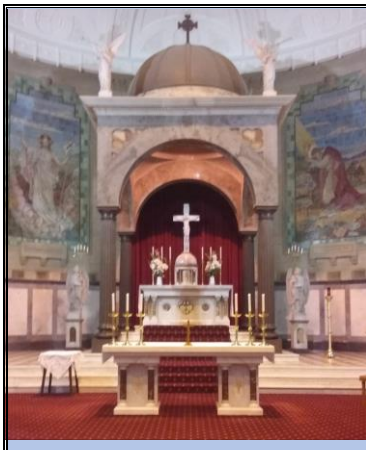




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22 September 2024

About the Parish Advisory Board

The Parish Advisory Board is a pastoral and representative body. It leads the Parish through the following four key dimensions of our faith life:

1. **Proclamation** – activities and groups that tell of our faith, and ways of sharing the Good News – *E.G.*: RCIA
2. **Worship** – activities and groups that serve prayer and liturgy in our Parish – *E.G.*: Music Ministry
3. **Community** – activities and groups that support, provide for, build up and extend our Parish community – *E.G.*: Community Group
3. **Service** – activities and groups that offer practical assistance to the Parish as a whole and within the Parish – *E.G.*: St. Vincent de Paul Society

Members serve a term of 3 years on the Advisory Board. A current *Working with Children Check* is required (free for volunteers), and can be applied for online.

St. Mary’s Parish can be grateful to Richard Turnbull (current Chairperson), Anne Fogarty (current Secretary), and Darcy Brennan for their years of service and who, at the end of this year, will be followed by three new members.

3 positions are open and will close on Monday, 30th September.

1 NOMINATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED

1 PERSON HAS OFFERED TO BE THE MINUTE SECRETARY

A nomination form can be submitted via email to ascotvale@cam.org.au or hardcopy to the letter box at the side of the Presbytery door. Two referees are required as well as some words on the form describing your abilities and skills, including your reasons for wanting to be a member of the Parish Advisory Board.

Parish Advisory Board’s Nomination Committee, at present, is comprised of Richard Turnbull, Stephanie Houten and Fr. Desmond. This committee discusses and evaluates the submitted nominations and makes decisions based on the selection criteria.

Concreting



Two areas of concrete outside St. Mary’s Church will be renewed starting on Monday 30th September.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 28/29 Sept 2024

Parish Counters: T Peters; 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	R Hoshun		P Stanley	
8.30 am		M Zoleta		R Turnbull
10.30 am	A Fogarty		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 461

Offertory: CWBII 593

Communion: CWBII 645

Reflection: CWBII 389

Recessional: CWBII 476

Anniversaries:

Michaelangelo Bonnici; Bernadette Brooks; Brigida Yusi; Leonardo Liwanag Jnr; John Van Rosmalen; Nicola Colicchia; Giuseppe Gervasi; Gregory Francis Hillas; Francisca Bediaga

Feast Days:

23 Sep: St Pius of Pietrelcina

27 Sep: St Vincent de Paul

Readings Next Week: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Recent Sessions for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training and Renewal for Readers/Commentators and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Sessions were held at St Mary's Church over this past weekend 13th and 14th September. Emphasis was placed on the importance of these roles in ensuring that all attendees at Mass have a spiritual and meaningful experience especially in the reading of the Liturgy of the Word as Pope Francis has highlighted 'The Lord's word is an indispensable aid for not getting lost,' he said. It is, as the psalmist says, "a lamp for my feet, a light for my path."

Fr Desmond led the sessions providing some demonstrations of expectations in the roles and giving plenty of opportunities for participants to ask questions and clarify any instructions that needed further information.

Attendance at the two sessions was encouraging, but for those unable to attend, information has been provided via email to ensure that everyone is aware of what is required including being compliant with Working With Children Checks (WWCC) and reading and signing off (& witnessed) the Code of Conduct Declaration.

Fr Desmond thanked those who attended, Sr Diane Moore, Rosina Boyer, Patricia McLoughlin (representing both Churches in the Parish) who formed part of the committee which collaborated and put together the presentation.



CDF Tap & Go Machine in St Mary's Church

To allow for convenience to donate to our parish.

We have this machine located at the back in our church.

Thank you for the support you give our parish.

BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome the children being baptised this weekend at our parish.

Heidi Rose Pascoe

Roy Bagnato

Valentino Luzzi Di Lorenzo

Alicia Caterina Merlino

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 Location: via ZOOM Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

New website, Facebook and Instagram

Please bookmark our new website, <http://www.melbcatholic.org/ascotvale>. The new site contains all the information from the old site but also has a lot of current Parish news included. It is being constantly updated and improved. Those Parishioners interested in subscribing to this newsletter will find a form to fill in at the bottom of the home page. This is an easy way to receive the newsletter as an email. Also if you are on Facebook or Instagram please follow us. If you have a story you think belongs on our website and social media please email gck Kearney@gmail.com



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since
he annoys us and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our
upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself
will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take
his part and rescue him from the clutches of
his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after - we have his
word for it.'
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 53

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

SECOND READING St James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you
find disharmony, and wicked things of every
kind being done; whereas the wisdom that
comes down from above is essentially
something pure; it also makes for peace, and
is kindly and considerate; it is full of
compassion and shows itself by doing good;
nor is there any trace of partiality or
hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work
for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit
in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the
desires fighting inside your own selves? You
want something and you haven't got it; so
you are prepared to kill. You have an
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight
to get your way by force. Why you don't have
what you want is because you don't pray for
it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is
because you have not prayed properly, you
have prayed for something to indulge your
own desires.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in
the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his
disciples made their way through Galilee; and
he did not want anyone to know, because he
was instructing his disciples; he was telling
them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into
the hands of men; they will put him to death;
and three days after he has been put to death
he will rise again.' But they did not
understand what he said and were afraid to
ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was
in the house he asked them, 'What were you
arguing about on the road?' They said nothing
because they had been arguing which of them
was the greatest. So he sat down, called the
Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to
be first, he must make himself last of all and
servant of all.' He then took a little child, set
him in front of them, put his arms round him,
and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one
of these little children in my name, welcomes
me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes
not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.