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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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A – February 1, 2026

Readings for this week:

Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13; 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31; Matthew 5: 1-12

Reflection – Leo's Lens

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It is hard to be a peacemaker in an age of conflict and division, but this is just what we are all called to be. One of the best ways for us Christians to be peacemakers is, as Pope Leo says, 'to love and nurture fraternity'. 'Fraternity', the Pope points out, 'stems from something deeply human.' As he suggests, 'it is certain that our humanity is best fulfilled when we exist and live together.' Fraternity is a calling, written in our being by our Maker.

Jesus shows us how to fulfil that calling. As the Pope says, 'to overcome the shadows that threaten it, we need to go to the source, and above all to draw light and strength from Him who alone frees us from the poison of enmity.' Following his predecessor, Pope Francis, Pope Leo also encourages us to look to the witness of St Francis of Assisi whose approach to others was 'the inclusive way'. St Francis of Assisi 'placed all human beings on the same level, precisely because he recognised them in their common destiny of dignity, dialogue, welcome and salvation.'

As the Pope affirms, the welcoming of others signifies 'a universal fraternity', and thereby 'expresses an essential feature of Christianity'. Jesus' call to his followers is to become a blessing for others, proclaimers 'of the Good News destined for the salvation of all.'

[Quotes from <i>General Audience</i>, 12 November 2025:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2025/documents/20251112-udienza-generale.html>]

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PIETY GIFT STALL

OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays

10.30am – 1.00pm

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OPEN Sundays

10.15am – 12.15pm



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*****NOTICE*****

February 2nd & 3rd: BASILICA CLOSED
Due to deep cleaning.

The **PIETY STALL** opens on **Wednesday February 4th at 10.30am**. From then on it will open at its normal regular hours, unless it is a public holiday. Please see the front of the Bulletin for details of the hours it is open.

St Mary's Parish is offering two Lenten groups in 2026. The evening group will meet on **Mondays at 7.30pm** commencing Feb 16th and the daytime group will meet on **Tuesdays at 10.45am** from Feb 17th. Groups will use "Our Hearts on Mission" and can be purchased from the Parish Office in the coming days. To register, please email kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au or phone the Parish Office on 5222 1977 to select your preferred group. The groups will meet in the Pioneer Room (Upper Level) each week.

VIQUEQUE SUNDAY – February 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.

LOURDES DAY – Wednesday February 11th.
Weekday Mass: 10.00am @ St Mary's Basilica.
Our official **Parish Lourdes Day Mass** (and World Day of the Sick) will be held on **Saturday February 14th at 10.00am**. An anointing of the sick is included within the celebration of this Mass. Following the Mass there will be no Reconciliation, as attending Mass and receiving the anointing takes its place. After Mass you are warmly invited to remain for a 'cuppa and cookie' in the Narthex.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 18th. Masses will be held at 10.00am, 12noon (midday) and 7.30pm.
This begins the season of Lent.

RADIO MASS This broadcast on PULSE FM 94.7 @ 10.00am on a Sunday, is brought to you from **St Mary's Parish, Geelong**. If you miss the Sunday Mass broadcast, you can listen to the current, and previous Sunday Masses online, by clicking on this link: <https://947thepulse.com/shows/sunday-at-saint-marys/> These audio recordings can be accessed at any time of the day. You will require the internet to connect and listen.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL CLASSES 2026

ENROL NOW !! LAST CHANCE !!

If you are looking to make CONFIRMATION please enrol NOW or you will miss out.

Our Parish Confirmation classes start on Tuesday February 3rd at 4pm. Confirmation is on March 25th & March 26th. These classes are intended for Catholic families with children who attend non-Catholic Primary schools.

Enrolments are open for 2026. If you would like to enrol for 2026, please contact the St Mary's Parish Office on 5222 1977 or email "ATTENTION: Anna" admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Prayer for School Staff and Children

Loving Father, bless the students with curiosity and kindness, our teachers and staff with wisdom and patience.
Protect our schools with peace, and let this year be filled with learning, joy, and unity.
Amen.

