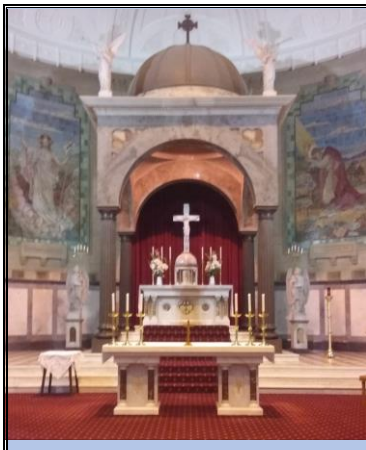




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16 June 2024

Catholic Mission - Propagation of the Faith Appeal 2024

This annual appeal is today. We welcome a speaker at our Masses to let us know of the work being carried out.

This year’s focus is the church of Mongolia. Catholic Care invites us to support the work of the Church in Mongolia as they provide a safe space for people needing shelter, beds, showers, food and basic medical care. In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need. Your generosity is much appreciated.

First Holy Communions

Children from St Mary’s School will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

Ferdinand Correyra will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Melbourne this Saturday 15 June 2024. Please keep him in your prayers.

Very Rev Joseph Caddy new Bishop of Cairns

It is with great joy that the Archdiocese of Melbourne shares the news of Pope Francis’ appointment of the Very Rev Joseph (Joe) John Caddy AM, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, as the new Bishop of Cairns in Far North Queensland.

‘This is a wonderful recognition of the dedicated pastoral ministry Fr Joe has brought to so many.’

Archbishop Comensoli

Parish RCIA

Dylan and Matthew are currently engaged in an RCIA process. Our parish community has become aware of them proceeding towards Sacraments of Initiation and the opportunity to offer support and pray for them.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Please Note while Fr. Joseph is away:

There will be no 10.00am Mass on Monday 24th June, 1st and 8th July 2024.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 22/23 June 2024

Parish Counters: J & S Crooks; 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	M Bonnici		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		P McLoughlin		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	D Cutinho		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 647

Psalm: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Offertory: CWBII 592

Communion: CWBII 516

Reflection: CWBII 582

Recessional: CWBII 594

Recently Deceased: John Bollinger; Maria Rovetto

Anniversaries: Caterina Barbaro; Hernan Dancel; Laurente Kong; Ernesto Ramos; Pauline Catania; Winifred & Patrick Ryan

Feast Days: **21 June:** St Aloysius Gonzaga

22 June: Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

Readings Next Week: **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

Parish History Group

This group will hold a meeting on Thursday 20th June at 2.00pm. All would be most welcome as we go back in time to the earliest years of the Parish, beginning in 1912 with Parish Priest Father Alex May. Please call Gerald Kearney on 0431 570067 or email gckkearney@gmail.com to confirm your attendance and location. Hint- it's the home of a very senior Parishioner!

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

We are again asking for your continued support.

We are all feeling the pinch, especially those who are not in work or battling to pay high rents and raise families.

We are seeing an increase in some people in work who need assistance along with victims of domestic violence, battling to cope with the increasing cost of utilities and basic foodstuff.

In the Essendon region St. Vincent de Paul has spent over \$600, 000 on this support, of that \$80,000 has been spent in Ascot Vale.

All of this depends on your charity. Every little bit helps.

Bill Dwyer



Mercy Palliative Care

Is running a training program for new volunteers at St Vincent de Paul Parish Centre, 2 The Crossway Strathmore commencing on Thursday 27th June and running weekly for 8 weeks from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Weekly topics are:

1. Palliative Care and the Volunteer Role
2. Communication Skills
3. Illness and Care
4. Death and Dying
5. Difficult Conversations (practical session)
6. Responding to Loss and Grief
7. Spirituality
8. Self Care

All are welcome to attend the program without committing to become a Mercy volunteer. Please email MPCVolunteerCoordinators@mercy.com.au to book your spot.

Finance Officer - St Albans/Sydenham Parish

Do you or anyone you know would be interested in a part time Finance role at Scared Heart/Emmaus Parish? The Finance Officer supports the Parish and takes responsibility for the day to day financial and asset management tasks for the Parish. A copy of the role description is available upon request. Please forward any enquiries to the Parish Office on 9366 2146 or email maurie.cooney@cam.org.au

The Friendship Group from St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park visited Fr Desmond. Included in their visit was an adoration service. It happened to coincide with his first anniversary at our parish.



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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:
'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.
And every tree of the field will learn
that I, the Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones
grow,
who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.
(R.)

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we
remember that to live in the body means to
be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by
faith and not by sight - we are full of
confidence, I say, and actually want to be
exiled from the body and make our home
with the Lord. Whether we are living in the
body or exiled from it, we are intent on
pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be

brought out in the law court of Christ, and
each of us will get what he deserves for the
things he did in the body, good or bad.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 12:31-32

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the
sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on
the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and
growing; how, he does not know. Of its own
accord the land produces first the shoot, then
the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And
when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he
starts to reap because the harvest has come.'
He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom
of God is like? What parable can we find for
it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time
of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all
the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it
grows into the biggest shrub of them all and
puts out big branches so that the birds of the
air can shelter in its shade.'
Using many parables like these, he spoke the
word to them, so far as they were capable of
understanding it. He would not speak to them
except in parables, but he explained
everything to his disciples when they were
alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

