



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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## MASS TIMES

### WEEKDAY MASS

10.00am Tuesday – 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 Tuesdays to Fridays  
10.30am – 1.00pm ✠  
CLOSED ON SATURDAYS  
OPEN Sundays

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C – February 15, 2025

### Readings for this week:

**Sirach 15: 15 - 20; 1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10; Matthew 5: 17 - 37**

### Reflection on the Gospel

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'Education is not only the transmission of content,' Pope Leo says, 'but also the learning of virtues. It forms citizens capable of serving and believers capable of witnessing, men and women who are freer, no longer alone.'

Making these comments, the Pope wants us to recapture the true core of the Church's mission to educate.

He encourages us to make sure our schools become 'an environment in which faith, culture and life intertwine ... a living environment in which the Christian vision permeates every discipline and every interaction.'

But he also notes what takes place outside of schools and universities.

The family, he reminds us, 'remains the first place of education'.

In these changing times, he suggests, we must avoid any 'technophobia' that would see us withdraw from opportunities to put forth the Christian message – not only by teaching, but first and foremost by witness.

We do well then, to foster 'an educational style that promotes respect, personalised accompaniment, discernment and the development of all the human dimensions.' We should also embrace an educational mindset that 'is fulfilled and strengthened also through the contemplation of Creation'.

At certain moments, we are all educators. We therefore have an important vocation to, as the Pope puts it, 'cultivate a heart that listens, a gaze that encourages, and an intelligence that discerns.'

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES – 3 Masses

Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>. 10.00am, 12noon, and 7.30pm

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on the Fridays of Lent (*starting with Friday February 20<sup>th</sup> and excluding Good Friday*). Rosary will be recited at 9am followed by the Stations of the Cross at 9.30am prior to the 10am Mass.

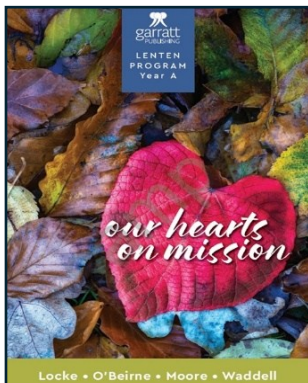
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In the spirit of reconciliation, the Parish of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong acknowledges the Waddawarrung people, the Traditional Owners and Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

**BASILICA OPEN TIMES ARE:** Monday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Tuesday - 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.**



#### PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

The groups will be using the Lenten book "Our Hearts on Mission". The book is available from the Parish Office and Piety Stall for \$8.00.

**The Parish is offering two Lenten groups this year: evening and daytime.**

The **evening group** will meet on **Mondays at 7.30 pm**, commencing this coming Monday, **February 16<sup>th</sup>**. The **daytime group** will meet on **Tuesdays at 10.45 am**, commencing this coming Tuesday **February 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Please register as soon as possible by emailing [kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au) or phoning the Parish Office on (03) 5222 1977, noting your preferred group. The groups will meet in the Pioneer Room (Parish Office upper level).

#### QUIZMEISTER'S TRIVIA NIGHT

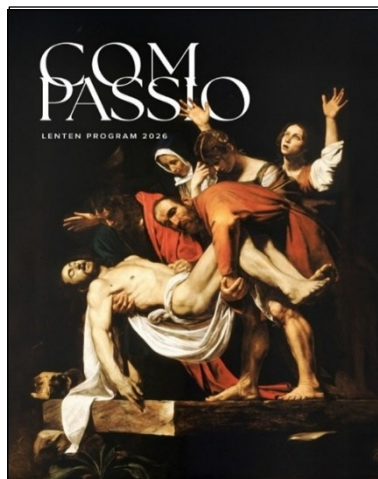
This is an invitation to all who are a part of St Mary's Parish to come & join in, especially new parishioners! This will be a monthly social gathering, as a way to get to know and connect more with others in our wonderful faith community. **When:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February. **Where:** Little Creatures Brewery, Geelong - 221 Swanston St, South Geelong  
Time: 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start (finishes 8:30pm)  
**Cost:** No cost for the Trivia! However, you can purchase your own food and drinks. **RSVP: 1.00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** to Samina 0402 202 570 or David 0414 257 687. Seats are limited!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>** at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra St, Geelong @ **11am**.

This year the theme is "I will give you rest: Come" and is prepared by the WDP COMMITTEE in Nigeria.

Guest Speaker: Mr Dempeh Daboer, a member of the board at Cultura. **Everyone is welcome.**

For more details please call: Heather Watson 0412 139295 or Sue Donoghue 0412 784 331



#### "COMPASSIO" LENTEN BOOK

This Lent, enter into the heart of *compassio* – to "suffer with" – a grace-filled invitation to stand with Christ and with one another. This beautifully designed, full-colour Lenten book is produced by the Diocese of Wollongong.

