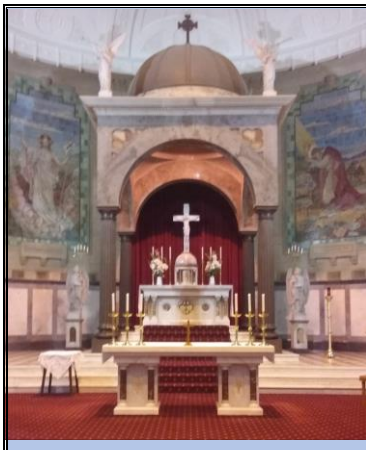




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21 July 2024

Mr. John Rudd – new Principal of St. Margaret's School

With good experience behind him, including his current Principalship at St. Francis de Sales School, Oak Park, John Rudd will come to St. Margaret's School as the new Principal. The panel for the process of appointing the new Principal was impressed by the quality of applicants and had the benefit of being astutely guided by Craig Carlin, Senior Manager School Leadership (MACS). I believe we can place great confidence in John as the incoming Principal to lead the school faithfully and soundly. We can look forward to those opportunities when we will be able to welcome John. Sincere gratitude must be paid to Ms Vicky Augello for steadily carrying out the role of Acting Principal.

Parish RCIA highpoints – Today and Next Sunday

Today, at the 10.30am Mass, Dylan Arora celebrates Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist). We congratulate him and warmly welcome him as one joined to us as part of the Body of Christ, the Church. Valeska Piotrowski, today, celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation. Matthew Ohlson will celebrate Sacraments of Initiation at the 10.30am Mass next Sunday. May what the Lord has begun be brought to fulfilment.

Mr. Paul Hogan RIP – Memorial Mass

The previous past Principal of St. Mary's School, Mr. Paul Hogan, as we know, died recently. His funeral was celebrated at St. Bernard's College on Friday, 12th July. The current Principal, Mr. Denis Johnstone, has requested a Memorial Mass for Paul. I welcome this initiative. This Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 1st August at 9.00am – a day and time when classes from St. Mary's School normally attend. Naturally, as a regular Thursday parish Mass parishioners who are in a position to attend will be most welcome.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Parish Sacramental Program

Our Sacramental Program for **1st Reconciliation (Grade 3) and Holy Communion (Grade 4)**, will be commencing during the school term on Tuesday, 23rd July 2024. Classes will run after school, at St Mary's school. Anyone with eligible children who have been validly baptised or knows others with primary school children, who have yet to receive the Sacraments, this is such an opportune time to reach out to us!

Contact the parish office **Tuesday – Thursday** on 9370 6688 or via email at ascotvale@cam.org.au or alternatively email rosecalandra22@gmail.com.

Our Catechist will then be in contact with you personally, to ascertain your child's availability and provide more information.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 27/28 July 2024

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	M Bonnici		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		Family Mass		R Turnbull
10.30 am	R Wiatrowski		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 538

Offertory: CWBII 593

Communion: CWBII 629

Reflection: CWBII 597

Recessional: CWBII 515

Recently Deceased: Harold Morris; Michelle Bourrillon

Anniversaries: Guiseppe Raffaele; Giuseppe Timpano; Tien Trinh; Teresa Du Nguyen; Maria Lien Dang; John & Barbara Meerwald; Fe Tatel

Feast Days: **22 July:** St Mary Magdalene

25 July: St James

26 July: Sts Joachim and Anne

Readings Next Week: **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** 2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Baptisms

We warmly welcome **Pia Rose Conte** being baptised this weekend at our parish.

History Group Meeting

The next meeting of our History Group will be Thursday 25th July at 2.00pm. Same location as last time. All welcome, In the shadows of World War One we meet the remarkable Father Bakker, our second Parish Priest. For more information contact Gerald Kearney 0431570067
gckkearney@gmail.com <mailto:gckkearney@gmail.com>

Stella Maris – Sea Sunday

It is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org



Morning Tea after Mass

The Parish Community Group will be providing morning tea after 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, **4th August 2024**.

We would like to 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.

Everyone is welcome, so please come along!

Open House Melbourne: Catholic Theological College

Saturday 27 July 2024, 11.00am–3.00pm

278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne VIC 3002

Catholic Theological College will open for self-guided tours as part of the popular Open House Melbourne weekend.

Journey Through Sadness Morning Tea

The Essendon Parishes Journey Through Sadness group was formed with the aim of supporting parishioners through the different forms of sadness and loss. Our parishes would like to offer some gatherings that could help us open up this subject and perhaps find support in each other. You are welcomed for the second gathering of the group for morning tea in PACE, 48C Lincoln Road, Essendon on Wednesday 24 July at 10:30am. Friends are most welcome.

Anointing of the Sick offers strength to the seriously ill and elderly – Pope Francis

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just for those who are nearing the end of their life, Pope Francis said.

'Let us remember that the Anointing of the Sick is one of the "sacraments of healing", of "restoration", that heals the spirit,' the Pope said in his prayer video message for July, released by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

Having a priest give the sacrament does not necessarily mean saying 'goodbye to life', he said.

'Thinking this way means giving up every hope.'

'When a person is very ill, it's advisable to give them the Anointing of the Sick. And when someone is elderly, it's good that they receive the Anointing of the Sick,' Pope Francis said, underlining how there is no need to wait until a person experiencing a

serious illness is at the point of death to receive the sacrament.

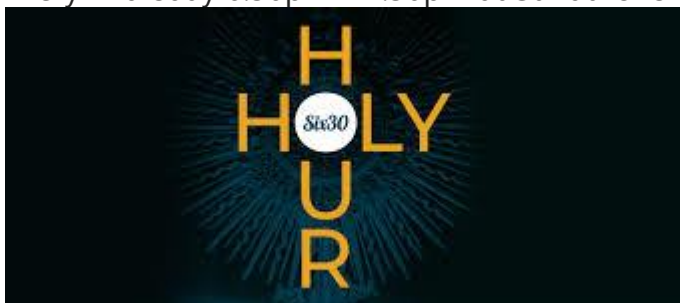
'Let us pray that the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope,' he said.



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Six30 Holy Hour

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



For more than 20 years, young people from all over Melbourne have gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday evenings for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. We invite all young adults to join us for this weekly evening of prayer.

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1–6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks!

'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. and this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9–14

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13–18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 6:7-13

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.