



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS - GEELONG

150 Yarra St, Geelong 3220 Ph: 03 5222 1977



Website: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au

E-mail: admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Parish Priest:	Fr James Clarke	Email:	frj@stmarysgeelong.com.au
Assistant Priest:	Fr Vinoth Santiago	Email:	jpvinoth@stmarysgeelong.com.au
Business Manager:	Diane Read	Email:	dianer@stmarysgeelong.com.au
Parish Secretary:	Sam Pullin	Email:	samp@stmarysgeelong.com.au
Admin Assistant:	Viv Adamko	Email:	viviennea@stmarysgeelong.com.au
Pastoral Worker:	Anna Demetriou	Email:	AnnaMarieD@stmarysgeelong.com.au
RCIA Coordinator:	Kevin Mark	Email:	kevinm@stmarysgeelong.com.au
BULLETIN NOTICES:	DUE BY: Thursdays @ 1.00pm	Email:	rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au Phone: 5222 1977

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

Baptism of the Lord - Year A – January 11, 2026

Readings for this week:

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

Reflection Leo's Lens

© Nick Brodie

'We are not made for a life where everything is taken for granted and static,' Pope Leo says, 'but for an existence that is constantly renewed through gift of self in love.'

Our baptismal calling is, after all, a call to action!

'There is a burning question in our hearts,' the Pope reflects, 'a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom and mediocrity?'

The Pope encourages us to recollect that 'the fullness of our existence does not depend on what we store up.' As we return from the holiday season to Ordinary Time, we may well reflect on this: Life is about more than possessions.

'We need to lift our eyes,' the Pope says, and 'realise that everything in the world has meaning only insofar as it serves to unite us to God and to our brothers and sisters in charity.'

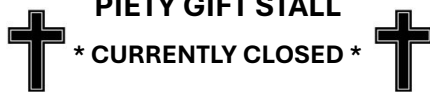
We should, the Pope says, appreciate that 'fullness has to do with what we joyfully welcome and share.' Our lives are more fulsome when they are open to celebrating the gifts and serving the needs of others.

[Quotes from Homily for Mass of Jubilee of Youth, August 3, 2025:

[https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2025/documents/20250803-omelia-giubileo-giovani.html)

[xiv/en/homilies/2025/documents/20250803-omelia-giubileo-giovani.html\]](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2025/documents/20250803-omelia-giubileo-giovani.html)

Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart. A graduate of the Australian National University, Flinders University, and the University of Tasmania, he is the author of several books on Australian history and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics. In 2017 he was awarded the Bruce Mansfield Prize for the best article in the Journal of Religious History. He is currently studying Theology.



**Opens again at 10.30am on
Tuesday February 3rd, 2026**

PAKO WEST

Geelong's premier shopping strip wishes all its customers a happy and joyous festive season.

Shop Pako West



Bay Leaf Kitchen

Supporting Families Through Difficult Times

We would love to chat about how you can contribute

Call: Martin Rowan on 0419 528 495

www.bayleafkitchen.com.au

admin@bayleafkitchen.com.au

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Account Name: Bay Leaf Kitchen

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000

ACC No: 1683 9474 0



**CRAWFORDS
FUNERALS**

03 5248 5500

1 COPPARDS RD, NEWCOMB. 3219
Website: www.crawfordsfunerals.com.au

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 THIS WEEK ARE:

Monday 10.00am – 5.00pm;
 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

As you may be aware, Monday January 26th is the Australia Day Public holiday. The Parish Office will be closed for the entire day.
 The Basilica will also be closed and because this day is the priests “rest day”, we have no priests available for an Australia Day Mass. Recognition and acknowledgement for Australia Day will be included in all our Sunday Masses held over the prior weekend.

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.

RADIO MASS PULSE FM 94.7

Current Mass broadcasts are back on radio on Sunday January 18th, 2026 - 10.00am

You can listen to previous Sunday Mass broadcasts 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. They are not a podcast and therefore cannot be downloaded.

You will require the internet to gain access.



Our patients have voted us first in Emergency Care

St John of God Emergency Department
 Open 7.00am to 10.00pm
 7 days a week

SANTO NIÑO (INFANT JESUS) CELEBRATION

Invitation to join in a 9-day novena and 13th Annual Sinulog fiesta celebration!

January 8th - 16th 9-day Novena with Mass at 5:30pm (Please note location: *Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday* at St Francis Xavier Church Corio & *Friday and Wednesday* at St Anthony of Padua Church 90 Kees Rd Lara.

January 17th, 2026 at 10:30am SINULOG FIESTA at ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, CORIO – located at 143 Bacchus Marsh Rd, Corio. Sinulog cultural performances by Melbourne and Geelong groups, with procession, Holy Mass, and fellowship. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**
 Search FB event: Geelong 13th Sinulog Fiesta celebration.

