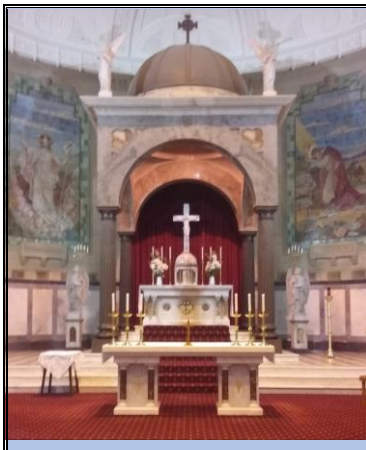




# PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

## 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.

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23 February 2025

### St. Mary’s Parish – Growing into greater **VITALITY**

64 Responses were given in connection to two Self-Reflection tools: *Growing Vital Parishes* and *Growing Vibrant Parishes*. Taken as a percentage of last year’s average attendance per Sunday 64 represents about 13%. The Parish Masterplan Reference Group is gratefully acknowledged for the following interpretation of the responses. Next Sunday’s bulletin will contain an interpretation of the responses concerning *Growing Vibrant Parishes*.

Survey results reflect a mixture within the parish. Here’s an overall interpretation of the survey results across the various categories.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

#### **A. Leadership in Change (Average: 3.34)**

**Interpretation:** The average score of 3.34 indicates that the parish is **moving towards a more collaborative leadership mode**.

#### **Actionable Insights:**

**Increase Lay Leadership:** It would be beneficial to empower lay leaders more, helping them take more responsibility in leading the parish’s transformation efforts.

**Team Collaboration:** Consider forming or strengthening leadership teams (eg. committees or advisory boards) that collaborate with the parish priest on key initiatives.

#### **B. Vision and Mission (Average: 2.81)**

**Interpretation:** The average score of 2.81 suggests that the parish is **struggling with fully engaging its vision and mission**.

#### **Actionable Insights:**

**Vision Revitalization:** It is important to **revisit and communicate the vision** more actively. This can involve holding a series of meetings/workshops with the parish to **ensure everyone understands and aligns with the mission**.

**Engagement with Vision:** Consider making the vision central to parish life by regularly referring to it in communications, liturgies and community activities.

#### **C. Openness to Change (Average: 3.36)**

**Interpretation:** The average score of 3.36 shows that the parish is **generally open to change** but may still be in the early stages of implementing new ideas.

#### **Actionable Insights:**

**Strengthen Existing Relationships:** Build on the current relationships by **increasing shared activities** (eg. joint service projects, events or programs)

**Further Integration:** Work towards integrating schools and ministries even more into parish life, for example, **inviting them to participate in liturgies, parish events or ongoing faith formation programs**.

**Leverage Ministries:** Engage local ministries in the parish’s larger mission to ensure they feel **fully embraced and supported** by the community.

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 1/2 Mar 2025

**Parish Counters: R Aparo; D McAleer**

| 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 Ginn    |                    | P Barbaro                                 |               |
| 8.30 am               |           | <b>Family Mass</b> |                                           | A Laughton    |
| 10.30 am              | G Kearney |                    | M Andronaco                               |               |

**Hymns:**

**Entrance:** CWBII 504

**Offertory:** CWBII 309

**Communion:** CWBII 651

**Reflection:** CWBII 509

**Recessional:** CWBII 453

**Recently Deceased:**

Antonio Monteleone

**Anniversaries:**

Patricia & John Kearney; Ken & Daphne Thomas; Cyril Andrews

**Readings Next Week:**

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

### **D. Collaboration with Schools and Ministries (Average: 3.67)**

**Interpretation:** The average score of 3.67 indicates strong relationships with schools and local ministries but with room for further integration and collaboration.

**Score breakdown:** This score is fairly positive, suggesting that the parish has good relationships with local schools and ministries, but there is potential for deeper or more active collaboration with them.

**Actionable Insights:**

**Strengthen Existing Relationships:** Build on the current relationships by increasing shared activities (e.g., joint service projects, events, or programs).

