



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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7 July 2024

Matters of Concern

A fortnight ago, in the Sunday bulletin (“Rear Vision & Update” notice), I wrote:
“It was around this time last year when I began to concentrate efforts on a concreting-landscaping project at St. Mary’s Church. Already it was clear that regarding this project, Father Justin had his sights on both improving and renewing the concreted area as well as incorporating some landscaping. Several concreting and landscaping businesses were invited to show interest in the project. Two of these offered design concepts and early cost estimates. It quickly became a ‘one horse’ race. ...”

On 28th June, I informed this landscaping business of the decision to discontinue the pursuit of this project through them. I pointed out that the decision had been arrived at arising from discussions with the Property and Infrastructure Office (Melbourne Archdiocese) and with the support of the Parish Finance Committee. It has been a long drawn-out process, with various adjustments made along the way engaging both the Finance Committee and Advisory Board, trying to achieve the best outcome for the parish. From the outset, the need for a masterplan has been recognised by some of us in St. Mary’s. The Property and Infrastructure Office also emphasises the importance of a masterplan, one that would encompass the totality of parish property, and is assisting with the initial steps towards its development. Therefore, the courtyard area (curtilage) can be expected to be considered within a masterplan. Yet, it should be added that the prospect remains that sections of the concrete might be renewed as a separate job with some landscaping to be done at a later stage. (Page 3 shows the latest concept for the discontinued project.)
Fr Desmond J Moloney

Parish Sacramental Program

Our Sacramental Program for **1st Reconciliation (Grade 3) and Holy Communion (Grade 4)**, will be commencing during the school term on Tuesday, 23rd July 2024. Classes will run after school, at St Mary’s school. Anyone with eligible children who have been validly baptised or knows others with primary school children, who have yet to receive the Sacraments, this is such an opportune time to reach out to us!

Contact the parish office **Tuesday – Thursday** on 9370 6688 or via email at ascotvale@cam.org.au or alternatively email rosecalandra22@gmail.com. Our Catechist will then be in contact with you personally, to ascertain your child’s availability and provide more information.

Please Note while Fr. Joseph is away

There will be **no 10.00am Mass** on Monday 8th July 2024.

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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 13/14 July 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	J Escano		P Stanley	
8.30 am		B Port		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	B Philip		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 655

Offertory: CWBII 593

Communion: CWBII 507

Reflection: CWBII 582

Recessional: CWBII 655

Recently Deceased: Franco Escano; Paul Hogan

Anniversaries: Lorna Ashton; Caterina Trimboli; Owen & Ursula Wells; Vidya Kanagathungam

Feast Days: **11 July:** St Benedict

Readings Next Week: **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

Our monthly report

JUNE 2024 – Stewardship donations

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Date: Thursday 11th July 2024 Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (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.)

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for

Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Mk 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