*Take up the challenge to open your hearts
 and minds to hear the voice of God and
 receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES - 2026

Are you interested to join a Ministry in our church? Can you see yourself as a Reader, Special Minister, Welcomer, Collector, Flower arranger, an AV-sound operator or Altar server? We invite you to contact us with your details and availability (or for more information) via email: admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au or you can call the Parish Office during the week on 5222 1977.

Training & continued support across all our ministries is provided.

- For AV operator, knowledge of the Catholic Mass Liturgy and some basic computer skill is desirable. Thorough training on our AV/sound system is provided to help with complete confidence in operation.

WE REALLY NEED YOU 



Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR BASILICA CHOIR

The Junior Choir, Mixtures Choir and the Basilica Choir are currently on a well-earned and deserved break.

Junior Choir will resume in 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

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer to last week's question is: Meredith.

Attendees at party were 5 - including Meredith

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

A mother and father have three daughters.

Each daughter has one brother. How many children do the mother and father have in total?

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you're willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it."

- Lou Holtz



JOKE OF THE DAY

CENTRA

(PREVIOUSLY 'THE CARRINGTON HOTEL')
MULTIPLE SIZED FUNCTION SPACES
PERFECT FOR PRE & POST WEDDINGS /
CHRISTENINGS / WAKES etc.
OPEN LUNCH & DINNER
Tues-Sun from 12pm.
5224 1515 - info@centrahotel.com.au



A modern, trusted and committed team
you can rely on!

Our local, family-owned law firm offers services in:

- Property Law (including conveyancing)
- Retirement Village Purchase/Sale
- Commercial Law
- Estate Planning (including Will drafting)
- Deceased Estates
- Employment Law

There's no cost to give us a call and have a chat about your needs

Phone: 03 5213 1300

info@barelegal.com.au

ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

Pantry operating days and times are:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm.

**The Parish Pantry is closed. It will reopen on
Wednesday January 14th, 2026 at 1pm.**

BAY LEAF KITCHEN – supporting families in Geelong through difficult times. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please check out the advertisement on the front page for more details. Website: www.bayleafkitchen.com.au
Email: admin@bayleafkitchen.com.au

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

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA presents

WORDS AND MUSIC

Sunday February 15 @ 2.30pm

Local Poets reading their own poetry accompanied by musicians.

Tickets \$20 from: 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**

Tuckers

Funeral & Bereavement Service

...for a life worth celebrating

5221 4788 www.tuckers.com.au

Serving our community for more than 130 years

AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marija Tomasovic, Donald Ito, Antonia Luis



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Joan Vlahovic, Ronald Cotter, Brian Sexton, Hugh Darragh, Columba Neil Gallagher, Stjepan Vidovic, Anthony (Tony) Bliss, Maria Gazzin, Sheila Laurence, Joan Tormey, John Gill, Maria Marino, John Caruana, Francesca Pandullo, Sheila O'Brien, Jan Czarnuch, Reg Butler, Patricia Biscoombe, Pietro Ficca, Tony Ficca, Tony Langerano, Barry McMahon

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



No new Radio Mass Broadcasts until Sunday Jan. 18th, 2026

RADIO MASS BROADCAST: SUNDAY 10am on The Pulse



CHILDREN'S LITURGY [CLOW] – for school children Grade 2 - Grade 6

Children's Liturgy of the Word is on hiatus and will resume at 11am Masses in the New Year.

The CLOW start date is for 2026: Sunday February 9th.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A – January 18, 2026

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 49: 3. 5 - 6; 1 Corinthians 1:1 - 3; John 1: 29 - 34



TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Samina	Januk	Gael Vicki	Yvette	Vince
7.30am	Annette	Terry	Barry Margi	Carlo	Glenn
9.30am	Peter	Rhonda	Geoff Ann Clare	...	Geoff J
11.00am	Georgia	Shirley	Pamela Domenica Lina	Prue	Klaus
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Natalia	Keith	Teresa	Ella

'St Mary of the Angels Parish' is our official Facebook page for the people of our Parish to stay connected. Receive updates and posts, and view & read daily reflections.

<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



helloworld
TRAVEL
THE TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS
Helloworld Travel Highton
Open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 10-2pm
83 Barrabool Road, Highton VIC 3216
P +61 (03) 5243 9311
E: highton@helloworld.com.au

Bayview
PODIATRY GROUP GEELONG
www.bayviewpodiatrygroup.com
81 Vines Rd, Hamlyn Heights
Ph: 4250 9850

delta
carpets
172 Fyans Street,
South Geelong
Phone: 5221 4222