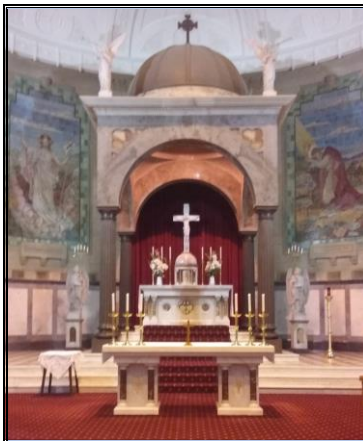




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4 August 2024

The Consecration of the Family to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

On Sunday, in two weeks from now there will be an opportunity following the Vigil Mass (17th August), and also the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses (18th August) to participate in consecrating your family to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This Act of Consecration is that families would be granted support and grow in holiness, in every virtue we believe shine forth in the Holy Family. The devotion to the Holy Family is open to everyone: families, single parents, single persons, non-Catholic families and individuals.

A period of prayerful preparation leading to the Act of Consecration will occur from Monday 12th August through to Saturday 17th August (during the day) prior to the Vigil Mass. It is suggested that those participating/ each family pray together each day for the week before the consecration. The prayer format to be used will be included in next Sunday’s bulletin. Ideally, after the consecration has occurred, this form of prayer will continue once a week.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

CDF Tap & Go Machine in church

To allow for convenience to donate to our parish, we have this machine located at the back in our church. Here are some instructions to assist:

HOW TO DONATE:

1. If screen is in a resting mode, please press any key or press enter to reactivate the terminal.
2. Then select the desired donation amount from the preset amounts shown on the screen (\$5, \$15, \$25, \$50).
3. Tap your card on the screen and wait for the transaction to process. No paper or email receipt will be issued.
4. To change the initial chosen amount or to cancel, just press the red button (with an x) on the keypad, press end donation and wait for the preset amounts to reappear on the screen. Then choose the new amount and tap your card, wait to finalise.



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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 10/11 August 2024

Parish Counters: R Aparo; 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 Boyer		P Stanley	
8.30 am		FAMILY MASS		A Laughton
10.30 am	M Doran		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 501

Offertory: CWBII 549

Communion: CWBII 633

Reflection: CWBII 549

Recessional: CWBII 520

Recently Deceased:

Giovanna Amato

Anniversaries:

Patrick & Jacqueline Ryan

Feast Days:

6 Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord

8 Aug: St Mary of the Cross

10 Aug: St Lawrence

Readings Next Week: **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Morning Tea after Mass today

The Parish Community Group will be providing morning tea after 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's today. 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!

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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 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

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.

Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality

This Centre is located in Kew, Melbourne, working within the Ignatian spiritual tradition. Ignatian Spirituality is about finding God in all things. This enables us to find purpose, meaning, light and joy in everything that crosses our path of life. Relationships, events, feelings, and what happens to us, are all vehicles for God to lead me towards a richer life.

Some programs offered include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life• Ignatian Spiritual Accompaniment• Pastoral Supervision• Silent Directed Retreats• The First Spiritual Exercise | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prayer/Reflection Days• Weekend Retreats• Quiet Time in Nature• Contemplative Walks• Pilgrimages |
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For more information email info@jisa.org.au or phone 1300 392 636.



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Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship

away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome.

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



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 77

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:17,20–24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt

from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.