

PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

ST MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ST MARY'S CHURCH, 123 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ASCOT VALE
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BARB STREET, MARIBYRNONG

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil:

6.00pm St Mary’s

Sunday:

8.30am St Margaret’s

10.30am St Mary’s

6.00pm St Mary’s (Spanish)

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 10.00am St Mary’s

Tue 9.00am St Mary’s

Wed 9.00am St Mary’s

7.00pm St Mary’s

Thu 9.00am St Mary’s

Fri 9.15am St Mary’s

Sat 9.30am St Mary’s

Reconciliation

(Confession)

Saturday

10.00–10.30am St Mary’s

5.30–5.45pm St Mary’s

Eucharistic Adoration

Tue 9.30–10.30am St Mary’s

Sat 10.00–11.00am St Mary’s

Baptisms at St Mary’s

Baptisms are celebrated on the
2nd & 4th Sundays of each
month at 12:00 noon.

Baptism Information Sessions
are held in St Mary’s Church
at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday
of each month. Parents desiring
the baptism of their child must
attend one of these sessions.
**There will not be a baptism
information in November.**

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 January 2026

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 24/25 JANUARY 2026

Parish Counters: R Aparo; B Toomey

Ministers of the Word			Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
Time	St Mary’s	St Margaret’s	St Mary’s	St Margaret’s
6.00 pm	R Boyer		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		B Dwyer		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	R Wiatrowski		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 587

Offertory: CWBII 582

Communion: CWBII 473

Reflection: CWBII 389

Recessional: CWBII 587 v3,4

Recently Deceased:

Herminia Penales; Alice Eva; Anton Kirn

Anniversaries:

Mervyn Gaffney; Gorege Bezzina; Garzjo-Louise Curmi;
Carmel Blackmore; Marciano Carreon; Frank Hillas; Joseph
Catania

Feast Days:

24 January: St Francis de Sales

Readings Next Week: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23 – 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

Urgent Request For Short Term Accommodation

Hui Ling, originally from China, who has been a resident of Australia for about 35 years, has a need for accommodation for two weeks. She receives aged care services, and despite having a walker, is fairly independent. She uses taxis, prepares her own meals and can shower and toilet herself. The night-time activities of her neighbours are impacting her medical conditions and cause her to be in dire need of sleep. She speaks English quite effectively. Her intention is to put her home on the market, so she can move to another residence in the near future. Right now she is just seeking some short-term relief. If you would like to assist, please email: RBanks@mercy.com.au

Pope Leo Prayer Intention for January

Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

An estimated 33 million visitors and pilgrims came to the Vatican to celebrate the Jubilee Year. The figure breaks down to more than 90,000 people a day. Pilgrims from more than 185 countries participated in the Jubilee Year.

Though the Holy Doors in the city close for now, ‘the gate’ of God’s mercy will never be shut. God ‘will always sustain the weary, raise up those who have fallen’ and offer ‘good things’ to those who place their trust in him. *Pope Leo XIV*

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called

to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

