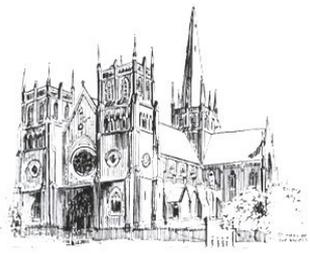




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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS

10.00am Wednesday – Saturday
 ROSARY recited prior to Mass
 Fridays during Lent: 9am Rosary;
 9.30am STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

This week is OPEN
 Wednesday to Friday
 10.30am – 1.00pm
 CLOSED ON SATURDAY
 OPEN Sunday
 10.15am – 12.15pm



Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A – March 15, 2026

Readings for this week:

1 Samuel 16: 1. 6 - 7. 10 - 13; Ephesians 5: 8 - 14; John 9: 1 - 41

Reflection – Leo’s Lens

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‘So many forms of poverty oppress our world!’, Pope Leo cries. ‘The tragedy that cuts across them all’, he adds, ‘is loneliness.’

This plague of loneliness, the Pope suggests, ‘challenges us to look at poverty in an integral way, because while it is certainly necessary at times to respond to urgent needs, we also must develop a culture of attention.’

In short, he suggests we need to learn how to be aware of those people who the world overlooks: those who are pushed to the edges of our politics, our economic system, our communities.

The Pope encourages us, therefore, to ‘be attentive to others, to each person, wherever we are, wherever we live.’ We all have a calling to be sensitive to the needs of others, whether at home, at work, abroad or online. As individuals and communities, he says, we should always be ‘reaching out to the marginalised and becoming witnesses of God’s tenderness.’

‘In the midst of persecution, suffering, struggles, and oppression in our personal lives and in society,’ the Pope reminds us: ‘God does not abandon us. He reveals himself as the One who takes our side.’

But more than that, ‘the presence and word of Christ become gladness and jubilee for the poorest’, inviting us to play our part in making him present in the here and now, always taking the side of those in need.

BASILICA CLOSURE TIMES – THIS COMING WEEK

Monday March 16th and Tuesday March 17th – for continued works
The Piety Stall is closed on Tuesday; No 10am Mass on Tuesday.

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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 THIS WEEK ARE:

Wednesday - 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 the Mass time details.

PIETY GIFT STALL VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a great way to become involved in the Parish? Piety Gift Stall is looking for a few extra volunteers to help keep it open. **Please contact the Parish Office on 5222 1977 with your details.**



During the month of March, the south transept disability access is closed and unfortunately the metal ramp, used in the past weeks, does not meet OH&S safety standards. There will be no disability access during this time. This situation is completely out of our control, and we sincerely apologise for this temporary inconvenience.

*"Lord, grant me patience in all situations today.
Help me to respond with kindness and understanding,
even when faced with challenges.
Fill me with Your calm and grace. Amen."*

BASILICA - HOLY WEEK - EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunday March 29th - Palm Sunday

Regular weekend Mass times, with the long Gospels read only at 9.30am & 11.00am Masses.

Tuesday March 30th

2nd Rite Reconciliation Service - 7.30pm.

Thursday March 2nd - Holy Thursday - there will be no 10.00am Weekday Mass. Evening Mass (*incl. Washing of the Feet Ceremony*) - 7.30pm.

Friday April 3rd - Good Friday

Ecumenical Way of the Cross Procession - weather permitting - commences at 10.45am from Myers St (*at the old Anam Cara driveway*).

Good Friday Veneration of the Cross - Service starts in the Basilica at 3.00pm.

Saturday April 4th - Holy Saturday (daytime)

There will be no 10.00am Mass, but Reconciliation will be held at 10.30am.

Holy Saturday Vigil Mass - starts at 7.30pm with the Paschal Candle lighting ceremony just prior to Mass (*outside the front approx. 15 minutes earlier*)

Sunday April 5th - Easter Sunday Masses - 7.30am; 9.30am; 11.00am; Polish Mass at 12.30pm

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

at the Basilica 136 Yarra St, Geelong.

THIS MONDAY MARCH 16th at 7.00pm

Bookings at: 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.

OUR LADY'S P.S. - MANIFOLD HEIGHTS

You are invited to a reunion of Our Lady's Prep class of 1960. If you were part of this class at any stage through primary school, we would love to see you. It is in the Great Western Hotel, cnr Shannon Ave and Aberdeen St. in the Western Room on Saturday March 28th, 11.30am - 2.30pm. Lunch available from 12noon for those who wish. Toilets and bar close by. To confirm attendance please RSVP to kane2jb@gmail.com

CAFÉ LIGHT - Sunday March 29th.

