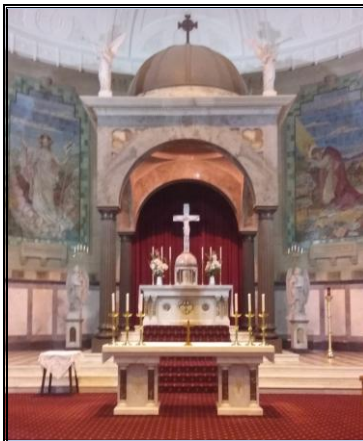




# PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

## ST MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ST MARY'S CHURCH, 123 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ASCOT VALE  
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BARB STREET, MARIBYRNONG

**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr Desmond J Moloney  
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**Principal, St Mary's School:** Mr Denis Johnstone T: 9370 1194  
**Principal, St Margaret's School:** Mr John Rudd T: 9318 1339

### 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 Easter – 11 May 2025

### Parish Offertory Program

*Dear Parishioners,*

In two weeks, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in our parish community, which will run over a four-week period. Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and feel a connection to the parish. It is a vital part of our identity as Christian worshippers. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

### Parish Advisory Board

*Positions filled at the April meeting are as follows:*

**Chairperson:** Stephanie Houten

**Deputy Chairperson:** Adam Bui

St. Mary's Parish can be grateful to Stephanie and Adam for accepting these roles on the Advisory Board.

*Fr Desmond J Moloney*

### Good Shepherd Sunday 2025

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

### A prayer request

You can also 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at [www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au)

This is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

### Annual Mass for marriage anniversaries

#### Sunday 1 June 2025

**11.00am – 12.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne**

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or

at [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au).

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

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 17/18 May 2025

Parish Counters: V Colicchia; J Dawson

| 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      |                                           | J Gilmartin   |
| 10.30 am              | M Doran   |               | R Rotunno                                 |               |

**Hymns:**

**Entrance:** CWBII 598

**Offertory:** CWBII 538

**Communion:** CWBII 597

**Reflection:** CWBII 620

**Recessional:** CWBII 346

**Recently Deceased:** Nicholas Fonseca; Timothy Chew Ta Chung; Constante Hipolito; Brian Dornom

**Anniversaries:** Lucita Bunque; Martina Carreon; Carmel Trento; Maria Rovetto; Bernard Cutajar; Anthony Catania; Les & Vera Whittle

**Feast Days:** **14 June:** St Matthias

**Readings Next Week:** 5th Sunday of Easter (Year C)  
Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

### Please Note while Fr. Joseph is away

There will be **no 10.00am Mass** on Monday 12th and 19th May 2025.

### Baptisms at St Mary's

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

**Evie Lina De Gori**



Our monthly report, for April 2025

### April 2025 – Stewardship donations

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Envelopes/Loose | \$ 3153.00 |
| Credit card     | \$ 1870.00 |
| Direct debit    | \$ 5287.00 |

**TOTAL** **\$10310.00**

### SHRINES OF OUR LADY (18th Aug- 3rd September 2025)

Fr Johnson Malayil, CRS, would like to invite you for a 16-day Jubilee pilgrimage, departing on the 18th of August 2025. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo, and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8890 + tips (30+ pilgrims).

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Catholic priest, Meals + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary. Inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)



### CDF Tap to Give 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 your support.

## Pope Francis' Teaching on Prayer

Let us be guided by some the teaching from the 38 "Catecheses on Prayer" that Pope Francis gave between May 2020 and June 2021:

"Prayer is the first strenght of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door of hope. There is hope but I open the door with my prayer" (*General Audience, May 20, 2020*)

"Jesus' prayer is the place where we perceive that everything comes from God and returns to him. Sometimes we human beings believe that we are the masters of everything, or on the contrary, we lose all self-esteem, we go from one side to the other. Prayer helps us to find the right dimension in our relationship with God, our Father, and with all creation" (*General Audience, November 4, 2020*)

"Jesus not only wants us to pray as her prays, but assures us that, even if our attempts at prayer are completely vain and ineffective, we can always count on his prayer. We must be aware of this: Jesus prays for me" (*General Audience, June 2, 2021*)

## Servant of God

**DR SR MARY GLOWREY JMJ**



Learn about Mary Glowrey and her Cause for canonisation at [maryglowrey.org.au](http://maryglowrey.org.au)

Visit the Mary Glowrey Museum, Level 2, Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Please note stairway access only.

Open Days: 14 May & 11 June (10am–3pm)

Details: [maryglowreymuseum.info](http://maryglowreymuseum.info)

## Job Opportunities

### CDF Positions

- Risk & Compliance Assurance Manager, IT
- Relationship Support Officer

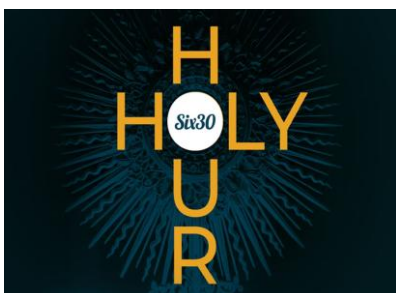
### Parish Positions

- Parish Administration Assistant, St Ignatius/St James Parish, Richmond
- Stewardship Coordinator/ Finance Officer, Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Administrative Officer, St Bernard's Parish, Geelong

### Other Positions

- Youth Ministry Officer, The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: [Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#) or contact Human Resources at [hadmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hadmin@cam.org.au)



Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession. Please note that various venues will be used for Six30 Holy Hour throughout 2025. Please check venue details each week on the [Events](#) page of Melbourne Catholic.

For more information, email [udisciple@cam.org.au](mailto:udisciple@cam.org.au) or call 9926 5677.

## 4th Sunday of Easter

### **FIRST READING**

Act 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 99

**R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

### **SECOND READING**

Rev 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

*The word of the Lord.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

