

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 – 19 January 2025

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 25/26 JANUARY 2025

Parish Counters: T Peters; J Balzan

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	J Escano		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		M Zoleta		R Turnbull
10.30 am	R Wiatrowski		M DeMaria	

Recently Deceased: Domenico Toscano

Anniversaries: Frank Hillas; Carmel Blackmore; Danny Papal; Mervyn Gaffney; Sonny Galindo; Leonard & Herman Escalona

Feast Days: **21 January:** St Agnes

24 January: St Francis de Sales

25 January: The Conversion of St Paul

Readings Next Week: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

January

Many have returned to work after a break. Summer, daylight saving, and the start of the school year still some way off can give a feeling of holidays being extended or just wishing they could be. This time of the year, whether back to work or not, can become opportunity to try and have the whole year in view, slow down a little and reflect on what is important. This can be a time to try and renew oneself for what lies ahead. Sometimes this is true for certain ministries. It is true for the parish choir. The choir is having a well-earned break for a few weeks. May it be a renewing break.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Being pilgrims of hope in the world

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop used to say: ‘We are but travellers here.’ For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope: a people who are not only travellers here but walking in joyful anticipation of ‘the heavenly goal to which we have been called’



CDF Tap & Go Machine in St Mary’s Church

To allow for convenience to donate to our parish.

We have this machine located at the back in our church.

Thank you for the support you give our parish.

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12: 4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of

preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