**Further Integration:** Work towards integrating schools and ministries even more into parish life, for example, by inviting them to participate in liturgies, parish events, or ongoing faith formation programs.

**Leverage Ministries:** Engage local ministries in the parish's larger mission to ensure they feel fully embraced and supported by the community.

### **E. Collaboration with Neighbouring Parishes (Average: 2.50)**

**Interpretation:** The average score of 2.50 indicates that the parish is **struggling with collaboration** with neighbouring parishes.

**Actionable Insights:**

**Initiate Conversations:** Begin by organising **conversations with neighbouring parishes** to explore areas of shared ministry or collaborative efforts (eg. joint youth program, shared resources for outreach)

**Create a Formal Plan:** Develop a formal collaboration plan with neighbouring parishes through joint initiatives, sharing resources, or organizing events that benefit the broader community.

**Shared Goals:** Look for shared goals in ministry, service, or faith formation that neighbouring parishes can work on together, thus building stronger relationships.

**Overall Reflection**

**Leadership:** There's progress toward shared leadership (3.34), but it's still in transition. Empowering lay leadership more could make a significant difference in facilitating the change process.

**Vision and Mission:** The parish needs to refocus on its vision (2.81), ensuring it is embraced and actively implemented by the community. A more intentional approach to vision ownership could help in this area.

**Openness to Change:** There's a solid recognition of the need for change (3.36), but more consistent efforts to try new ideas and foster a culture of innovation would be beneficial.

**Collaboration with Schools and Ministries:** Positive but could be deepened (3.67). The parish is in a good position to increase involvement with schools and ministries to further integrate them into parish life.

**Collaboration with Neighbouring Parishes:** The parish is lagging in collaborating with other parishes (2.50), indicating a need to take more active steps to build relationships with neighbouring communities.

### Next Steps for Improvement

**Leadership:** Strengthen lay leadership and create more collaborative structures to share responsibility for parish transformation.

**Vision:** Revisit and ensure parishioners are actively engaged with the vision, possibly by involving them in vision renewal sessions or workshops.

**Change Culture:** Encourage experimentation and learning from others by offering opportunities for growth and exploring new ideas.

**Collaboration:** Deepen the collaboration with schools and ministries and actively pursue partnerships with neighbouring parishes.

*Parish Masterplan Reference Group*

## Baptism

We warmly welcome into the family of God's Church, the children being baptised in our Parish this weekend.

**Vincent Antonio Considine**

**Heidi Rose Pascoe**

**Henry Wells Zahmel**

**John Wells Zahmel**

**Nicholas Frank Gallone**

**Oliver Tomislav Cahill**

**Oscar Thomas Hartihgan**



Time to give something back to our Parish!

# Wish List Stage Two

February 2025 - June 2025

Updated information as of Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

|                                                                                     |                                                                   |    |                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | K and M Microphone Stand with Fixed Boom - Black<br>\$144.99 each | x3 | Please tick selection and indicate amount donated<br>eg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 |
|  | Shure SM58 Cardioid Dynamic Vocal Mic \$199.00 each               | x3 |                                                                                                     |
|  | CAV XLR male to XLR female microphone cable<br>\$48.00 each       | x3 |                                                                                                     |
|  | K and M Microphone Stand with Fixed Boom - Black<br>\$144.99 each | x1 |                                                                                                     |
|  | Shure SM58 Cardioid Dynamic Vocal Mic \$199.00 each               | x1 | Donated                                                                                             |
|  | CAV XLR male to XLR female microphone cable<br>\$48.00 each       | x1 | Donated                                                                                             |

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](mailto:ascotvale@cam.org.au) and we will explain donation process- thankyou! More information - Gerald Kearney for the Media Group [gerald\\_kearney@yahoo.com](mailto:gerald_kearney@yahoo.com)

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING 1 Sm 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

*The word of the Lord.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102

#### R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

### SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

*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 Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*