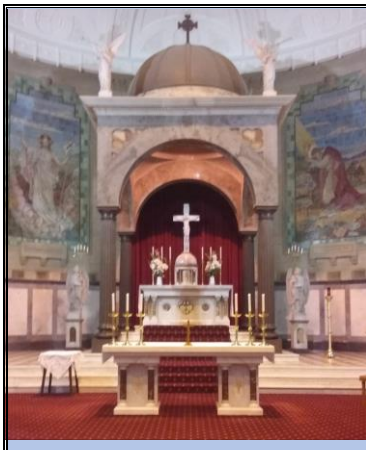




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16 February 2025

Pope Francis: EVANGELII GAUDIUM

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL (an excerpt)

My mission of being in the heart of the people is not just a part of my life or a badge I can take off; it is not an “extra” or just another moment in life. Instead, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self. I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world. We have to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening, raising up, healing and freeing. All around us we begin to see nurses with soul, teachers with soul, politicians with soul, people who have chosen deep down to be with others and for others. But once we separate our work from our private lives, everything turns grey and we will always be seeking recognition or asserting our needs. We stop being a people. (No. 273)

Jubilee Year candle

St Mary’s Parish has two Jubilee Year candles: one is already in place at St. Margaret’s Church and one for St. Mary’s Church will be installed in the near future.

The logo for the Jubilee Year of Hope shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross.

Farewell to Liam Bui who, today, begins his first year at the regional seminary, Corpus Christi College, Carlton. He goes with our prayers.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Towards the PARISH OFFERTORY Programme - May, 2025

The Offertory Programme in St Mary’s Parish will be an opportunity to review, to consider, and to decide concerning this aspect of your involvement as a parishioner.

Parish Census under way - To support our pastoral leadership

We continue to invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process if you have not already done so. By completing the census form, which is made available during our Sunday Masses, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality being used solely for this parish and will not be shared. Thank you.

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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 22/23 Feb 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	F Pinto		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		G Hatch		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	M Kenny		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 586

Offertory: CWBII 501

Communion: CWBII 651

Reflection: CWBII 509

Recessional: CWBII 477

Recently Deceased: Fr John O'Rielly

Anniversaries: Patricia & Bernard Whittaker; Barbara Gill; William & Eleanor Richard

Feast Days: **22 February:** The Chair of St Peter

Readings Next Week: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Sacramental Program

*Does your child attend a non-Catholic school in Year 6 or older and needs to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**? Classes are run weekly (except school holidays), commencing 20th February 2025, **Thursdays 4pm**, at St Mary's school, for approx. 8 weeks. If your child has received First Reconciliation and First Communion and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, email, rosecalandra22@gmail.com or the Parish Office: ascotvale@cam.org.au to enrol for these classes. For any enquiries, feel free to call Rose, the Catechist on mob: 0411 040 669.*

The Holy Father has called the universal Church to this special time of grace, a time to focus on reconciliation and forgiveness, prayer and reflection, sojourn and pilgrimage. A time to focus on hope. I invite all in the Archdiocese to participate to the fullest in this special time and am delighted to be able to offer ways to do that locally within the Archdiocese of Melbourne - **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli**

Jubilee 2025: new webpage launches for local 'pilgrims of hope'

<https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/jubilee>

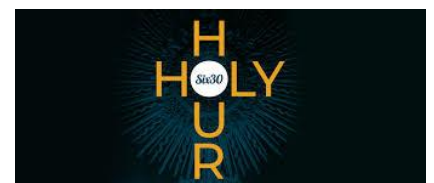


The Holy Year is celebrated across the world, including right here in Melbourne, and there is no shortage of [Pilgrim Places](#) in our Archdiocese to make our own local journeys of reconciliation and renewal.

Six30 Holy Hour

Every Thursday 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral

Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession. For more information, email udisciple@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677.



Time to give something back to our Parish!

Wish List Stage Two

February 2025 - June 2025

Updated information as of Sunday 9th February 2025. Stage Two Wish List covers the Choir area. There are normally three microphones on stands in this area, we have selected Shure SM58, a renowned vocalists microphone. The audio mixer (originally in Stage Two) has been delayed until Stage Three pending technical recommendations.

Stage One is now closed having reached its objectives of addressing the shortcomings of all P.A. Equipment around the Altar. Equipment has been ordered and we should begin to hear improvements. Please note no Parish money has been spent on these improvements so we can be very happy with our combined generosity!

Please tick selection and indicate amount donated

eg ✓ \$20.00



K and M Microphone Stand with Fixed Boom - Black
\$144.99 each

x3



Shure SM58 Cardioid Dynamic Vocal Mic \$199.00
each

x3



CAV XLR male to XLR female microphone cable
\$48.00 each

x3



K and M Microphone Stand with Fixed Boom - Black
\$144.99 each

x1



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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! More information - Gerald Kearney for the Media Group gerald_ Kearney@yahoo.com

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Jer 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 1:1-4

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6:17. 20-26

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

