



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
Assistant Priest / Lithuanian Chaplain: Rev Fr Joseph Deveikis
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Office Hours: Tue – Thu 9.30am – 3.00pm *Secretary: Carmen D’Rosario*
Principal, St Mary’s School: Mr Denis Johnstone T: 9370 1194
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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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8 September 2024

About the Parish Advisory Board

The Parish Advisory Board meets quarterly and advises the Parish Priest. It is a pastoral and representative body. It leads the Parish through:

1. **Proclamation** – activities and groups that tell of our faith, and ways of sharing the Good News – *E.G.*: RCIA
2. **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
4. **Worship** – activities and groups that serve prayer and liturgy in our Parish – *E.G.*: Music Ministry

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.

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.

NEED

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St. Mary’s Parish is looking for THREE new members – as well as ONE Minute Secretary (not a formal member of the Advisory Board whose position is reviewed annually). Nominations for the **THREE open positions will close on 30th September**. Any

interested person in being the minute secretary for the Advisory Board may simply enquire directly with me.

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.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 14/15 Sept 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	R Boyer		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		B Dwyer		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	J Regan		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 448

Offertory: CWBII 579

Communion: CWBII 454

Reflection: CWBII 631

Recessional: CWBII 550

Recently Deceased: Martin Valastro; Fr Gerald O'Collins

Anniversaries: John Berger; Mary & Bill Sheargold; Ellen Coughlan

Feast Days: **13 Sep:** St John Chrysostom **14 Sep:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings Next Week: **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:7-35

Training and Renewal for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

For ministers of the Word and Communion ministers in St. Mary's Parish there will be an evening opportunity as well as a day opportunity to engage in training for ministry (*those who are new*) or renewal (*those who are experienced*). There are several parishioners who are newly undertaking one or both liturgical ministries. It is important parishioners with an interest in one or more ministries that they communicate their interest directly with me. Also, it is expected that those involved in either or both ministries (Reader/ Communion) will attend one of the upcoming Sessions in St Mary's Church. If for some reason this will not be possible please communicate by email (or phone) to the Parish Office.

Session 1: Friday 13th September at 7.00pm

Session 2: Saturday 14th September at 11.30am

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Please Note while Fr. Joseph is away

There will be **no 10.00am Mass** on Monday 9th and 16th September 2024.

There will be **no 9.15am at St Mary's** on Friday 13th September 2024, only at St Margaret's church.

RCIA – resumption for 2024/25: Information Meeting

The parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process will make a new start on Wednesday, 18th September at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Any interested enquirers, please contact the parish office via email at ascotvale@cam.org.au

Our monthly report

AUGUST 2024 – Stewardship donations

Envelopes/Loose	\$ 2674.00
Credit card	\$ 1250.00
Direct debit	\$ 5532.00

TOTAL **\$ 9456.00**

Baptisms

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

Raffaella Sam Lamaro

Francesca Pearl Lamaro

Lianora Caterina Cardamone

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

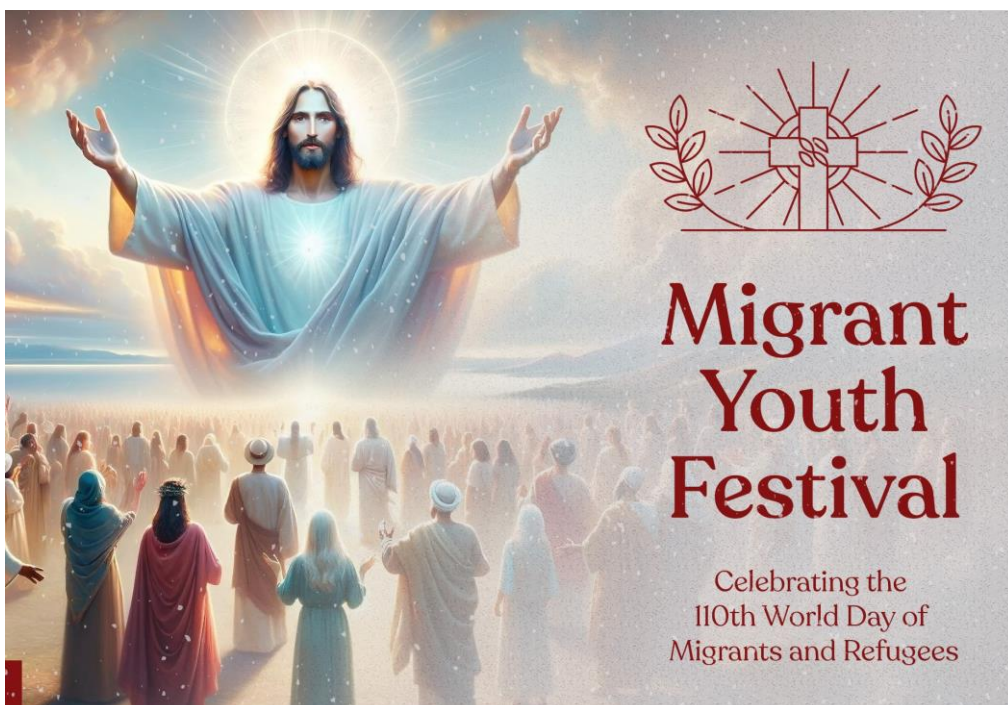
The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

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

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.



Migrant Youth Festival

Celebrating the
110th World Day of
Migrants and Refugees

“God walks with His people”

29 September 2024 · Cathedral Hall, ACU Melbourne

- 9:00 am** Registration, Keynote Address, A Conversation with Archbishop Peter, Group Activities, Lunch and Concert at **Cathedral Hall, ACU**
- 1:30 pm** Pilgrim Walk from ACU to **St Patrick's Cathedral**
- 2:00 pm** Rosary Procession around the Cathedral
- 3:00 pm** Migrant and Refugee Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Scan the QR code to register or visit
trybooking.com/CSAYK
Registrations close **EXTENDED UNTIL 15 SEPTEMBER!**

Tickets
\$30

The Migrant Youth Festival is supported by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

St James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at

that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

