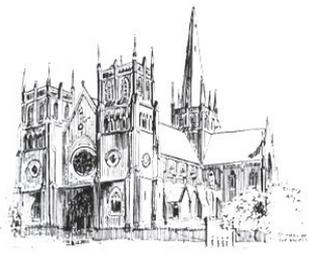




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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS

10.00am Wednesday – Saturday
 ROSARY recited prior to Mass
 Fridays during Lent: 9am Rosary;
 9.30am STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

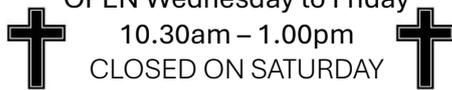
OPEN Wednesday to Friday

10.30am – 1.00pm

CLOSED ON SATURDAY

OPEN Sunday

10.15am – 12.15pm



Second Sunday of Lent - Year A – March 1, 2026

Readings for this week:

Genesis 12 :1 - 4; 2 Timothy 1: 8 - 10; Matthew 17: 1 - 9

Reflection on the Gospel

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Pope Leo says that ‘we should set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer, times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of heart.’

‘This’, he adds, ‘is a dimension of the Christian life that we particularly need to recover today, both as a value for individuals and communities, and as a prophetic sign for our times.’

Such silence and reflectiveness, the Pope suggests, helps us prioritise our ‘relationship with God’. But such disposition should also, he adds, ‘help us to be more open, more welcoming to others.’

This active dimension of Christian contemplation is something the Pope wants us to remember. Even in our recreational moments, he suggests, we can find ‘an opportunity to care for others, to get to know each other and to offer advice and a listening ear.’

Caring and listening, he reminds us, ‘are expressions of love, and that is something we all need.’ We should therefore all love ‘with courage’. As the Pope points out, such active love is transformative, because ‘through solidarity, in the sharing of faith and life, we will help to promote a culture of peace.’

Each of us, therefore, should respond to the Lord’s call to start ‘helping those around us to overcome divisions and hostility and to build communion.’



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BASILICA OPEN TIMES THIS WEEK ARE:

Wednesday - 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.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE !! BASILICA CLOSURE

The Basilica is closed this week ALL DAY on Monday March 2nd and Tuesday March 3rd for long awaited internal structural repairs to the South Transept and the south side of the Basilica.
 It will also be closed for Monday March 9th due to the Labour Day public holiday. We await confirmation from workers, and inform you it *may* also be closed ALL DAY on Tuesday March 10th.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday March 6th at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St, Geelong @ **11am. Everyone is welcome.** For more details please call: Heather Watson 0412 139 295 or Sue Donoghue 0412 784 331.

PIETY GIFT STALL VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a great way to become involved in the Parish? Maybe helping at the Piety Gift Stall, once a month, is just the right thing for you. Please contact the Parish Office on 5222 1977 with your details.
 Any time you can offer will be welcomed.



WALKING TOGETHER - Pilgrimage of Justice, Acting for Justice Fr John Petrus was appointed Episcopal Vicar for Justice and Social Services for the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2025.

In this role, he is listening to and supporting the many ways parishes and Catholic social services respond to the needs of our local communities.

As part of Walking Together, Acting for Justice, the Archdiocese will soon launch an initiative on www.melbournecatholic.org entitled, Pilgrimage of Justice. Under this banner, we hope to share stories of justice, service and faith in action from across parishes and agencies.

Parishioners, groups and ministries are warmly invited to share stories of hope - whether a long-standing outreach, a new initiative, or a quiet act of accompaniment that reflects the Gospel in action. Stories can be shared via John.Petrulis@cam.org.au.

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

at the Basilica 136 Yarra St, Geelong.

MONDAY MARCH 16th at 7.00pm

Bookings at: www.trybooking.com/DHSJJ

Tickets will be available at the door (30 minutes prior to the concert) – cash sales only!

General: \$55; Seniors \$50;

Students (age 10-25) \$35

Under 10 free. Proof of age will be required.

VIQUEQUE SUNDAY – March 1st. 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.

**AN EVENING CELEBRATING TIMOR-LESTE**

Geelong-Viqueque Friendship Schools, in conjunction with Deakin University, invites you to come along to a special evening on **Friday March 13th** 6.00pm – 10.30pm to listen to Keynote Speaker **Ornella Byak**, Founder and CEO of BETTER Timor and Bakhita School of Excellence and Same Order of Timor recipient. This fundraiser, to be held at Waurm Ponds Estate, will bring together schools, universities, community organisations and individuals who are committed to strengthening education, opportunities and partnership in Timor-Leste. Tickets \$85 adults, \$65 students (under 18). Price includes dinner and dessert. Drinks at bar prices. Visit <http://www.trybooking.com/DIXRV>

MARCH/APRIL 2026 ROSTERS have been emailed out to all volunteers. For your convenience, printed copies have been made available and are in the Sacristy.