AV VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR SUNDAY MASSES

If this call for help resounds with you, please contact us with your details and availability (or for more information) via email: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au or you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977. Knowledge of the Catholic Mass Liturgy and some IT skill is preferable. Training on our AV/sound system is provided.

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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

Junior Choir 2026 - School Term 1.

After school practice: Friday February 6th @ 3.30pm in the Café/Hibernian Hall – 150 Yarra Street. Next Mass: Sunday February 22nd @ 11am

Mixtures Choir will sing at 11am Mass on Sunday February 15th with practice prior, on the day, @ 9.30am in the Café/Hibernian Hall.

New members are welcome for both these choirs. Contact Rebecca: rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Basilica Choir resumes singing @ 9.30am Mass on February 1st. New members are welcome.

Practices will be held in the Sodalities Room on a Thursday evening. For more details please email Jane: jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

IS YOUR WWCC current and up to date?

*In our Parish it is expected that every adult above the age of 18, who volunteers within the Parish for any ministry, must have a current up to date **Working with Children Check (WWCC)**. This information must be brought into the Parish Office for details to be noted and filed away securely. If you have not provided your current details, please pop into the Office to update the records. Thankyou.*

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED PLEASE

Young Catholic professional pharmacist, employed full-time, is seeking accommodation in Geelong. If you can help, please contact: 0466 715 407 or gulzarmariam1234@gmail.com.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends"

- Martin Luther King Jr.

JOKE FOR THE DAY

Obeying road signs can be quite time consuming



ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

Pantry operating days and times are:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm.

To use/access the help of the Pantry you require a current Centrelink card, refugee card or referral from an aid/help "department".

Donations of non-perishable foods and toiletry items will be received with gratitude and thanks.

Monetary donations to the Parish Pantry are tax deductible, and very much appreciated.

Please contact the Parish Office (5222 1977) during the week to make your donation.

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, 136 Yarra Street, Geelong.

Admission is free. Join our artists for refreshments after each presentation.

Sunday 22nd February: Olivier Bonnici, violin

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

Venue: St George the Martyr Anglican Church,
cnr. Mercer & Hobson Sts, Queenscliff

Sunday February 15th at 2.30pm

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA presents

WORDS AND MUSIC

Local Poets reading their own poetry accompanied by musicians.

Tickets \$20 from: www.trybooking.com/DIITE or at the door. Cash & credit cards accepted.

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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Glenda Andres Lopez, Victorino Lucas, James McTernan, Jill Clay, Anthony (Tony) Sammut



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Raymond Wood, Catrina Velluci, Zofia Rudski, Roman Dabrowski, Kenneth McMahon, Salvatore Casaceli, Adam Zychla, Ann Nelson, Cornelius Biemans, Margaret Malone, Concetta Orioli, Velia Di Rocco, Stanley Stewart, Margaret Murray, Josie Gumina, John A Day (QLD), Cosimina Croce, Peter Brennan, Maureen Moynihan, Fr Kevin Bates SM, Mieczyslaw Kornacki

Month Mind: Peter Hardiman

ALL 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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY [CLOW] - [For children Grade 2 – Grade 6] STARTS FEBRUARY 9th

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, especially if any of your circumstances or 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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A – February 8, 2026

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 58: 7 - 10; 1 Corinthians 2: 1 - 5; Matthew 5: 13 - 16



Children's Liturgy	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22
11.00am MASS	xxx No CLOW	Ella Kerry	Maria Lina	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Margot	Lorraine	Margot Vicki	Samina	Vince
7.30am	Lesley	Annette	Annette Nola	Carlo	Glenn
9.30am	Rhonda	Jennifer	Marita C Geoff M Ann	...	Mick
11.00am	Slavica	Rosemary	Pamela Domenica Lina	Ivan & Karlo	Klaus
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca	Mareta	Dominic	Natalia

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

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