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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



PIETY GIFT STALL

* CURRENTLY CLOSED *



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



The Feast of the Epiphany - Year A – January 4, 2025

Readings for this week:

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6; Ephesians 3: 2 - 3. 5 - 6; Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Reflection on the Gospel

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Reflecting on Church teaching, Pope Leo reminds us ‘that the Church is the visible sign of the union between God and humanity, where God intends to bring us all together into one family of brothers and sisters and make us his people.’

Such ‘mystery of ecclesial communion,’ he says, helps us to understand the need to become a more synodal Church, ‘recognising that truth is not possessed, but sought together.’

As the Pope points out, the Church is called to be a place ‘where relationships do not respond to the logic of power but to that of love.’ Ours is a Church where a child in a humble manger shows up the absurd claims of the earth’s most powerful rulers.

Indeed, as the Pope stresses, ‘the spiritual life... reveals to us that we are all children of God, brothers and sisters, called to serve one another.’

‘The supreme rule in the Church is love,’ the Pope emphasises.

‘No one is called to dominate; all are called to serve. No one should impose his or her own ideas; we must all listen to one another. No one is excluded; we are all called to participate. No one possesses the whole truth; we must all humbly seek it and seek it together.’

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BASILICA OPEN TIMES 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.

**ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE
re-opens on Monday January 5th 2026,
at 9.00am.**

In the meantime, if you need to contact a priest for emergency end of life/ last rites or hospital visit, please call the Parish Office on: 5222 1977 to retrieve the emergency number from the voicemail message.

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.

LOURDES DAY – Wednesday February 11th.

Weekday Mass: 10.00am @ St Mary's Basilica.

Lourdes Day marks the date of the first Apparition of the Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous (1858). In 1992, Pope John Paul II declared this day World Day of the Sick. Every year, the Sanctuary of Lourdes invites the whole world to pray to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Our official **Parish Lourdes Day Mass** will be held on **Saturday February 14th at 10.00am**.

During this Mass there will be an anointing of the sick. After Mass you are invited to remain for a cuppa and cookie in the Narthex. Following the Mass there will be no Reconciliation, as attending Mass & receiving the anointing takes its place.

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VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES - 2026

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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.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, thank you for guiding us through the past year, for blessings and lessons learned, and awakening us to embrace each new day.

As we step forward, we place our hope in you, trusting your wisdom and promises, knowing you are always by our side.

Kindle a mighty flame within us, giving us strength to always seek your face, to follow your way, and to be instruments of your love, compassion and truth.

Guide our steps, open our eyes to what is presented to us, fill our hearts with your peace and purpose, so that we may shine your light and be your hands and feet in this world.

Help us to make this a year of renewed commitment, to love you more deeply, and to live a life where our words and actions bring glory to your name. Amen.

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Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

ST MARY'S PARISH JUNIOR CHOIR

MIXTURES ADULT CHOIR

BASILICA CHOIR

Having worked so diligently in 2025 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

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR 2026

Young female student requires accommodation for the 2026 school year in Geelong and Greater Geelong area. Can pay board. Can arrange own transport.

If you, or anyone you know, can assist please contact Sr Anne Lourey on 0452 161 937

ACCOMODATION REQUIRED PLEASE

Young Catholic professional, employed full-time, is seeking accommodation in Geelong. If you can help out, please contact via mobile: 0466 715 407.

CAN YOU HELP?

End of lease – need to find new Rental. Geelong West, Newcomb or South Geelong preferred. 1-2 Bedroom; 1-2 Bathroom; near Public transport.

Please contact: CJ on 0426 790 998.

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer to last week's question is:

Midnight Mass

New 1% CLUB QUESTION Arlo, Remi, Franky and Otis all attended Meredith's 5th birthday party. There was exactly one party bag for every child at the party, but when the children went home, one bag was left in the bowl. Who did it belong to?

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.

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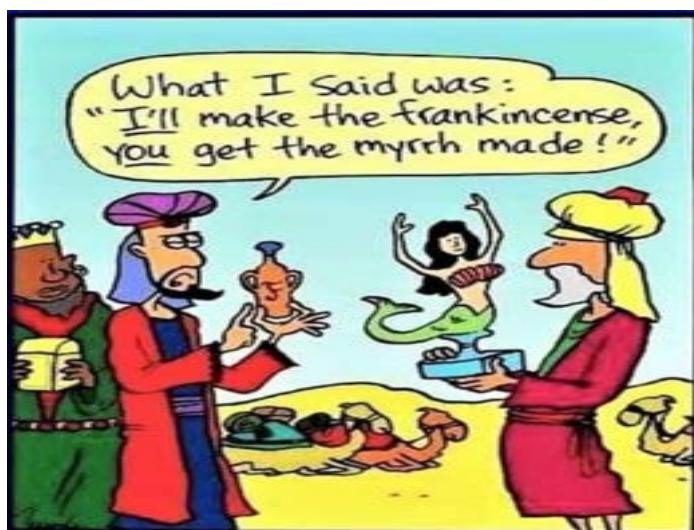
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

– Abraham Lincoln

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AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:



RECENTLY DECEASED: Clare Healey, Peter Hardiman

CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Antonino Pantano, John Eugenio Muratti, Gaetano Inturrisi, Lucia Padula, Darryl (Francis) Lazzaro, Dino Giampetrone, Anette Maree Walsh, Angelo Buso, Mervalene Vaanholt, Stepjan Turkovic, Robyn Anne Kolotelo, Edward John Tarrant, Francis Drew

ALL 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.

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.

At this time, the proposed start date is: Sunday February 1st, 2026.

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

Readings for next week:

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



TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Margot	Kavindu	Vicki Margot	Samina	Vince
7.30am	Corinne	Lesley	Annette Nola	Brenda	Carlo
9.30am	Maree	Marita F	Vicki Rhonda Maree	...	Mick
11.00am	Rosemary G	Slavica	Nina Barbara Georgia	Ivan & Karlo	Michael
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Rebecca	Mareta	Dominic	Charlene/Ella

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to stay connected. Receive updates and posts, and view & read daily reflections.



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