An ideal personal prayer companion for the journey of Lent, it will guide you through daily reflections, Sunday Gospel readings and reflections, spiritual direction and prayers.

**Copies are now available from the Piety Gift Stall and Parish Office for \$8.00.**

#### CONGRATULATIONS GEELONG!

The Geelong Viqueque Friendship Schools was recently presented the "Order of East Timor" medal by President Jose Ramos-Horta. The medal was presented to each of the Australian Friendship Groups, including Geelong, for outstanding support over 25 years. With our partnership in its 17th year, St Mary of the Angels can be very proud of our enduring "parish partnership" with Mary Immaculate in Viqueque. Please take one of the flyers in the Narthex and read about all we have achieved together, including plans for the future.



#### 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 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 Waurin 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>

#### Pako Festa in Pako West

**Saturday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – 9am till 4pm**

**ALL ARE INVITED & WELCOME**

**THE EVENT IS FREE OF CHARGE**

**3 x PRIZES of \$1000 each to be won!**



#### SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

Whoever you are, we'd love to hear from you about how we can help or how you can contribute!

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### OPEN DAYS – ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

A place to learn, grow and be inspired. Thursday February 26th @ 9.15am & @ 12noon. Thursday March 12th @ 9.15am & 12noon. To book a personal tour or find out more call: 5229 7453. Visit the school website online: <https://www.smgeelongeast.catholic.edu.au/>

### ENROL TO LEARN. GRADUATE TO LEAD.

St Ignatius College, Drysdale – Year 7 2027  
This College is a Catholic co-educational secondary college located on the Bellarine Peninsula, a proud Jesuit Partner School that shares the spiritual and educational philosophy of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. The College 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/>

**'BADGE-A-MINT' MACHINE & ACCESSORIES \$80** or make us an offer. **Makes circular badges.** Which can be used for name or decorative badges. The machine is very easy to use & comes with instructions. Please call the Parish Office 5222 1977 if you are interested.

### 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. You can email Rebecca (see email below) or just come along and start. Next Mass: Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11am  
**Mixtures Choir** will sing at 11am Mass on Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> with practice prior, on the day @ 9.30am in the Café/Hibernian Hall. New members are welcome. Contact Rebecca: [rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au)  
**Basilica Choir** Next Mass: 9.30am February 15<sup>th</sup>. New members are welcome. Practices are held in the Sodalities Room on a Thursday evening. For more details please email Jane: [jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)  
**Both adult choirs require volunteers to hold a current Working With Children Check. (WWCC)**

### ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

**Pantry operating days and times are:**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm.**

### CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

at the Basilica 136 Yarra St, Geelong.

**MONDAY MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**

Bookings at: [www.trybooking.com/DHSJJ](http://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.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Olivier Bonnici, violin

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Maximillian Rudd, guitar

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Vicki Hallett, clarinet

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Greg Dikmans, baroque flute

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Shannon Ebeling, saxophone

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

**THIS SUNDAY - Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.trybooking.com/DIITE)  
or at the door. Cash & credit cards accepted.

Children and school students free.

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

**All proceeds from this event go to the Restoration Appeal for St George of the Martyr Anglican Church**

### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

We love life not because we are used to living, but that we are used to loving – *Friedrich Nietzsche*

### JOKE OF THE WEEK Happy Valentine's Day

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?  
Because they're scent-imental creatures.



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## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John "Barry" Burke, Harry Raymond "Ray" Wilby, Doreen Garniss

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Anna Matijevic, Antonino Zavaglia, David Wiegand, Irene Rosalind McIlvena, Ignacio Fernandez, Nora Doolan, Nesifred Solis, Conrado Solis, Lorna Marshall, Harold Solis, Sid Hart, Daniel Arcayna, Pasquale Monea, Juanita McFarlane, Irene Dunstan, Terry Brennan, Margaret Tobin, Romeo Cabardo, Dermot Jerinic, Dinny Moriarty, Patrick Moriarty



**THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** We pray for them all... Amen.

*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] - FILL OUT YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!!

Scan this QR code to access the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM**. [For children Grade 2 – Grade 6] 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



## First Sunday of Lent - Year A - February 22, 2025

### Readings for next week:

**Genesis 2: 7 - 9; 3: 1 - 7; Romans 5: 12 - 19; Matthew 4: 1 - 11**



Children's Liturgy	February 15	February 22	March 1	March 8
11.00am MASS	Maria Lina	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	Domenica Nina	Ella Liz

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Jude	Brendan	Vicki Margot	Tim	Vince
7.30am	Barry	Nola	Annette Nola	Monica	Carlo
9.30am	Maree R	Rhonda	Maree R Geoff M Marita C	...	Mick
11.00am	Linda	Alec	Georgia Barbara Slavica	Domenica/Neve	Prue & Klaus
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca	Keith	Marcia	Ella

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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](http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au)

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