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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS (next week)

10.00am Tuesday – Saturday
ROSARY recited prior to Mass

RECONCILIATION

After 10am Mass Saturday

SATURDAY (this week April 4th)

7.30pm (Vigil)

SUNDAY (April 5th)

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

EASTER SUNDAY - Year A – April 5, 2026

(Daylight Saving ends at 3am today – Sunday April 5th**)**

Readings for this week:

Acts of the Apostles 10: 34. 37 - 43; Colossians 3: 1 - 4; John 20: 1 - 9

Christo e Risorta, Christos Aneste, Christ is Risen.

This is the Easter proclamation, that Christ is risen from the dead and that He is truly risen indeed.

This is the message which brings us hope and gives us hope. Hope for a better world, hope for a better future for ourselves and our children.

This is the message which dispelled the darkness of fear, despondency and doubt experienced by the disciples after the trauma and tragedy of the death of Jesus.

Pain and sorrow, grief and loss are all a part of our daily lives.

We search for meaning and direction in our lives.

He gives us meaning. He gives us direction. He gives us hope.

Jesus Christ is Lord. He is our Lord of life, bringing light where there is darkness.

Hope, where there is despair. Comfort, where there is pain.

Solace, where there is loss.

Easter is the celebration of the core of our faith.

Jesus Christ the Liberator. Jesus Christ the crucified Son of God.

Jesus Christ the Redeemer, has been raised to glory and is our hope, our salvation and our love. May the risen Lord bring peace joy and love to all of you and your families this Easter season.

Easter blessings and peace from Fr. Vinoth, myself and our Parish team.

(Fr.) Jim Clarke

PIETY GIFT STALL

OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays
10.30am – 1.00pm

CLOSED ON SATURDAYS

OPEN Sundays
10.15am – 12.15pm

CONGRATULATIONS –

The Easter Raffle winner is Maree Ryan.

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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 FOR THIS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm.

Open on the weekend for Saturday 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.

The **PIETY GIFT STALL** is closed on Easter Sunday – April 6th. It will be open again on Tuesday April 7th from 10.30am – 1.00pm.

RCIA UPDATE Following a six-month journey involving weekly meetings and attendance at the 11.00 am Sunday Mass, our RCIA Elect and Candidates will be fully initiated as Catholics at this weekend's Easter Vigil. In all, sixteen adults will be welcomed into our parish: *Daniel F., Daniel W., Elly, Gayathri, Kim, Lawrence, Sarah, Sean, Camila, Cassandra, David, Liezel, Melissa, Neve, Tamika and Tomas*. Please pray for them as they begin this next stage of their life-long journey of faith and service.

WELL WORTH A READ (online)

Our parish RCIA is featured this week on the Archdiocese's "Melbourne Catholic" website.

You can read the story here:

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Sunday April 12th
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

As we enter the Easter season, 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

CATHOLIC DINERS CLUB - APRIL DINNER

You are warmly invited to join for a social get-together for food and friends for dinner for April.
Date: Tuesday April 14th, 2026. Time: 6.00 pm.
Venue: Great Western Hotel, Western Room” access from the bar, cnr Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave, Newtown. Cost: Purchase of meals and drinks at your own cost. If you would like to come to the dinner, please phone or text Joan: 0429 215 111 or Michael: 0431 959 584 by Friday April 10th, as to make the booking we require to know how many are attending. Thank you.



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WHERE ARE YOU NOW DAD? By Marisa Alo (writer) Is a children's book: a gentle and faith-sensitive resource created to support children experiencing grief and loss. This story was written from my own personal experience of navigating and overcoming grief. Through both 'lived' experience and daily work supporting primary students, the writer understands how deeply loss can affect a child's emotional wellbeing, learning, and sense of security. The writer's hope is that this book helps children feel seen, comforted, and supported during difficult times. The themes align closely with Catholic education values - compassion, dignity of the human person, hope, and pastoral care. The narrative encourages open conversations about loss, affirms that love continues beyond physical presence, and gently supports faith-based discussions about remembrance and God's enduring presence. The book is available for purchase on Amazon in both paperback and eBook formats using this link: [Where Are You Now Dad? : Alo, Miss Marisa, Alo, Marisa, Alo, Marisa: Amazon.com.au: Books](https://www.amazon.com.au/dp/B09L3M3M3M) Also available at the Piety Stall \$20 per copy.

MCM Sleep At The 'G Event - Thursday May 14th

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: <https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sleepattheg.com.au%2Ffundraisers%2Fantoniaerceg&data=05%7C02%7Crhay%40stmarysgeelong.com.au%7Cd9f3273eccb44e89ca0d08de8eeabd69%7Cac8d86a92435444abb15f727db5739ee%7C0%7C0%7C639105336052818972%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWU%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2928PhFWu4B%2FsfCugkhj5Tur1EL%2FqyylWC88EPD1nxs%3D&reserved=0>, and donate. 🙏👤 Thank you.

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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

Junior Choir is currently taking a break for a few months. Start back date to be decided.

Mixtures Choir will sing at the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday (April 5th). After this Mass the Mixtures will be taking a break for a few months. Start back date to be decided.

Basilica Choir will be singing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday Veneration, Holy Saturday Vigil, and 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

New members are welcome. Practices are held in the Sodalities Room on a Thursday evening.

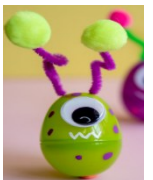
For more details please email Jane:

jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK It always seems impossible until it is done - Nelson Mandela

JOKE FOR THE DAY What do you call an easter egg from outer space?
An egg-staterrestrial.



St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer to last week's question is: (2)
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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Joseph Monsour, Michael Creece, Angelo Muscat, Peter Paul Muscat, Joe Muscat, Dorothy Patricia Bourke, Domingos Alfonso Silveira, Giuseppe Trentino, Angelina Trentino, Philip St John, Asbjorn Hansen, Nane Mercado, Antonio Marinelli, Sr Marie Doolan RSM, Judy McMahon, Phil Biscoombe, Charles Vella, Bernard James Stow, Maurice William O'Brien

THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: ...

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.



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



Readings for next week:

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

Children's Liturgy	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
11.00am MASS	No CLOW Easter Sunday	No CLOW School Holidays	No CLOW School Holidays	TBC

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Lorraine	Brendan	Vicki Z Margot	Yvette	Vince
7.30am	Antonia	Terry	Nola Annette	Brenda	Lachlan
9.30am	Rhonda	Jennifer	Clare Vicki M Rhonda	...	Geoff J
11.00am	Pamela	Domenica	Nina Maria +1	Prue	The 11am team
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca	Barry	Dominic	Rebecca

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

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