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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

OPEN this week

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

10.30am – 1.00pm

CLOSED ON SATURDAYS

OPEN Sundays

10.15am – 12.15pm

## Fifth Sunday of Lent Time - Year A - March 22, 2026

### Readings for this week:

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

### REFLECTION

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Pope Leo wants us to remember that we are not children of ‘a distant, inaccessible and immovable God ... but a God who is close to us and accompanies us on our journey in the world, even in the darkest places on earth.’ This mystery has profound implications for how we understand our Christian calling.

‘Is God for me the living God, close to me in every situation, the Father to whom I turn with filial trust?’, the Pope asks. ‘Is he the Creator to whom I owe everything I am and have, whose mark I can find in every creature?’ Such reflection prompts the Pope to ask further questions: ‘Am I willing to share the goods of the earth, which belong to everyone, in a just and equitable manner? How do I treat creation, the work of his hands? Do I exploit and destroy it, or do I use it with reverence and gratitude, caring for and cultivating it as the common home of humanity?’

‘Love for God without love for neighbour is hypocrisy’, the Pope declares emphatically. ‘In following Jesus,’ he says, ‘the ascent to God passes through descent and dedication to our brothers and sisters ... In the face of disasters, wars and misery, we bear witness to God’s mercy to those who doubt him only when they experience his mercy through us.’

### BASILICA CLOSURE TIMES – THIS COMING WEEK

**Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>** – for continued works

The Piety Stall is therefore closed on Tuesday and there will be no 10.00am Mass on Tuesday.

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### BASILICA OPEN TIMES THIS WEEK ARE:

Wednesday, Thursday & 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.**

### \*BASILICA - HOLY WEEK - EASTER SCHEDULE\*

#### **PALM SUNDAY - Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> RITE RECONCILIATION SERVICE –**

**Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>** - 7.30pm.

**HOLY THURSDAY - Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - there will be  
no 10.00am Weekday Mass. Evening Mass (incl.  
Washing of the Feet Ceremony) - 7.30pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY - Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS PROCESSION -**  
weather permitting - commences at 10.45am from  
Myers St (at the old Anam Cara/Presbytery driveway).

**GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION OF THE CROSS -** Service  
starts in the Basilica at 3.00pm.

**HOLY SATURDAY - Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>** - (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)

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES - Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>**

7.30am; 9.30am; 11.00am; Polish Mass at 12.30pm

### ITALIAN WAY OF THE CROSS – GOOD FRIDAY

Will be held in the Basilica on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from  
9.30am – 10.15am in Italian. All are invited to attend.  
AVVISO Venerdì Santo alle ore 9.30am. Ci sarà la  
Crucis in Italiano. Benvenuti.

### MEMORIAL WALK BRICKS – INVITATION TO PURCHASE

These 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 during the week to place your  
order. Forms are also available at the Office.

<https://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/files/MEMORIAL%20WALK%20BRICKS%20ORDER%20FORM%202023.pdf>

### PIETY GIFT STALL VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOU !!

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.**

### CAFÉ LIGHT - Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> NEXT WEEK

Café Light, at the Parish Centre - 150 Yarra St,  
will be open next week (**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.



*"God of endless kindness and mercy, open our hearts in this  
time of Lent. Give us courage to look at our lives  
with honesty, give us strength to deal with what we find;  
help us to forgive ourselves and each other,  
so that we may return to you with all our hearts. Amen."*

### St Ignatius College PFA RAFFLE

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### 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am - 2.30pm. Lunch available from  
12noon for those who wish. Toilets and bar are  
located close by. To confirm attendance please  
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**menALIVE (a national Catholic Ministry for Men)** invite you to a MEN'S WEEKEND on May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. 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 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information and details on the event you can visit: <https://bannockburn.menalivevic.au>

**ST MARY'S PARISH EASTER RAFFLE - 2026**

Be in it to win it!

Over the next 2 weekends we will be running an Easter Raffle. **One major prize on show at the Parish Office.** Tickets will be for sale at the Parish Office during the week and available for purchase *after* all of our Sunday Masses. Raffle tickets will be a gold coin donation, but if all you have is \$\$ notes, we will happily accept them. Maximum of 5 tickets per person. All you need to do is bring along some coins, and fill in your name and mobile number for the chance to win. The Raffle will be drawn on the morning of Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> giving the winner time to pick up their prize.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

**WWCC & Safeguarding Essentials online training and Code of Conduct**

*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: Envelope

**New 1% CLUB QUESTION**

Daniella has just turned 40. She has four children: Anni, Cat, Bo and Mac. Her twins were born when she was 26. Bo is 16. He is younger than Anni. Who are the twins?

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**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. **Admission is free.** Join us for refreshments after each presentation.  
**LAST CONCERT SESSION**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Shannon Ebeling, saxophone

Music at the Basilica  
136 Yarra St, Geelong presents  
**EASTER CONCERT Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm.**  
Tickets \$50 full; \$40 Concession; available from [www.trybooking.com/DIJNV](http://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 on Fridays after school @ 3.30pm in the Café/Hibernian Hall – 150 Yarra Street. Next Mass: Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11am  
**Mixtures Choir** will sing at 11am Mass on Easter Sunday with practice prior, on the day @ 9.30am, in the Café/Hibernian Hall.  
**Basilica Choir** Next Mass: 9.30am March 22<sup>nd</sup>. New members are welcome. Practices are held in the Sodalities Room on a Thursday evening. For more details please email Jane: [jbashiruddin@bigpond.com](mailto:jbashiruddin@bigpond.com)  
**Both adult choirs require volunteers to hold a current Working with Children Check. (WWCC)**

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**  
"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience. Time and patience change the mulberry leaf to silk."  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson



**JOKE FOR THE DAY**



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**AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:**



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Kenneth 'Ken' James Harrison, Blandine Alfred, Leonardo Tamayo

**CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Mariano De Angelis, Maria Marino, Mary Sheridan, Bernadette Richards (nee Moynihan), Manuel Ramos, Maria Cunha, Brian Walsh, Patricia Franklin, Dennis McGrath, William Allwood, Giuseppe Palermo, Thomas Walsh, Nick Grootveld, Antonio Cambria, Maxwell Francis Millie, Chelsea Marie-Luis Rodrigues, Mary Mathison, Richard Wittman

**Month Mind:** Michael Kearney, Sean Flood, Ann Schneider, Michelle Courtney, Salvatore Arpa

**ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL:** Lachie Owen, Addie Pritchard, Denham Humphreys

*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] - 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.

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

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



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A - March 29, 2026**



**Readings for next week:**

**Isaiah 50 :4 - 7; Philipians 2: 6 - 11; Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66**

**The Long Gospel will be read at 9.30am & 11am Sunday Masses Only**

Children's Liturgy	March 29	April 5	April 12	April 19
<b>11.00am MASS</b>	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	EASTER SUNDAY xxx No CLOW	xxx No CLOW School Holidays	TBC

TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
6.00pm VIGIL	Margot	Januk	Gael Vicki	Maree Q	Vince
7.30am	Lesley	Barry	Nola Margi	Belinda	Carlo
9.30am	Marita	Peter	Vicki M Ann ...	...	Geoff J
11.00am	Alec	Linda	Nina Barbara Slavica	Liz	Prue & Klaus
<b>AV</b>	<b>OPERATOR</b>	<b>6.00pm VIGIL</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
		Rebecca	Keith	Marcia	Natalia



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