

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.

4th Sunday of Advent – 22 December 2024

Parishioners contributing to the Masterplan process

THANK YOU for the completed papers

There were 55 completed papers last Sunday and with more expected today. These papers concern how parishioners see the vitality and vibrancy of St. Mary’s Parish.

Magnificent Outcome – for the Preservation Fund

The second special collection in 2024 for St. Mary’s Preservation Church Account held in October has seen a truly wonderful injection of \$5,842.30. Sincere thanks to all contributors – and to a few who gave very large contributions.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December

6:00 pm St Mary’s

8:00 pm St Margaret’s

12:00 Midnight St Mary’s Carols from 11:30

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25 December

(no 8:30 am Mass)

10:30 am St Mary’s



PLEASE NOTE

Mass Time change between Christmas and New Year

26 December, Thursday – **No Mass**

27 December, Friday – **No Mass**

28 / 29 December, weekend – As Normal

30 December, Monday – **No Mass**

31 December, Tuesday – **9.00am**

New Year’s Day, 1st January 2025, Wednesday – 9.00am & 7.00pm

Parish Office closed over Christmas

Our Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday, 7 January 2025. Any non-urgent administrative matters will be dealt with in the new year.

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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 28/29 Dec 2024

Parish Counters: No Count

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	N Familiari		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		B Prot		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	A Fogarty		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 242

Offertory: CWBII 514

Communion: CWBII 518

Reflection: CWBII 416

Recessional: CWBII 647

Recently Deceased:

Maria Adele Elliotte; Ida Smith; Bill Cozens; Fr Len Thomas

Anniversaries:

Angelina Raffaele; Francesco Casamento; Vittorio Abatescianni; Francis Ta Trinh; Francis Chang Trinh; Mary Hao Tran; Leo DeMaria

Feast Days:

25 December: Christmas Day

26 December: Feast of St Stephen

27 December: Feast of St John

28 December: Feast of the Holy Innocents

Readings Next Week:

Feast of the Holy Family: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Rosters for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Welcomers, Counters

The next roster for St Mary's & St Margaret's commencing January 2024 to April 2024 have been emailed to you all. Thank you for the support you give these ministries.

Seeking: Volunteer Carpark Attendants

We're seeking volunteers to assist with carpark duties at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass and the 10:30am Christmas Day Mass, starting 30 minutes prior.

- **Help make a difference:** Directing vehicles to free spaces is crucial in ensuring a smooth and safe event for all attendees.
- **No experience necessary!** Training will be provided on the day.

To volunteer, contact the parish office or the Car Park Attendants team on 0414 363 958

Baptisms

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

Ashton Batten Marinucci

Grace Micallef



Thank you – Archbishop's Campaign

We are pleased to share the success of the inaugural Archbishop's Campaign and sincerely thank you for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese raised **\$811,178** including **\$2200.25** contributed by Parish of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Ascot Vale. These funds will support vital mission areas such as the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

Thank you for being part of this important campaign and for living out your faith with action.



Time to give something back to our Parish!

Wish List Stage one

December 2024 - April 2025

UPDATE

Updated information as of Friday 20 December 2024. Three anonymous donors have come forward this week with donations of \$150 to cover the K and M microphone stand and two donations covering the cost of the Shure MX418S Microphone. This means the priest will have an identical microphone as on the Lectionary side. The big ticket item in Stage One is the replacement of Father's wireless microphone and this still awaits a donor- small donations towards this big item would be most welcome!

	K and M Microphone Stand with Fixed Boom - Black \$144.99	Please tick selection and indicate amount donated eg ☒ \$20.00
		DONATED
	Shure MX418S Microphone Supercardioid 460mm Gooseneck Black \$548	
		DONATED
	AKG C680BL "Church mice" \$50.00 each	
	Shure ULXD1 Belt Pack Wireless Digital Transmitter H51 \$1290	
	Shure QLXD4 Digital Wireless Receiver \$1569	
	Mogambi 15ft XLR to XLR microphone cable. \$97.00	

Donations can be made via the normal Mass collection, please place donation in an envelope and indicate amount and what the donation is for - eg \$10.00 for Shure Transmitter. Include your name if you are not anonymous.
Credit Card donations- please email our Office on ascotvale@cam.org.au and we will explain donation process- thankyou!

A Visitor from Lithuania

Archbishop Lionginas Virbalas SJ is currently visiting Australia to make contact with the Lithuanian Catholic community and its chaplaincy. Naturally, our Father Joseph is hosting the Archbishop very well.

Today – A Special THANK YOU to True North Youth Group!

Jubilee of Families Pilgrimage 2025 - Tuesday 20 May 2025 – Wednesday 4 June 2025

Registrations for the Archdiocese of Melbourne's 2025 Jubilee of Families pilgrimage will close on 7 February 2025. The pilgrimage, which coincides with the Jubilee of Families, Grandparents and the Elderly, is open to all parishioners. Harvest Journeys is the pilgrimage provider, Fr Andrew McCarter will accompany the pilgrims as their chaplain.

For more information, contact Harvest Journeys at info@harvestjourneys.com, or call 1800 819 156.

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage 2025 - Monday 21 July 2025 – Tuesday 5 August 2025

This pilgrimage is open to Catholics aged between 18 and 30 years. Fr Jude Johnson will accompany the pilgrims as their chaplain.

For more information, contact Harvest Journeys at info@harvestjourneys.com, or call 1800 819 156.

4th Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING

Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this:

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives
birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come
back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will
extend his power to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your
face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
(R.)

SECOND READING

Hebrew s 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the
world:

*You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.*

*You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices
for sin;
then I said,*

*just as I was commanded in the scroll of the
book,*

'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: *You did not want* what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and *you took no pleasure* in them; and then he says: *Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.* He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

