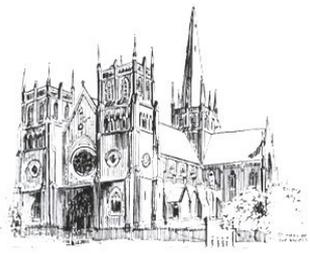




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MASS TIMES

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

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CLOSED ON SATURDAYS

OPEN Sundays

10.15am – 12.15pm

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NEXT WEEKEND - SUNDAY APRIL 5th

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

Isaiah 50 :4 - 7; Philippians 2: 6 - 11; Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66
The Long Gospel will be read at 9.30am & 11am Sunday Masses Only



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HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY April 3rd

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools orphanages, and medical centres also rely on assistance from this collection. In recent years due to various reasons, recent years have been and continue to be extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land. Last year Australian Catholics donated \$1.7 million through this collection, this went a long way to assist the church of the Holy Land. This year has proven a challenge with the wars raging in Gaza and now Iran, not only preventing pilgrims from coming to visit, but reducing the quality of life of the people living in the Holy Land. Catholics around the world are urged to be as generous as possible, and to please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday – keep them in your prayers and assist them with a monetary donation.

BASILICA CLOSURE TIMES – THIS COMING WEEK

Monday March 30th - for continued works throughout the Basilica.
This will not affect the impending Holy Week Ceremonies this week



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BASILICA OPEN TIMES THIS WEEK ARE:

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 the Mass time details.

BASILICA - HOLY WEEK - EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday March 29th THIS WEEKEND

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

2nd RITE RECONCILIATION SERVICE –

Tuesday March 31st - 7.30pm.

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

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday April 3rd

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 (*includes veneration*).

HOLY SATURDAY - Saturday April 4th - (daytime)

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

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL MASS Saturday April 4th

- starts at 7.30pm with the Paschal Candle lighting ceremony just prior to Mass (*outside the front approx. 15 minutes earlier*) Once everyone is safely seated inside the Basilica the traditional Vigil Mass & included ceremonies will begin.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES - Sunday April 5th

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

Sunday, 5 April 2026



3:00 AM 2:00 AM

Next Saturday evening (April 4th) at 3am please remember to change your clocks back 1 hour - to 2am - and sleep in that extra hour. Otherwise, you may miss your Easter Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Sunday April 12th

Where? St Thomas Catholic, Peninsula Drive, Drysdale. **When & What's happening?** Exposition at 2.00pm, Confession at 2.30pm (2 priests), Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, blessing of Divine Mercy Images. Holy Mass and Benediction at 3.00pm.

Celebrant: Fr Ray Bugeja. Please direct any enquiries to: John Brown - 0428 409 345

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CAFÉ LIGHT - Sunday March 29th - TODAY!!



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.

ST MARY'S PARISH EASTER RAFFLE - 2026

Last chance to purchase your chance to win.

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 this weekend. 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/notes 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 2nd giving the winner time to pick up their prize.



ITALIAN WAY OF THE CROSS – GOOD FRIDAY

Will be held in the Basilica on Friday April 3rd 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.

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My name is Marisa Alo, and I am an Herlong author-illustrator and Learning Support Officer working in primary education. I wish to share my children's book, **Where Are You Now Dad?** a gentle and faith-sensitive resource created to support children experiencing grief and loss. This story was written from my own personal experience of navigating and overcoming grief. Through both my lived experience and my daily work supporting primary students, I understand how deeply loss can affect a child's emotional wellbeing, learning, and sense of security. My hope is that this book helps children feel seen, comforted, and supported during difficult times. The themes align closely with Catholic education values — compassion, dignity of the human person, hope, and pastoral care. The narrative encourages open conversations about loss, affirms that love continues beyond physical presence, and gently supports faith-based discussions about remembrance and God's enduring presence. The book is available for purchase on Amazon in both paperback and eBook formats using this link: [Where Are You Now Dad? : Alo, Miss Marisa, Alo, Marisa, Alo, Marisa: Amazon.com.au: Books](https://www.amazon.com.au/Where-Are-You-Now-Dad?ref=ast_srp) and also available at the Piety Stall \$20 per copy.

MEMORIAL WALK BRICKS – INVITATION TO PURCHASE

These bricks are laid onsite at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, 150 Yarra St, Geelong. Edging the pathway in and around the Basilica they 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>

menALIVE (a national Catholic Ministry for Men)

May 2nd - 3rd, 2026. Cost: \$50 pp – includes workshops, morning & afternoon tea, lunch & dinner on both days. Register by April 27th. For more information and details you can visit: <https://bannockburn.menalivevic.au>

St Mary's Parish - 1% CLUB QUESTION

The answer to last week's question is: The twins are Cat and Mac.

New 1% CLUB QUESTION Which of the following words is still a recognised word if you substitute the first letter for the next letter in the alphabet and the last letter for the previous letter in the alphabet?

(A) BRINK (B) CROWN (C) CREST

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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 29th @ 11am

Mixtures Choir will sing at 11am Mass on Easter Sunday (April 5th) with practice prior, on the day @ 9.30am, in the Café/Hibernian Hall.

Basilica Choir Next Mass: 9.30am March 29th.

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

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." - Mahatma Gandhi

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CURRENT ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Elizabeth 'Bessie' Connolly, Mary Wight, Fr Robert Coghlan, Blake Drever, Zvonko Sutej, Alex Popescu, Gavin Perkins, Reginald Talbot, Douglas Webster, Peter Tomison, Gregory William Kelly, Samantha Richards **Month Mind:** Concetta Gingitta

ALL THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Stephan Tonkin

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] - [For children Grade 2 – Grade 6]

Children's Liturgy of the Word has finished for Term 1.

Please keep an eye on this notice space for Mass Times when CLOW returns in Term 2.

Children's Liturgy	March 29	April 5	April 12	April 19
11.00am MASS	xxx No CLOW Junior Choir	xxx No CLOW School holidays	xxx No CLOW School holidays	tbc



EASTER SUNDAY - Year A – April 5, 2026 (Daylight Saving ends today**)**

Readings for next week:

Acts of the Apostles 10: 34. 37 - 43; Colossians 3: 1 - 4; John 20: 1 - 9



TIMES	Commentator	Reader	Special Ministers	Welcomers	Main Collector
7.30pm VIGIL	Shirley	As per Easter Roster in Sacristy			
7.30am	Lesley	Corinne	Barry Margi	Joanne	Yvette
9.30am	Peter	Marita C	Geoff M Marita C	...	Mick Geoff J
11.00am	Santina	Maria	Liz Maria Samina	Liz	Klaus
AV	OPERATOR	6.00pm VIGIL	7.30am	9.30am	11.00am
		Natalia	Keith or Jack	Marcia	Georgia

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