

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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9 February 2025

Word of God Sunday

Upcoming PARISH OFFERTORY Programme

May, 2025

The Offertory Programme in St Mary’s Parish will be an opportunity to review, to consider, and to decide concerning this aspect of your involvement as a parishioner.

Parish Census - To support our pastoral leadership teams, in their role of acknowledging, guiding and empowering our parish community.

Over the next three weeks, commencing **this weekend 8/9 February, (through 15/16 February and 22/23 February)**, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Sunday Masses, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality being used solely for this parish and will not be shared. Thank you.

Parish Census	
To support our pastoral leadership teams, in their role of acknowledging, guiding and empowering our parish community	
Please complete one form per household.	
STREET ADDRESS SUBURB	
POSTCODE WHICH CHURCH DO YOU ATTEND?	
FULL NAME (ADULT 1) SEX (M/F) DOB MARITAL STATUS	
BAPTISM HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION OCCUPATION ETHNIC ORIGIN	
EMAIL PHONE	
FULL NAME (ADULT 2) SEX (M/F) DOB MARITAL STATUS	
BAPTISM HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION OCCUPATION ETHNIC ORIGIN	
EMAIL PHONE	
Children currently living at this household	
CHILD 1 SEX (M/F) DOB BAPTISM HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION	
CHILD 2 SEX (M/F) DOB BAPTISM HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION	
CHILD 3 SEX (M/F) DOB BAPTISM HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION	
CHILD 4 SEX (M/F) DOB BAPTISM HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION	
Others living at this household	
NAME SEX (M/F) DOB MARITAL STATUS	
BAPTISM HOLY COMMUNION CONFIRMATION OCCUPATION ETHNIC ORIGIN	
If there are more people in your household, please fill in their details on another census card and return all cards together.	
By filling in this form, I agree that this information can be used for pastoral and administrative purposes within this parish. The information provided through this form is for the sole use of this parish and will not be shared.	
Please return this form to the parish office.	

Neighbour/s – become a NEW PARISH –

**Our Lady of the Nativity, West Essendon and St. Therese, Essendon
now THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST THERESE ESSENDON**

On 25 January 2025, the partnered parishes of St Therese’s Essendon and Our Lady of the Nativity Essendon West were amalgamated. The new parish, is named The Parish of Our Lady and St Therese, Essendon, with their Parish Priest, Father John Hannon.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 15/16 Feb 2025

Parish Counters: V Colicchia; J Dawson

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	P Familiari		P Stanley	
8.30 am		P McLoughlin		R Turnbull
10.30 am	D Cutinho		M DeMaria	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 518

Offertory: CWBII 593

Communion: CWBII 645

Reflection: CWBII 653

Recessional: CWBII 493

Recently Deceased: Barry Newton; Rodolfo Marvida; Nestor Guzman

Anniversaries: Rita Pace; Eugenio Sessarego, Francesco & Mary DeDomenico

Feast Days: **10 February:** St Scholastica **14 February:** Sts Cyril and Methodius

Readings Next Week: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Baptism

We warmly welcome into the family of God's Church, the children being baptised in our Parish this weekend.

Liam Pham

Alessia Boubouka

Luella Debrincat



Sacramental Program

*Does your child attend a non-Catholic school in Year 6 or older and needs to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**?* Classes are run weekly (except school holidays), commencing 20th February 2025, **Thursdays 4pm**, at St Mary's school, for approx. 8 weeks. If your child has received First Reconciliation and First Communion and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, email, rosecalandra22@gmail.com or the Parish Office: ascotvale@cam.org.au to enrol for these classes. For any enquiries, feel free to call Rose, the Catechist on mob: 0411 040 669.

Our monthly report - **JANUARY 2025 – Offertory donations**

Envelopes/Loose	\$3424.00
Credit card	\$ 1205.00
Direct debit	\$ 5952.00

TOTAL **\$10581.00**

Bishop Terry Curtin retires as auxiliary bishop

On 31 January 2025, Bishop Terence (Terry) Curtin retired as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, where he has served as Bishop for the Northern Region of the Archdiocese since 2014 and as Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and Mission.

We give thanks for Bishop Curtin's ministry among us and pray that in the years ahead, God will continue to walk closely with him, using his considerable gifts in new ways for the building up of the Church and for the glory of God.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800 305 330, Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm.

'Dilexit nos' – encyclical letter of Pope Francis on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ, 24 October 2024

What's the background?

Pope Francis revealed in June 2023, the month traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart, that he planned to write a document on the devotion that swept the Catholic world after the French nun [Margaret Mary Alacoque](#) reported visions of Jesus between Dec. 27, 1673, and June 1675.

Alacoque, who lived at the Visitation convent in Paray-le-Monial, eastern France, said she heard Christ telling her that he wanted her to spread his heart's "burning charity" to the ends of the Earth. At a general audience on June 5, the Pope noted that the 350th anniversary of Alacoque's first vision fell in December 2023.

"That occasion marked the beginning of a period of celebrations that will end on June 27 next year," he [said](#). "This is why I am pleased to prepare a document that brings together the precious reflections of previous Magisterial texts and a long history that goes back to the Sacred Scriptures, in order to re-propose today, to the whole Church, this devotion imbued with spiritual beauty."

"I believe it will do us great good to meditate on various aspects of the Lord's love, which can illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal, and say something meaningful to a world that seems to have lost its heart."

"I ask you to accompany me with prayer, during this time of preparation, with the intention of making this document public next September." (2024)

(To be continued)

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage 2025 - Monday 21 July 2025 – Tuesday 5 August 2025

This pilgrimage is open to Catholics aged between 18 and 30 years. Fr Jude Johnson will accompany the pilgrims as their chaplain.

This graced and hope-filled journey will take in the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great saints like St Francis and St Clare—and soon-to-be canonised saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati—before culminating in a visit to the Eternal City of Rome, where we will walk through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica and participate in the Jubilee celebrations.

For more information, contact Harvest Journeys at info@harvestjourneys.com, or call 1800 819 156.



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

A ceasefire means more aid can assist people affected in Gaza. Your support is urgently needed.

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance

with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.