

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.

Trinity Sunday – 26 May 2024

Support the Preservation Church Account of St Mary’s Parish

A Special Collection Today

St. Mary’s Parish Preservation Church Account was established to help ensure and promote the preservation, development, and enhancement of St. Mary’s Church and its surrounds. This does not deny, from other existing parish monies, any necessary support to St. Margaret’s Church. In recent years the Preservation fund has provided crucial financial assistance towards costs related to St. Mary’s Church in the aftermath of earthquakes and subsidence effects. The Finance Committee of St. Mary’s recognises the importance of having opportunities in order to invite specific financial injections from parishioners into this particular fund.

Please take a copy of the specially prepared brochure in connection with the Preservation Church Account.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

St. Mary’s Parish Advisory Board

Richard Turnbull, Chairperson of the Parish Advisory Board, last week wrote in the Sunday Bulletin of the development and ratification of Terms of Reference for the Advisory Board. As stated in these Terms of Reference under “PURPOSE”, he spelt out the main function of the Parish Advisory Board. Two additional points found under “PURPOSE” state:

2. The Advisory Board gives witness to the equality, dignity, and responsibility of all the baptised to share in the mission of Jesus Christ.
3. The Advisory Board engages the Parish to participate and contribute to the Church, the Parish community and to provide guidance and support to the Parish Priest in his leadership role.

Richard also pointed out that the PAB will be seeking interested ordinary members (i.e. not ex-officio) in September 2024 to nominate for positions on the Board. The appointment term will be three years. At the end, he appeals to all parishioners to consider taking on this role in assisting St. Mary’s Parish to continue, as he put it, to develop the Ascot Vale community by providing the required services in the area.

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 1/2 June 2024

Parish Counters: V Colicchia; J Dawson

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 Barbaro	
8.30 am		B Dwyer		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	R Wiatrowski		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 349

Offertory: CWBII 570

Communion: CWBII 516

Reflection: CWBII 547

Recessional: CWBII 486

Recently Deceased:

Maria Rovetto

Anniversaries:

Carmela Presti; Kevin Leeson; Dorothy LeCount; Neville & Barbara Gill; Tommas Bonvino

Feast Days:

31 May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 June: St Justin, martyr

Readings Next Week:

The Body and Blood of Christ: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

In the Month of May

Parish Confirmation Mass

30 May 2024: 6.00pm St Margaret's School/children from the Sacramental Programme

First Saturday

This week we will have our regular devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Baptisms

We warmly welcome into the family of God's Church, the children being baptised this weekend in our Parish:

Luna Lucia Multari

Oliver Attard

Xavier William Tabor

Valentina Yates

Cruz Collia

Wedding at St Mary's

We congratulate **Kanahela Perera & Steffan Irugalbandara; Ana Uribe Rua & Anthony Canning; and Lauren Borg & Pasquale Molluso** who were married at St Mary's.

Parish Mass Count

As always in May, for four weeks the annual diocesan Mass Count of those attending will be carried out at each weekend Mass.

Fiat returns in 2024

For the second year running, our local communities of grace across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will unite for a weekend of prayer from Friday 31 May to Sunday 2 June 2024. The weekend coincides with the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

Fiat is an opportunity for us to celebrate and rejoice in prayer and continue our Year of Prayer journey as an Archdiocesan community as we prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025.

Visiting choir *Chorus Ecclesiae* - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Our parish welcome the visiting choir, *Chorus Ecclesiae*, who will be singing at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass next Saturday, 1st June 2024.

Prayer in Parliament

In response to a push by some parliamentarians to end the recitation of prayer in the Victorian Parliament, together with other religious leaders, Archbishop Comensoli has written to all Members of Parliament about the fundamental and ongoing importance of prayer. The letter can be found at: www.bit.ly/parliamentaryprayer.

There are two simple ways you can support the continuation of prayer in parliament:

- Sign this petition to the Legislative Council: www.bit.ly/petitionparlprayer
- Write to your local state members of parliament to respectfully let them know your views. You can find out who your local MPs are at: findelectorate.parliament.vic.gov.au. Writing to both your Legislative Assembly member and to some or all of your five Legislative Council members is recommended.

World Children's Day

In Rome this year, on 25–26 May, Pope Francis has instituted the Church's first ever World Children's Day. Children from all over the world, together with their families, are invited to come to Rome to celebrate Mass with the Holy Father. In his letter to children, Pope Francis writes 'All of you, girls and boys, are a source of joy for your parents and your families, but also for our human family and for the Church, in which each of us is like a link in a great chain stretching from the past to the future and covering the whole earth.'

I am intrigued by this initiative. It is my hope that the creation of World Children's Day will enrich parish children's ministries in the same way that World Youth Day enriches youth ministries.

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Trinity Sunday

FIRST READING

Deut 4:32-34,39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

