



# 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.

## 5th Sunday of Easter – 18 May 2025

### Parish Offertory Program

*Dear Parishioners,*

Next weekend, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in our parish community, which will run over the next four weeks. Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness and a personal prayer. 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.

### Initiation Sacraments for Michaela Morello

At the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on 31st May, Michaela Morello will celebrate her Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Michaela has been connected to the recently concluded parish RCIA process. Personal circumstances, however, have necessitated a delay. May these Sacraments bring Michaela into newness of life, cleansed from old ways and transformed into a new creation.

*Fr Desmond J Moloney*



### *A message of joy and unity*

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli of Melbourne released a statement on 9 May, offering congratulations on behalf of the local Church.

‘With profound joy, I extend heartfelt congratulations to our newly elected Holy Father, and Bishop of Rome, Pope Leo XIV,’ Archbishop Comensoli wrote. ‘On behalf of the clergy, religious, and faithful of our local Church here in Melbourne, I offer heartfelt prayers for His Holiness as he assumes the great responsibility of Successor to Saint Peter.’



The emblem of the Order of St Augustine

**With your word you pierced my heart, and I loved you.**

*St Augustine – Confessions [X.vi(8)]*

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 24/25 May 2025

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               | N Familiarì |               | P Bonnici                                 |               |
| 8.30 am               |             | S Varghese    |                                           | A Laughton    |
| 10.30 am              | D Cutinho   |               | M Andronaco                               |               |

**Hymns:**

**Entrance:** CWBII 598

**Offertory:** CWBII 443

**Communion:** CWBII 633

**Reflection:** CWBII 552

**Recessional:** CWBII 604

**Anniversaries:**

Michele & Maria Giampino; Dennis Andrews; Tessie Zammit

**Feast Days:**

**24 May:** Our Lady, Help of Christians

**Readings Next Week:** 6th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

### Please Note while Fr. Joseph is away

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

### Morning Tea after Mass

Firstly, a belated 'Thank You' to the parishioners who brought food to share at our Morning Tea in April! We are very grateful to you.

The Parish Community Group will be holding morning tea after **10.30am Mass on Sunday, 1st June**. We invite everyone to come along and have a cuppa and something to eat, while chatting with fellow parishioners. It is always good to say hello to a person you haven't met before, as well as chat to other parishioners whom you do know.

If you would like to bring a plate of food to share, that would be a boost for catering and we will be very grateful. Everyone is welcome, so please come along!

### Communion at Home

After Covid-19, we have noted that quite a few of our (mainly older) parishioners have not returned to Mass.

Do you have a family member, friend or neighbour, living in this parish, who is no longer able to attend Mass, but would like to receive Communion regularly?

If so, please contact the presbytery or ring Marie on 9372 0307.

### 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).

## THE CONVERSATION IN THE SPIRIT

Personal reflection and group meetings with the conversation in the Spirit.

Time for personal reflection on the questions, in preparation for the Group Meetings

At around mid-Session the participants will have a moment of personal reflection on the two questions highlighted after the presentation of the Reports of the Session.

Towards the end of this reflection, participants weigh the fruits which emerged and decide what to share in the group meeting later on in the Session.

### GROUP MEETINGS - PROCESS

#### First Round

With the help of a Facilitator, the group is assembled and the meeting begins. Each person in turn shares, for 3 minutes per person, the fruits of what happened during the personal preparation time on the two questions, and listens carefully to who is speaking. There is no discussion or interaction between participants at this time, except to ask for clarification of a word or phrase if necessary.

#### Second Round

After a moment of silence, participants share what emerged in them from listening to others in the first round. This is not a time to discuss or refute what someone else says, nor to bring up what participants forgot to mention in the first round.

This is a time to share about:

How I affected by what I heard?

Was I particularly touched by a specific sharing?

Is there something missing that I expected to be said?

Did I receive a particular insight or understanding? What is it about?

Where did I experience a sense of harmony with others as we shared?

Is there a common thread?

#### Third Round

After another moment of silence, participants share in an open dialogue, moderated by the facilitator, what has transpired. During the dialogue they reflect together on how the conversation unfolded and decide on the main points that they will write down in a few words in the padlet that will be provided:

Three open challenges

Three paths that should be taken

Good practices that have emerged.

### Embarking on an Awakening Journey into an Ecological Spirituality

Hosted by the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

At St Joseph's by the Sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown.

For more information, please call (03) 9397 6012

To register, please email [admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au](mailto:admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au), putting 'Attention: Reflection Days' in the subject line.

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

## 5th Sunday of Easter

### **FIRST READING**

Act 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 144

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to people your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule  
lasts from age to age. (R.)

### **SECOND READING**

Rev 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for

her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

*The word of the Lord.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

Jn 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

