



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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28 July 2024

Parish RCIA highpoint – This Sunday

Today, at the 10.30am Mass, Matthew Ohlson will celebrate Sacraments of Initiation. May what the Lord has begun be brought to fulfilment.

Mr. Paul Hogan RIP – Memorial Mass

The previous past Principal of St. Mary’s School, Mr. Paul Hogan, as we know, died recently. His funeral was celebrated at St. Bernard’s College on Friday, 12th July. The current Principal, Mr. Denis Johnstone, has requested a Memorial Mass for Paul. I welcome this initiative. This Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 1st August at 9.00am – a day and time when classes from St. Mary’s School normally attend. Naturally, as a regular Thursday parish Mass parishioners who are in a position to attend will be most welcome.

Thursday, 1st August is the Memorial of **St Alphonsus Ligouri** who said founded the Society of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Redemptorists. He was a bishop and is given the title Doctor of the Church. St. Alphonsus said: 'this earth is not our true home ... we are merely here as pilgrims.'

Wednesday, 31st July is the Memorial of **St. Ignatius of Loyola** who two years after his ordination to the priesthood was given formal approval by the Pope for the establishment of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. The very heart of his spirit is summed up by the words – *ad maiorem Dei gloriam* – to the greater glory of God. *“May the perfect grace and eternal love of Christ our Lord be our never-failing protection and help.” – St Ignatius of Loyola*

Saturday, 3rd August is the Memorial of **St. Dominic** whose order was recognised as the Friars Preachers/ Order of Preachers, known as the Dominicans.

Mr. John Rudd – new Principal of St. Margaret’s School

John Rudd will come to St. Margaret’s School as the new Principal. He is currently the Principal of St. Francis de Sales School, Oak Park.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Parish Sacramental Program

Our Sacramental Program for **1st Reconciliation (Grade 3) and Holy Communion (Grade 4)**, has just begun on Tuesdays. Classes run after school, at St Mary’s school. Anyone with eligible children who have been validly baptised are welcome. Contact the parish office via email at ascotvale@cam.org.au or alternatively email rosecalandra22@gmail.com.

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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 3/4 August 2024

Parish Counters: T Peters; B Loke

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 Ginn		M Bonnici	
8.30 am		P McLoughlin		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	A Fogarty		M DeMaria	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 490

Offertory: CWBII 547

Communion: CWBII 484

Reflection: CWBII 509

Recessional: CWBII 561

Recently Deceased: Raffaelina Roselli; Giovanni Iermano; Giuseppe Franco; Concetta Corso

Anniversaries: Amelia D'Rosario; Jim & Mary Mullan

Feast Days: **29 July:** Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus **31 July:** St Ignatius of Loyola

1 Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori **3 Aug:** St Dominic

Readings Next Week: **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Baptisms

We warmly welcome the children being baptised this weekend at our parish.

Giana Paz Fritz

Mario Hung Gasco

Morning Tea after Mass

The Parish Community Group will be providing morning tea after 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, **4th August 2024**.

We would like to invite everyone to come along and have a cuppa and something to eat, while chatting with fellow parishioners. It is always good to say hello to a person you haven't met before, as well as chat to other parishioners whom you do know.

Everyone is welcome, so please come along!

First Friday & First Saturday devotions

This Friday is the 1st Friday of the month, with devotions after the morning Mass.

Saturday is the 1st Saturday: we will have devotions at Holy Hour after 9:30am Mass.

Next Parish Ministers Rosters

As the next set of rosters are beginning to be worked on for September to December 2024, can we request all those who are currently on them to advise the parish office via email if you wish to make any changes before they are prepared. Thank you.

Seminary Enquiry Day – Corpus Christi College

Saturday 10 August 2024. It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the Archbishop, students, and staff.

An invitation is attached for you to forward to any young men (over 18) that might be interested; RSVP by **Friday, 2 August** to the Vocations Office at vocations@cam.org.au

If you have any enquiries, the Vocations Director, Fr Dishan Candappa would be pleased to assist you and he can be contacted by email at vocations@cam.org.au

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A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.



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Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

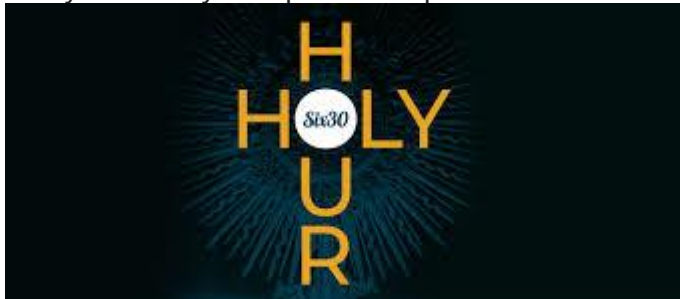
Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Six30 Holy Hour

Every Thursday 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral



For more than 20 years, young people from all over Melbourne have gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday evenings for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. We invite all young adults to join us for this weekly evening of prayer.

Theology @ the Pub

Monday 5 August 2024, 6.00pm – 8.30pm

The Crafty Squire, 127 Russel Street, Melbourne.

Theology @ the Pub is an opportunity for those aged 18–35 (of all religious backgrounds) to meet, have great conversations over a meal and a drink, and listen to interesting talks by engaging Catholic speakers. Guest speakers are Matt MacDonald and Steph De Niese are counsellors and psychotherapists.



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Kings 4:42–44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1–6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down.

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

