



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

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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

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

### Readings for this week:

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

### Reflection Leo's Lens

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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.'

[Quotes from Apostolic Letter Drawing New Maps of Hope, 27 October 2025: [https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost\\_letters/documents/20251027-disegnare-nuove-mappe.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_letters/documents/20251027-disegnare-nuove-mappe.html)]

### PIETY GIFT STALL

OPEN Tuesdays to Fridays  
10.30am – 1.00pm  
CLOSED ON SATURDAYS  
OPEN Sundays  
10.15am – 12.15pm

## Pako Festa in Pako West

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

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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 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 on **February 16<sup>th</sup>**.

The daytime group will meet on **Tuesdays at 10.45 am**, commencing **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).

#### Our official PARISH LOURDES DAY MASS

(and World Day of the Sick) will be held on **Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### QUIZMEISTER'S TRIVIA NIGHT

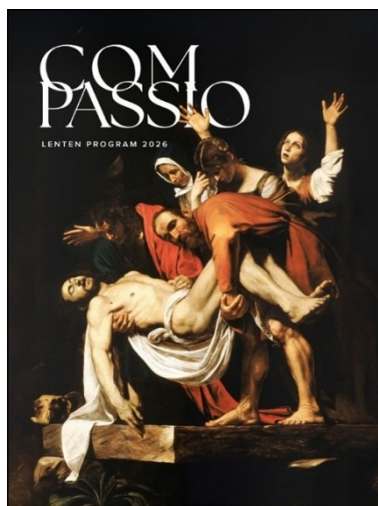
This is an invitation to all who are a part of St Mary's Parish to come & join in, especially new parishioners! This will be a monthly social gathering, as a way to get to know and connect more with others in our wonderful faith community. Even if you hate Trivia nights you will have blast here! **When:** 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!

#### ASH WEDNESDAY begins the season of Lent.

On Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>. Masses will be held at 10.00am, 12noon (midday) and 7.30pm.



"As you enter Lent, whether alone or in a group, I encourage you to engage with these reflections openly and courageously. Allow Christ to walk with you, to share your burdens, and to draw you into greater compassion for others."

– Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD – Bishop of Wollongong

#### "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.**

#### 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 13 March 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>

**'BADGE-A-MINT' MACHINE & ACCESSORIES \$80** or nearest offer. Makes circular badges. Can be used for name or decorative badges. Easy to use. Call the Parish Office 5222 1977 if you are interested.



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## OPEN DAYS – ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday February 26th @ 9.15am & @ 12noon

Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9.15am & 12noon

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<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, and a member of the Ignatian Network of 95 schools in Australasia, together with other schools and universities worldwide, that share 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.**

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## Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

**Junior Choir 2026** - School Term 1.

After school practice for Term 1 has commenced on Fridays after school @ 3.30pm in the Café/Hibernian Hall – 150 Yarra Street. New members are very welcome, 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 8<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

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**Pantry operating days and times are:**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm.**

## CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

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**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**

**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**

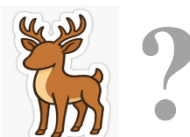
**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK** "If you can't fly, then run; if you can't run, then walk; if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

What do you call a deer with no eyes?

No-eye deer



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## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Janette Egan, Letty Parker

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Stanley Stewart, Nicoletta Paolini, Renato Paolini, Paolo Paolini, Robert Marguglio, Peter Marguglio, David Marguglio, Kazimiera Timanowicz, Jude Patching, Ena Hamilton, Lesley Robertson, Karlo Muzik, Glenn Lesley Russell, John Sheridan, Margita Frlan, Anica Frlan, Nicola Taranto **Month Mind:** Donald Francis Ito

**THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** all those suffering from depression and anxiety

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.



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[For children Grade 2 – Grade 6] All 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.



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A – February 15, 2026

### Readings for next week:

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



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

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael	Samina	Gael Trish	Yvette	Vince
7.30am	Antonia	Terry	Barry Margi	Brenda	Lachlan
9.30am	Peter M	Geoff M	Erminia Vicki Rhonda	...	Geoff J
11.00am	Shirley	Pamela	Liz Nina Maria	Prue	Klaus
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca	Jack	Teresa	Natalia

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