can bring sadness, our faith assures us that death is not the end. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we have the promise of eternal life. As Christians, we grieve with hope, trusting that those who have died in the Lord are held forever in his loving embrace.

The Church invites us during this month to pray especially for the faithful departed. By offering Masses, praying for them, visiting their graves, and remembering them in our daily prayers, we continue to express the love that unites us. Through the Communion of Saints, we remain connected with those who have gone before us, confident that in Christ no bond of love is ever lost.

May this month be a time of gratitude for the lives of those who have shaped us, comfort for those who mourn, and hope for all who trust in God's promise of everlasting life. Inspired by the example of the saints and strengthened by our prayers for the departed, may we continue our own journey of faith, looking forward to the day when we shall all be gathered together in the presence of God.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

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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.

Liturgy of the Word

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First Reading: Revelation 7: 2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'
One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23: 1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)



Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11: 28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.
Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



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NOTICE BOARD

CLOSED Tuesday 3rd November

Due to Melbourne Cup public holiday, St Mary's Basilica, Parish Office, Piety Stall and Parish Pantry will be closed. All will reopen Wed 4th November.

All Souls' Day Mass

St Mary's will hold two Masses for All Souls' Day- 10am and 7.30pm on Monday 2nd November. Please remember to write your loved ones names in the Parish Remembrance Book located in the Narthex.

Good Luck

We wish all Year 12 students every success and God's blessings as they continue their 2026 exams. Our prayers are with you.

Child Safety Reminder

We warmly ask parents and guardians to supervise their children at all times while on Church property and to accompany them when using the bathroom facilities. Thank you for helping us ensure our Parish remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Geelong Catholic Diners Club

You are warmly invited to a social get-together of food and friends for our dinner for November. Tuesday November 10th- 6 PM at the Great Western Hotel: cnr Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave, Newtown. Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you do wish to come to the dinner, please phone or text Joan 0429215111 or Michael 0431959584 by 6th Nov as they need to know numbers for our booking.

Viqueque Sunday- 1st November

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 donations can be made at the Parish Office. Thank you.

St Mary's Parish Christian Meditation Group

We are excited to launch a new St Mary's Parish Christian Meditation Group, beginning Wednesday 4 November at 6.00pm. Join us for one hour of reflection, guided meditation, and sharing of the teachings of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) with Steve McLachlan. The group will meet regularly in the upstairs Pioneer Room, offering a welcoming space to deepen your prayer life, find peace, and connect with others on the journey of faith. Everyone is welcome, whether you are new to meditation or have practised for many years. Come along and discover the gift of stillness. New participants can join at any time. We look forward to welcoming you!

Geelong Catholic Professionals

Thursday 19th November at GMHBA Stadium's President's Room. Join the Geelong Catholic Professionals Luncheon, bringing together Catholic professionals from across the Geelong region for an opportunity to connect, be inspired, and strengthen our faith in both our professional and personal lives. Inspired by the Melbourne Catholic Professionals network, this luncheon provides an opportunity to build meaningful connections with like-minded professionals, exchange ideas, and foster a vibrant Catholic professional community in the Geelong region. Whether you work in business, education, healthcare, government, law, or the not-for-profit sector, this gathering offers a welcoming space to connect with others who seek to integrate faith and professional life. For more information: events@cam.org.au https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1666565 for booking tickets directly.

Melbourne Synod- October Update

A Working Document has been prepared from the contributions received across the Archdiocese and will help guide prayerful discernment at the Synod Gathering on 4-6 December. We invite all parishioners to continue praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as together the group seek the path God is calling our Archdiocese to follow. A print out is available in the Narthex for further information.

Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.

Music at the Basilica: LEST WE FORGET

Music at the Basilica invites you to our Remembrance Day Concert at 5pm on Sunday 8th November at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. Through beautiful and moving music and poetry, we remember those who lost their lives in war and reflect on the courage, sacrifice, grief and personal tragedies experienced by so many. The program features the choir, organ, bagpipes, violin and tenor, with music by composers including Elgar, Butterworth, Tavener and Roger Heagney, alongside poignant poetry from the First World War. We hope you will be able to join us for this powerful and deeply moving concert. Tickets from www.trybooking.com/DLCYO .
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Next Week - November 8th 2026:

32nd Sunday: Readings
Wisdom 6: 12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, Matthew 25: 1-13

6.00pm VIGIL
Welcomer: Maree
Commentator: Caroline
Reader: Brendan
Main Collector: Vince/ Brendan
Special Ministers: Vicki/ Margot
AV Operator: Josh

7.30am Mass
Welcomer: Carlo/ Monica
Commentator: Nola
Reader: Terry
Main Collector: Carlo / Monica
Special Ministers: Annette/ Nola
AV Operator: Antonia

9.30am Mass
Welcomer: Anna / Joanne
Commentator: Maree
Reader: Geoff
Main Collector: Geoff/ Extra
Special Ministers: Clare/ Ann/ Rhonda
AV Operator: Marcia

11.00am Mass
Welcomer: Ivan / Karlo
Commentator: Slavica
Reader: Domenica
Main Collector: Klaus/ Extra
Special Ministers: Liz/ Barbara/ Pamela
AV Operator: Charlene

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

Could you spare a few hours each week to help at our Parish Piety Stall? We would love to welcome you to this rewarding ministry. Please contact the Parish Office or speak with one of our volunteers at the Piety Stall to find out more.

Tuesdays to Fridays 10.30am – 1.00pm
St Mary of the Angels PIETY STALL
OPEN SUNDAYS 10.15am – 12.15pm

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

ST JOHN OF GOD Geelong Hospital **HOSPITAL CHAPEL MASS:** Every Thursday at 11.30am

Weekly Quote:
The saints show us that holiness is not beyond our reach, but found in loving God and neighbour each day.

As a community, we pray for:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Geertruida Vriens, Rosa Cotruzzola, Colin Silcock-Delaney
ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Mario Tatasciore, Guido De Angelis, Luigi Vannata, Carmela Zavaglia, David John Pittman, Bruce Fitzgerald, Salvatore Raimondo, Carmelo Maccora, Ursula Czarnuch, Ernest William Henderson, Michael Xavier Henderson, Laurance Featherston, Patrick Anthony Doolan
MONTH MIND: Norm Read, Julie Wilby, Elizabeth Schwartz, Denys Ndekezi, Seraphine Nyirabuhoro
THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Luke Strain

St Mary's CLOW CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S LITURGY

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD [CLOW]
For children Grade 2 – Grade 6
Children's Liturgy 11am Mass

November 1st - CLOW Neve & Lina
November 8th - CLOW Ella & Prue
November 15th - CLOW Maria & Kerry

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