We are delighted to announce that Café Light, at the Parish Centre - 150 Yarra St, will be open this day (**Palm Sunday**) between 10.30am - 12.30pm. Sacred Heart College staff and student volunteers will be there to serve lovely treats and tea/coffee. The cost per serve - per person is \$5.00. All donations from the Café go to Viqueque



MEMORIAL WALK BRICKS

If you would like to purchase an engraved tile brick, please click on the Order Form below and fill out your details. The bricks are laid onsite at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, 150 Yarra St, Geelong. They line the edging of the pathway in and around the Basilica and are a lasting memory and tribute to family members and loved ones. Use this link below to access and print out the Order Form, then fill out your details and bring it into the Parish Office to place your order. Forms are also available at the Office.

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MASS ON THE RADIO Broadcast brought to you by **St Mary's Parish, Geelong** @ 10.00am Sundays on PULSE FM 94.7. If you miss the 10.00am broadcast, you can listen to the current and some past Sunday Masses online by clicking on this link:

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Encouraged by Fr Joseph Panackal and men of St Joseph's Parish, Meredith, this is an opportunity for men to rediscover God's presence and purpose in their life - to explore what makes them feel fully alive.

Cost: \$50 pp – includes workshops, morning & afternoon tea, lunch & dinner on both days. Register by April 27th. For more information and details on the event you can visit: <https://bannockburn.menalivevic.au>

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WWCC & Safeguarding Essentials online training and Code of Conduct

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Is it time for you to update or complete?

To volunteer in this parish, you require a current WWCC and completion of Safeguarding Essentials module.

It is up to you to keep both these elements up to date.

The **Safeguarding Essentials** is available online.

Your current WWCC number will be required to gain access to the module. This link below should get you to the site where you can log in to complete the module:

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

If you have any issues please contact the Parish Office for help and guidance.

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer to last week's question is: The odd one out was SKIBIDIE. All others when the first 4 letters (the top letters) when reversed made up an item of clothing.

New 1% CLUB QUESTION

What word starts with E ends with E, but only has one letter in it?



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Sundays 5.00pm to 5.30pm. **Admission is free.**
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Sunday 15th March: Greg Dikmans, baroque flute
Sunday 22nd March: Shannon Ebeling, saxophone

Music at the Basilica

136 Yarra St, Geelong presents

EASTER CONCERT Sunday March 29th at 4.00pm.

Tickets \$50 full; \$40 Concession; available from
www.trybooking.com/DIJNV

Or available at the door. Cash and credit cards accepted. Children and school students - free

Music Ministry - Parish Choirs

Junior Choir (LAST MASS FOR THE TERM)

Practices are Fridays after school @ 3.30pm in the Café/Hibernian Hall – 150 Yarra Street.

Next Mass: Sunday March 29th @ 11am

Mixtures Choir

Will sing at 11am Mass on Sunday March 15th with practice prior, on the day @ 9.30am, in the Café/Hibernian Hall.

Basilica Choir Next Mass: 9.30am March 15th.

New members are welcome. Practices are held in the Sodalities Room on a Thursday evening.

For more details please email Jane:

jbashiruddin@bigpond.com

Both adult choirs require volunteers to hold a current Working with Children Check. (WWCC)

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK: “If you don't take responsibility for programming yourself, then someone else will.” - Paul McKenna

JOKE FOR THE DAY Alrighty then....

A gentleman hails a cab and asks: “Can you please tell me how much it will cost to take me to the station?” “It'd be around \$15, sir.” was the reply.

“And how much for my suitcase?”

“No charge for the suitcase, sir.”

“Okay then. You take the suitcase and I'll walk.”



AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathlyn Naughton, Valerie Nelson (nee Kent), Leo Balase, Eamon Mullahy



CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Rosario Marguglio, Cheryl Marguglio, Matthew Costa, Richard Costa, Elaine Harvey, Eneas Connolly, Rita Soldani, Veronica Keys, Maria Restifa, Henricus Broekman, Bruno Siketa, Franco Ciconte, William Harris, Giuseppe Tuminello, Meg Rogan, Michael Frank Bourke, Archie Hunt, Dionisio Balase, Sebastian Balase, Valeriana Balase, Joyce Eva Hunt, Stefania Nutkiewicz

Month Mind: Janette Egan, Barry Burke

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



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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY [CLOW] - FILL OUT YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY!!

Scan this QR code to access the **CHILDREN'S LITURGY REGISTRATION FORM**. [For children Grade 2 – Grade 6] 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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A – March 22, 2026



Readings for next week:

Ezekiel 37: 12 - 14; Romans 8: 8 - 11; John 11: 1 - 45

Children's Liturgy	March 15	March 22	March 29	April 5
11.00am MASS	Maria Lina	Slavica Kerry	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	xxx No CLOW School Holidays

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Trish	Jude	Vicki Margot	Tim	Vince
7.30am	Nola	Seung (new)	Annette Nola	Monica	Lachlan
9.30am	Rhonda	Geoff M	Maree Erminia Rhonda	...	Mick Stokes
11.00am	Rosemary	Shirley	Liz Domenica Linda	Domenica & Neve	Prue & Klaus
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Natalia	Antonia	Dominic	Charlene

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