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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

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

Readings for this week:

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

Reflection – Leo's Lens

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While the familiar often feels comfortable, the Gospel reminds us to seek always to be ready for the Christ who approaches us from unexpected directions. This, Pope Leo explains, is why the Church's rediscovery of the synodal pathway is so important.

As the Pope says, the Church has reached a moment in its history when 'it is necessary to engage in a genuine synodal exercise, that is, to walk together in order to question ourselves, to begin some experimentation and to initiate a serene and frank discernment.'

This is a critical moment for us. The Pope wants us to realise that, if embraced willingly, 'these experiences can help us to discern the future.' The smallest of conversations can lead to great things.

The Pope offers the example of people struggling to find sufficient and dignified work. He urges us 'to be a Church close to the world of work, compassionate and embodied, so that the proclamation of the Gospel may become a concrete presence of consolation and hope.' In this light the Pope wants us to consider how we might adopt 'the style of proximity, listening to the struggles and hardships of the people.'

We should always remember that John urged his followers to look at 'the Chosen One of God' when he saw Jesus approaching.

[Quotes from *Address to Pilgrims from the Dioceses of Tuscany and Others*, 11 October 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2025/october/documents/20251011-pellegrini-toscana.html>]

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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.

JANUARY 26th OFFICE & BASILICA CLOSED

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. **This begins the season of Lent**

PARISH SACRAMENTAL CLASSES 2026

ENROL NOW !! 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

If you are looking to make CONFIRMATION please enrol NOW. For our Parish Confirmation Masses are on March 25th & 26th this year. Lessons are scheduled to commence early February.

MASS ON THE RADIO

Radio Mass broadcasting is back!!

On January 18th the broadcast brought to you by **St Mary's Parish, Geelong** @ 10.00am on Sundays can be heard when you tune to PULSE FM 94.7 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES - 2026

We need more Readers, Special Ministers, Welcomers, Collectors, Flower arrangers, AV-sound operators or Altar servers across all our regular Sunday Masses!!

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 on 5222 1977.

Training & continued support across all our ministries is provided.

- For AV operator, basic 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. You can learn at your pace.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED:

CatholicCare Victoria and Northern Bay College are seeking tutors for 2026! Tutors will assist students in a homework club every Monday & Thursday from 3.15pm-4.45pm which commences in Term 1. Students are from refugee and non-English speaking backgrounds & range from Yr 9-Yr 12. Tutors will need to have good interpersonal skills, cross cultural communication, and can assist with homework learning, social and language development. For more information or to express interest, please call Sally Madigan 0477 005 108 or SALLY.MADIGAN@CATHOLICCAREVIC.ORG.AU

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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

BASILICA CHOIR

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: 4. Each daughter has the same 1 brother.

New 1% CLUB QUESTION If you spell numbers out backwards, so that 'one' becomes 'eno', 'two' becomes 'owt' etc, what is the next number that spells a regular word?

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"When you think everything is someone else's fault, you will suffer a lot. When you realize that everything springs only from yourself, you will learn both peace and joy." - Dalai Lama

JOKE FOR THE DAY A hoarder Collie



ST MARY'S PARISH PANTRY

Address: 150 Yarra St. Geelong

OPERATING HOURS NOW CURRENT

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 for more info. or to make a 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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Rocco Dinaro, Robert Sylvester McFarlane, Ivanka Bartolich, Zenon Peter Ryfinski, Michael Richens,
Eric Slaven, Joanne Pundij, Giuseppe Rivituso, Barry McMahon, Fadlo Anawati

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 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.

We invite you to get in early and enrol now. Scan this QR code to access the form.

ST. JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL CHAPEL MASS: Every Thursday at 11.30am



RADIO MASS BROADCAST: SUNDAY 10am on The Pulse FM 94.7



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - January 25, 2026

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 8: 23 - 9: 3; 1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 13, 17; Matthew 4: 12 - 23



TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Gael	Brendan	Vicki Margot	Tim	Vince
7.30am	Antonia	Barry	Annette Nola	Monica	Lachlan
9.30am	Geoff M	Maree R	Erminia Maree Rhonda	...	Mick
11.00am	Pamela	Linda	Liz Barbara Linda	Domenica + Neve	Michael
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Natalia	Barry	Dominic	Joan

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

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