

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.
**There will not be a baptism
information in November.**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 January 2026

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 31 JAN/1 FEB 2026

Parish Counters: J & S Crooks; 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	J Escano		F Pinto	
8.30 am		P O’Loughlin		A Laughton
10.30 am	A Fogarty		R Bonvino	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 540

Offertory: CWBII 647

Communion: CWBII 518

Reflection: CWBII 476

Recessional: CWBII 655

Recently Deceased:

Elaine Kett; Tony Ramos

Anniversaries:

Gladwyn Allen; Rocco Trimboli

Feast Days:

26 January: Australia Day

28 January: St Thomas Aquinas

31 January: St John Bosco

Readings Next Week: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

Reliquaries

The parish bulletin for Pentecost Sunday, 2013, contained a Souvenir Brochure. The bulletin was prepared by Father Justin Ford, the Parish Priest of the day. The souvenir brochure informs us that the High Altar over which there is a magnificent baldacchino holds four reliquaries, each containing a major relic – St. Joseph, St. Ignatius, St. Anthony and St. Aloysius. There are no relics in the current main altar.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

PLEASE NOTE

No 10.00am Mass at St Mary’s on Monday 26 January & 2 February 2026.

Lourdes Mass

You are invited to attend the annual Lourdes Mass at **St Patrick’s Cathedral on Saturday 14 February at 10.30 am**. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Comensoli. This is a special occasion to pray for our sick, infirm and elderly and those who care for them. Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer resources.

For more information, please contact Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288

Positions Vacant

Technical Services Officer, Mannix Library – East Melbourne

Formation Specialist: Sacraments & Liturgy – East Melbourne

More information can be found on the Archdiocese website on the link below.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink. (R.)

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Matt 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death

a light has dawned.'

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.