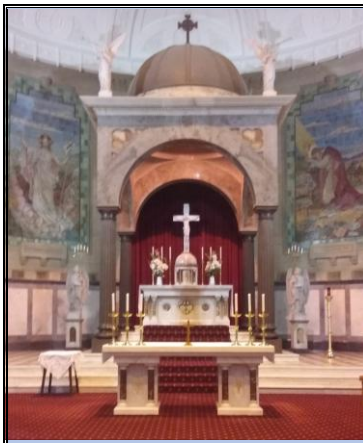




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

3rd Sunday of Easter – 4 May 2025

Parish Advisory Board

Positions filled at the April meeting are as follows:

Chairperson: Stephanie Houten

Deputy Chairperson: Adam Bui

St. Mary’s Parish can be grateful to Stephanie and Adam for accepting these roles on the Advisory Board.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal - TODAY

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to this appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



Good Shepherd Sunday 2025

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you ‘spiritually’ to Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

You can also 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au

This is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 10/12 May 2025

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	J Escano		F Pinto	
8.30 am		B Dwyer		R Turnbull
10.30 am	A Fogarty		M DeMaria	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 653

Offertory: CWBII 598

Communion: CWBII 651

Reflection: CWBII 653

Recessional: CWBII 641

Recently Deceased: Graziella Randello; Rosa Defino

Anniversaries: Carmelo Rena Grazjo Curmi; Dennis Andrews; William Joseph

Readings Next Week: 4th Sunday of Easter (Year C)
Acts 13:14.43-52; Apoc 7:9.14-17; Jn 10:27-30

Please Note while Fr. Joseph is away

There will be no 10.00am Mass on Monday 5th, 12th and 19th May 2025.

Wedding at St Mary's

We congratulate **Shannon Wikel & Steven Hernandez, Yvy Nguyen & Joshua Stipic and Marina Drajić & Ryan Filipovic** who all married at St Mary's this weekend.

The Next

The date for the start of the next conclave has been set for 7 May, when 135 cardinals will be shut away in the Sistine Chapel to vote on who will become the next pope.

As with Catholics around the world, we join in prayer for the wondrous action of the Holy Spirit to be made known in the election of the new Vicar of Christ, mindful of the involvement of Australia's Cardinal Mykola Bychok.



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.

Annual Mass for marriage anniversaries

Sunday 1 June 2025

11.00am – 12.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au.

At the end of Pope Francis' new autobiography, simply titled *Hope* (for the Jubilee Year), he shares a poem from the 20th-century Turkish poet Nâzım Hikmet. It comes at the end of a chapter titled *For The Best Days Are Still to Come*, and the poem's title, *On Living*.

The most beautiful sea
Hasn't been crossed yet.
The most beautiful child
Hasn't grown up yet.
Our most beautiful days
We haven't seen yet.
And the most beautiful words I wanted to tell you
I haven't said yet ...

Pope Francis follows with his own words:

The wind of the Spirit hasn't stopped blowing. Have a good journey, brothers and sisters.

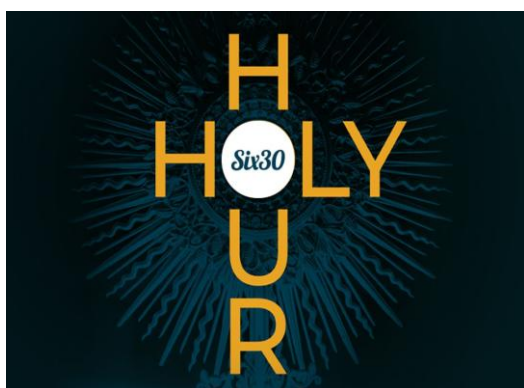
Exerpt from the final homily of His Holiness Pope Francis read by Cardinal Angelo Comastri

The Jubilee invites us to renew the gift of hope within us, to surrender our sufferings and our concerns to hope, to share it with those whom we meet along our journey and to entrust to hope the future of our lives and the destiny of the human family. And so, we cannot settle for the fleeting things of this world or give in to sadness; we must run, filled with joy. Let us run towards Jesus, let us rediscover the inestimable grace of being his friends. Let us allow his Word of life and truth to shine in our life. As the great theologian Henri de Lubac said, "It should be enough to understand this: Christianity is Christ. No, truly, there is nothing else but this. In Christ we have everything" (*Les responsabilités doctrinales des catholiques dans le monde d'aujourd'hui*, Paris 2010, 276).

And this "everything" that is the risen Christ opens our life to hope. He is alive, he still wants to renew our life today. To him, conqueror of sin and death, we want to say:

"Lord, on this feast day we ask you for this gift: that we too may be made new, so as to experience this eternal newness. Cleanse us, O God, from the sad dust of habit, tiredness and indifference; give us the joy of waking every morning with wonder, with eyes ready to see the new colours of this morning, unique and unlike any other. [...] Everything is new, Lord, and nothing is the same, nothing is old" (A. Zarri, *Quasi una preghiera*).

Sisters, brothers, in the wonder of the Easter faith, carrying in our hearts every expectation of peace and liberation, we can say: with You, O Lord, everything is new. With you, everything begins again.



Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession.

Please note that various venues will be used for Six30 Holy Hour throughout 2025. Please check venue details each week on the [Events](#) page of Melbourne Catholic.

For more information, email udisciple@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677.

3rd Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

Act 5:27-32. 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 29

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.
(R.)

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rev 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord