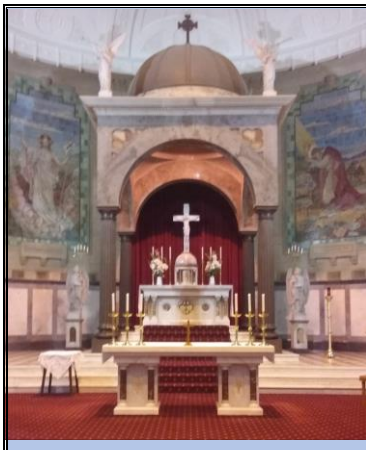




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 August 2024

Devotion to the Holy Family

The devotion to the Holy Family is open to everyone: families, single parents, single persons, non-Catholic families and individuals. It has a history longer than might be expected. In the course of this history, the Holy Family, again and again, has been presented as a model of Christian families. As with the time of Pope Leo XIII’s apostolic letter in 1892 when family life was undergoing radical change so, too, in our time is family life facing the reality of change and a variety of threats.

Prayer consecrating the family to the Holy Family is that families would be granted support and grow in holiness, in every virtue we believe to shine forth in the Holy Family.

Prayer together as a family during the week before the Act of Consecration

Monday (12th) – Tuesday (13th) – Wednesday (14th) – Thursday (15th) [The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary] – Friday (16th) – Saturday (17th)

On Sunday (18th): the Act of Consecration

It is suggested that each family pray together each day (*see below*) for the week before the consecration. Ideally, after the consecration has occurred, this form of prayer will continue once a week. St. Louis de Montfort urges those making the Act of Consecration to engage in spiritual penance, such as fasting, almsgiving, or praying intentionally for someone. He also encourages us to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before making the formal consecration.

The prayer format is as follows:

Leader: As a family, we pray to God taking the Holy Family as our model that God’s love may reign over our family; that peace will be in each of us no matter where we are and what we are doing; and that we will be united more closely to God and to one another.

Together: I repent, Jesus. Forgive me, I forgive myself. Jesus, with Your help and Your power, today I consecrate everything to You – all I had, all I have, and all I will ever have; all I have been, all I am, and all I will ever be. I offer it all up to You, Lord.

Leader: We take a moment in silence to consider our personal choice today to fast, or to give in charity, or to pray for someone.

Leader: Let us now pray the Lord’s Prayer.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 17/18 August 2024

Parish Counters: J & S Crooks; J Balzan

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 Bonnici	
8.30 am		B Dwyer		R Turnbull
10.30 am	D Cutinho		M Bonnici	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 501

Offertory: CWBII 549

Communion: CWBII 509

Reflection: CWBII 549

Recessional: CWBII 520

Recently Deceased:

Lina Rosselli

Anniversaries:

Terry Crennan; Charlie Pace; Grezia Ruggieri; Maria Nasimento; Rocco Tassone; Paul Van dinh Phu; Mary Nguyen thi Huong Lau; John Hendry

Feast Days:

14 Aug: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

15 Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings Next Week: **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Our monthly report

JULY 2024 – Stewardship donations

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 3258.00
Credit card	\$ 1295.00
Direct debit	\$ 5757.00

TOTAL **\$10310.00**

This Thursday 15th August – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday 9:00am, St Mary's (School Mass – all welcome)

Thursday 12:15pm, St Margaret's (School Mass – all welcome)

Thursday 7:00pm, St Mary's

National Vocations Awareness Week

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

Imagination, Story & Jesus on Screen

A Day @ the Movies with Peter Malone msc, (In Person)

Saturday, 17 August, 10.00 am - 3.30 pm

This reflection event is an opportunity to spend some time with our imaginations, with our love for stories, with some images of how Jesus has been portrayed in screen images, and with those whom we see as Christ-like. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. BYO Lunch. Book via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

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

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.
3. Tap you 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 re-appear on the screen. Then choose the new amount and tap your card, wait to finalise.



Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours



Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Join our Palms' [Discovery Webinar](#) online on Thursday 15 August. Meet Carolyn, currently in Timor Leste, and former Palms participants to find out more about

[Assignments Aboard.](#)

Venue: Online via Zoom- register at palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/

Date: Thursday 15th August 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AEST

Contact: 02 9560 5333 or palms@palms.org.au

Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2024

(August 19 – 25) promotes an alternative, healthy option to family planning compared with chemical and other contraceptive devices.

The theme this year is: *"Trust your body's natural signs of fertility: Forget about drugs and devices."*

You are invited to join the Billings LIFE free webinar on Monday 19th August 2024 at 7:30pm AEST where you can listen to the conversation about the basics of the Billings Ovulation Method® and its application, including during times of breastfeeding.

[https://events.humanitix.com/trust-your-body-s-natural-signals-of-](https://events.humanitix.com/trust-your-body-s-natural-signals-of-fertility-free-webinar)

[fertility-free-webinar](https://events.humanitix.com/trust-your-body-s-natural-signals-of-fertility-free-webinar) Further info @ ph: 1800 335 860 or website: www.billings.life/en/



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. Relationships, events, feelings, and what happens to us, are all vehicles for God to lead me towards a richer life. 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.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Kings 19:4–8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33

R. Taste and see, the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and

kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.