



# 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

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

### Readings for this week:

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

### Reflection on the Gospel

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Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives.

People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds.

For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition.

It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

### PIETY GIFT STALL

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Opens again at 10.30am on  
Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

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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.

## JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup> OFFICE & BASILICA CLOSED

As you may be aware, Monday January 26<sup>th</sup> is the Australia Day Public holiday. The Parish Office and Basilica will be closed for the entire day.

**See the front page for Mass time details.**

**Columban Calendars** are still available at the Parish Office for \$10 each. The calendar displays traditional religious paintings and liturgical information.

St Mary's Parish is offering two Lenten groups in 2026. The evening group will meet on **Mondays at 7.30pm** commencing Feb 16<sup>th</sup> and the daytime group will meet on **Tuesdays at 10.45am** from Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

**LOURDES DAY** – Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>.  
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 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** February 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:admin@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

**If you are looking to make CONFIRMATION please enrol NOW.** Our Parish Confirmation, Masses are on March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> this year.

## MONDAY JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup> – AUSTRALIA DAY

*Reflection & Prayer excerpt taken from Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge – published 2024*

This day is marked in different ways by the different peoples who form the rich tapestry of this nation lying beneath the Southern Cross.

For some it is a moment to look back with pride on the many achievements of Australia since 26 January 1788.

For others who have come to this land more recently, often escaping the horrors of war, persecution and poverty, it is a moment to give thanks for the new home they have found in this country where they have been able to recover hope and rebuild their lives.

For the first inhabitants of the land Australia Day looks different. We cannot forget the injustice and dispossession they have known since 1788.

A national day can be for us all a moment of deeper reflection when we recognise that Australia, with its many peoples, is capable of great compassion and of a wisdom that understands the truth. It can be a day to recognise what this country can be, a land where all are in fact equal and can walk together into the future God is preparing.

God of all peoples, Lord of the journey who always walk with us, in this land you have blessed us with the first inhabitants of the land who have loved it through the ages:

for them we give you thanks.

You have blessed us in the settlers who made this land their home, and forged a nation with their toil:

for them we give you thanks.

You have blessed us in the many peoples of different languages and cultures who have found a new home here:

for them we give you thanks.

We ask that you make a home among us, so that justice and truth may flourish here and all Australians may walk together into the future you are preparing:

for that we give you thanks.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

\***Junior Choir** will resume in 2026 - school term 1.  
After school practice: Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 3.30pm.

\***Mixtures Choir** will sing at 11am Mass on Sunday  
February 15<sup>th</sup> with practice prior, on the day @  
9.30am.

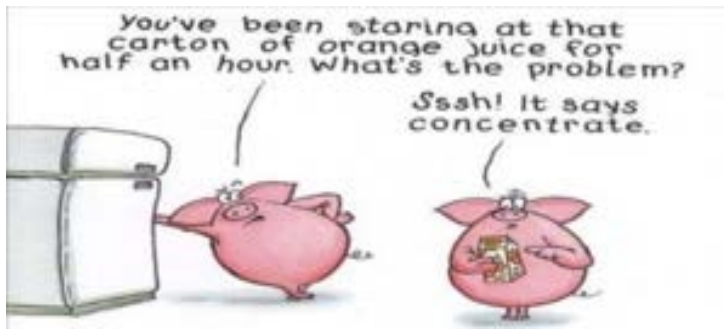
New members are welcome for both these choirs.  
Contact Rebecca: [rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au](mailto:rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au)

\***Basilica Choir** resumes singing @ 9.30am Mass on  
February 1<sup>st</sup>. For more details please email Jane:  
[jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** marked a **National Day of Mourning for the Bondi Victims**. "Loving God, we lift up the victims of the Bondi tragedy, their families, and all who are grieving. Bring comfort to the broken-hearted, healing to the injured, and strength to the community. May compassion and peace surround them in this time of sorrow. Amen."

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK** "Sometimes we get hung up on the challenges of taking that big step of being a disciple. Rather, it is quite simple to take small daily steps with someone who is on the same journey. Discipleship is more about the journey than the destination." - *Craig Kraft*

### JOKE FOR THE DAY



### St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer to last week's question is: 10 - ten becomes net.

**New 1% CLUB QUESTION** Crack the code to deduce this two-word phrase:



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## A Prayer for rain & for our farmers

Lord, we pray for our farmers and their families who toil the land, for their strength and hope to be renewed.

We ask you to send us rain to replenish our lakes, rivers and dams, and to soak the working fields, allowing the planted seeds to sprout and grow into a bountiful harvest.

May this rain be a sign of Your grace, bringing forth fruitfulness and provision, so that all may continue to be fed and our communities grow and thrive. Amen.

**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](mailto:SALLY.MADIGAN@CATHOLICCAREVIC.ORG.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 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

### LOST PROPERTY:

A selection of unclaimed items have gathered in the Parish over recent months. These will be placed in the Office Meeting Room for collection Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 10-3pm. Please check whether anything belongs to you!

Any items not collected by the end of the week will be donated to charity.

**AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:**



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Robyn Lindermann

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Stanislaw Ciezarek, Kathleen Beasley, Anne Cahill, Maria (Caterina) Cook, Patricia Adams, Marie Bede Burke, Shirley McFarlane, Teresa Cicala, Czelaw (Charlie) Godlewski, Connie Villanti, Percy Jones, Maria Vannata, Andelko (Vic) Sesar, Peter Flanders, Gwendoline Jeevan Raj, Sr Lesley Dickinson RSM, Monica Curwood, Stanley Arockiaraj, Pietro Maloni, Lisa Hayden

**Month Mind:** Clare Healey

**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.*

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



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**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 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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



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

**Readings for next week:**

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



| TIMES           | Commentator     | Reader              | Special Ministers          | Welcomers     | Main Collector |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 6.00pm<br>VIGIL | Caroline        | Trish               | Gael<br>Trish              | Maree Q       | Vince          |
| 7.30am          | Nola            | Corinne             | Barry<br>Margi             | Brenda        | Carlo          |
| 9.30am          | Marita C        | Marita F            | Vicki<br>Maree R<br>Clare  | Anna          | Geoff J        |
| 11.00am         | Alec            | Santina             | Nina<br>Georgia<br>Slavica | Liz           | Prue<br>Klaus  |
| <b>AV</b>       | <b>OPERATOR</b> | <b>6.00pm VIGIL</b> | <b>7.30am</b>              | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>11.00am</b> |
|                 |                 | Natalia             | Antonia                    | Teresa        | Charlene       |



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