



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.

3rd Sunday of Advent – 15 December 2024

Parish Masterplan Reference Group

A change to the composition of this Group has had to be made owing to the withdrawal of Nadia Jaworski. Increased commitments for Nadia in recent times have necessitated this development. Flavia Pinto will now join Richard, Robert and Pavel.

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Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December

6:00 pm St Mary’s

8:00 pm St Margaret’s

12:00 Midnight St Mary’s Carols from 11:30

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25 December

(no 8:30 am Mass)

10:30 am St Mary’s



Extra times for individual Reconciliation in Advent

In addition to our normal Confession times of **10:00-10:30 am** and **5:30-5:45 pm every Saturday**,

St Mary’s Tuesday 17 December

9:30-9:50am

during Hour of Adoration

St Mary’s Wednesday 18 December

7:30-8:30pm

with the Second Rite

St Mary’s Sunday 22 December

10:00-10:20am

Christmas Carols

True North Young Adults’ choir will sing at 10.30am Mass, on the 22nd December at St Mary’s Ascot Vale. Followed by Christmas Carols at 11.45am, plus a sausage sizzle and bake sale afterwards!



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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 21/22 Dec 2024

Parish Counters: T Peters; D McAleer

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	R Hoshun		P Stanley	
8.30 am		S Varghese		R Turnbull
10.30 am	L Bui		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 242

Offertory: CWBII 514

Communion: CWBII 459

Reflection: CWBII 232

Recessional: CWBII 540

Recently Deceased: Christopher Calvillo; Amelia Reyes

Anniversaries: Rosa, Antonio, Giuseppina & Stefano Esposito; Frank McSweeney

Readings Next Week: 4th Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Welcomers, Counters

The next roster for St Mary's & St Margaret's commencing January 2024 to April 2024 is being prepared. If you wish to come off the rosters, please contact us as well. Thank you.

Parishioners contributing to the Masterplan process

As mentioned previously, the architects helping St. Mary's Parish towards a Parish Masterplan want to know how St. Mary's Parish understands its mission. The *Proclaim Office* of the Archdiocese has several papers which are designed to bring out this understanding. The three main papers called Self-Reflection Tools concern the **Viability**, **Vitality** and **Vibrancy** of parishes. Two weeks ago, I strongly urged parishioners to complete the **Viability** Self-Reflection Tool. In the days following, however, I realised that most parishioners did not have sufficient knowledge to respond adequately to it. So, I decided to set it out in last Sunday's bulletin, giving objective responses. Two other main papers remain to be completed by parishioners: the **Vitality** and the **Vibrancy** self-reflection tools. Information is being gathered for use by the Parish Masterplan Reference Group to assist in their mediating function between parishioners and the architects.

Correction to the **Viability** Self-Reflection document in last Sunday's bulletin:

We do not expect the Archdiocese to forgive our parish debts so we can meet our parochial expenses: No; our parish does not expect the Archdiocese to forgive parish debts.

Senior Parishioners' Day (and Parish Feast Day)

On Friday 6th December the Senior Parishioners' Day returned after an absence of several years. This day is planned in proximity to the solemn feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the parish feast day. Since this year the 8th December was a Sunday the actual feast day fell on Monday 9th. In my homily for the Mass with Anointing on Friday 6th I said: "With our parish feast day on Monday this year we honour her example of faith. ... we acknowledge as with all humankind Mary had the option [free will option] to say *no* to cooperating with God's plan of salvation. Yet despite facing incredibly difficult circumstances her faith was perfect in obedience and so never ceased to give a wholehearted yes."

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Time to give something back to our Parish!

Wish List Stage one

December 2024 - April 2025

Please tick selection and indicate amount donated
eg ☒ \$20.00



K and M Microphone Stand with Fixed Boom - Black
\$144.99



Shure MX418S Microphone
Supercardioid 460mm Gooseneck Black
\$548



AKG C680BL "Church mice" \$50.00
each



Shure ULXD1 Belt Pack Wireless Digital
Transmitter H51 \$1290



Shure QLXD4 Digital Wireless Receiver
\$1569

Full Audit details on the Website. Your donation can be placed in the normal Mass collection in cash in an envelope marked with what you have chosen off the list OR contact the Parish Office via email for our bank details

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Each year the Christmas Appeal plays a vital role in supporting the word of the Society. We are grateful for the generosity of our parish and schools, but we all realise that there is a particularly great need for help this year.

Over the first six months of the year we have spent over \$4.5 million on food, clothing, furniture and financial support to struggling households across Victoria, about \$45 thousand in our own area. Any amount helps, no matter how small. You will find envelopes at the church doors. Donations of over \$2 are taxdeductible. Receipts provided.

New members welcome.

3rd Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of
Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (R.)

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)

Sing a psalm to the Lord
fore he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel. (R.)

SECOND READING

Phil 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I
repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your
tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very
near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can understand,

will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1(Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3: 10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must
we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two
tunics he must share with the man who has
none, and the one with something to eat
must do the same.' There were tax collectors
too who came for baptism, and these said to
him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to
them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some
soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about
us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No
intimidation! No extortion! Be content with
your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among
the people, who were beginning to think that
John might be the Christ, so John declared
before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but
someone is coming, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo
the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you
with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-
fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the
chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go
out.' As well as this, there were many other
things he said to exhort the people and to
announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

