

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.
**There will not be a baptism
information in November.**

The Baptism of the Lord – 11 January 2026

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 17/18 JANUARY 2026

Parish Counters: V Colicchia; T Peters

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	M Ginn		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		J Ryan		R Turnbull
10.30 am	G Kearney		L Venuto	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 282

Offertory: CWBII 473

Communion: CWBII 564

Reflection: CWBII 389

Recessional: CWBII 494

Recently Deceased: Jerome D’Souza

Anniversaries: Margharita & Luigi Corti; Francesco Zanni; Winifred Ryan

Feast Days: 17 January: St Anthony

Readings Next Week: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Hui Ling, originally from China, who has been a resident of Australia for about 35 years, has a need for accommodation for two weeks. She receives aged care services, and despite having a walker, is fairly independent. She uses taxis, prepares her own meals and can shower and toilet herself. The night-time activities of her neighbours are impacting her medical conditions and cause her to be in dire need of sleep. She speaks English quite effectively. Her intention is to put her home on the market, so she can move to another residence in the near future. Right now she is just seeking some short-term relief. If you would like to assist, please email: RBanks@mercy.com.au

Sister Tess Ward OLSH

Sr Teresa (Tess) Ward OLSH (daughter of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart), who belongs to this Missionary order, celebrated 60 years of religious profession on 3rd January this year. She was trained as a teacher and first taught on Bathurst Island (Tiwi people) for 3 years following which she studied linguistics with special application to unwritten languages, preparing reading books for primary school children. Sr Tess also taught on Nauru for 2½ years. She also spent 8 years at Timor-Leste working and learning Tetum (language of East Timor). Sr Tess has spent many years at Port Keats (Wadeye) where she taught and prepared children for their Sacramental programmes in their own Murrinhpatha language. Her outstanding contribution to bilingual and Aboriginal education has been acknowledged and honoured by various awards, including the Order of Australia medal. May she know God’s blessings as she celebrates her Diamond Anniversary. Sr Tess has a sister and nephew, who are active parishioners of St. Mary’s, Mary and Paul Bonnici.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

The Baptism of the Lord

FIRST READING

Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause
of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations, to open the eyes of
the blind, to free captives from prison, and
those who live in darkness from the dungeon.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
'The truth I have now come to realise' he said
'is that God does not have favourites, but that
anybody of any nationality who fears God and
does what is right is acceptable to him.
'It is true, God sent his word to the people of
Israel, and it was to them that the good news
of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but
Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have

heard about the recent happenings in Judaea;
about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in
Galilee, after John had been preaching
baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy
Spirit and with power, and because God was
with him, Jesus went about doing good and
curing all who had fallen into the power of the
devil.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and
the Father's voice was heard: this is my
beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be
baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It
is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and
yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave
it like this for the time being; it is fitting that
we should, in this way, do all that
righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in
to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from
the water, and suddenly the heavens opened
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a
dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke
from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my
favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