AV-SOUND OPERATORS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

If this call for help resounds with you, please contact us with your details and availability (*or for more information*) using this email address:

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Knowledge of the Catholic Mass Liturgy and some basic computer understanding will be helpful for this role. Training on our AV-sound system is provided.

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OPEN DAY – ST MARGARET’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ENROL TO LEARN. GRADUATE TO LEAD.

St Ignatius College, Drysdale – is now welcoming Year 7, 2027 applications for families wishing to seek an outstanding Ignatian education for their children. **Applications close on Friday the 8th of May, 2026.**
<https://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au/>

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

JUNIOR CHOIR New members are very welcome. Practices are Fridays after school @ 3.30pm in the Café/Hibernian Hall – 150 Yarra Street. Next Mass: Sunday March 29th @ 11am
MIXTURES CHOIR will sing at 11am Mass on Sunday March 15th with practice prior, on the day @ 9.30am in the Café/Hibernian Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Rebecca: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au
BASILICA CHOIR Next Mass: 9.30am March 1st. New members are welcome. Practices are held in the Sodalities Room on a Thursday evening. For more details please email Jane: jbashiruddin@bigpond.com
Both adult choirs require volunteers to hold a current Working with Children Check. (WWCC)

St Mary’s Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

Last week’s answer: **Mars** has arms. (*an anagram*)

New 1% CLUB QUESTION What three-word phrase describes how this gentleman is feeling is suggested by his position below?



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Friday March 6th, 7.30pm

Violinist Sarah Curro and harpist Jacinta Dennett present an evocative program weaving together contemporary and classic works inspired by darkness, dreams, and the quiet poetry of nocturnal hours. The evening unfolds with Saint-Saëns’ radiant "Fantaisie" for violin and harp, alongside atmospheric works by Sebastian Currier, Villa-Lobos, Salzedo, Westlake, and Crosthwaite. At its heart is **At every instant, one must fly**, a new work by acclaimed Australian composer Melody Eötvös, written especially for the duo and inspired by Pablo Neruda’s "Sonnet 97" from "100 Love Sonnets", inviting listeners into an intimate, reflective sound world beneath the stars.
Tickets: \$35 Full and Seniors; \$30 Concession: available online from www.trybooking.com/DIJNP or at the door. Cash and credit cards accepted. Children and school students – free

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

@ 136 YARRA STREET, GEELONG presents
“SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 5”

Join Frank De Rosso, organ, and associate artists in a journey of music leading up to Easter. Sundays 5.00pm to 5.30pm, at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels. **Admission is free.** Join our artists for refreshments after each presentation.
Sunday 1st March: Maximillian Rudd, guitar
Sunday 8th March: Vicki Hallett, clarinet
Sunday 15th March: Greg Dikmans, baroque flute
Sunday 22nd March: Shannon Ebeling, saxophone

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

God always finishes what he starts.
Faith holds firm and does not panic when timing feels slow. **Waiting** does not mean nothing is happening. **Patience** is hope that refuses to rush; patience honours God’s plan for you.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – People with photographic memories ... *Are they born with it or does it take time to develop?*

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Michelle Courtney, Gaetano Faranda, Salvatore Arpa

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Cosimina Croce, Armando Granata, Daisy Ferrao,



Roma Virgona, Carlota Rodrigues, Elizabeth Coleman, Antonio Sorgiovanni, Heather Paic, Harry Howard, Adam Turley, Patricia O'Donnell, Alicia Margaret Kelly, Sebastiana Puliafito, Ross Jennings, Valma Cioch, Manuel Maca, Salvacion Palma, Charles & Patricia Perry, Rose Brennan, George Mazur,

Giuseppe Campanile, Edward Kornacki **Month Mind:** James McTernan

ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Joan French

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



Third Sunday of Lent - Year A – March 8, 2026



Readings for next week:

Exodus 17: 3 - 7; Romans 5: 1 - 2. 5 - 8; John 4: 5 - 42

Children's Liturgy	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22
11.00am MASS	Domenica Nina	Ella Liz	Slavic Lina	Maria Kerry

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael	Samina	Vicki Z Margot	Samina	Vince
7.30am	Barry	Terry	Annette Nola	Brenda	Carlo
9.30am	Maree	Marita F	Vicki M Rhonda Maree	...	Mick
11.00am	Rosemary	Pamela	Nina Slavica Pamela	Ivan & Karlo	Michael
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca	Mareta E	Marcia	Georgia

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

'Follow' the page and like our updates & articles. A great way to keep in touch.

You can also visit our regularly updated and very informative webpage: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au



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