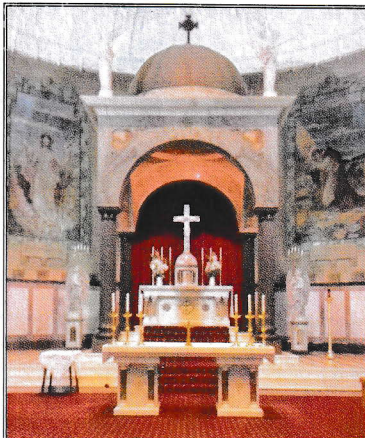




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1 September 2024

Training and Renewal

for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

For ministers of the Word and Communion ministers in St. Mary's Parish there will be an evening opportunity as well as a day opportunity to engage in training for ministry (*those who are new*) or renewal (*those who are experienced*). There are several parishioners who are newly undertaking one or both liturgical ministries. It is important parishioners with an interest in one or more ministries that they communicate their interest directly with me. Also, it is expected that those involved in either or both ministries (Reader/ Communion) will attend one of the upcoming Sessions in St Mary's Church. If for some reason this will not be possible please communicate by email (or phone) to the Parish Office.

Session 1: Friday 13th September at 7.00pm

Session 2: Saturday 14th September at 11.30am

Nominations to become a member of the Parish Advisory Board are now open

The Parish Advisory Board is seeking nominations for **three new members**, and one **minute Secretary**. The Advisory Board is made up of interested parishioners who want to share responsibility for the life and faith development of Parish community in partnership with the Parish Priest.

This is a great opportunity for interested persons who want to be more involved in shaping the activities and future plans of the Parish. No special qualifications or expertise needed - only a can-do attitude, and a commitment to support our Parish, and collaborate with others.

If you're interested in becoming an Advisory Board member, please submit your nomination form telling us about your interest in the role, and any abilities or skills that you bring. A nomination form can be submitted via email to ascotvale@cam.org.au or hardcopy to the box at the front door of the Parish Office. Printed nomination forms can be found at the side entrances of both churches.

We look forward to hearing from you.

RCIA – resumption for 2024/25: Information Meeting

The parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process will make a new start on Wednesday, 18th September at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Any interested enquirers, please contact the parish office via email at ascotvale@cam.org.au

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 7/8 Sept 2024

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 Bonnici	
8.30 am		N Vaz		R Turnbull
10.30 am	B Philip		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 488

Offertory: CWBII 651

Communion: CWBII 454

Reflection: CWBII 631

Recessional: CWBII 604

Recently Deceased:

Alejandra Pedrosa

Anniversaries:

Antonia Trimboli; Margherita Schepis; Vincent Kuhlen; Eduarda Dancel; Leven Puno; Francisco Bondoc; Pilar Ramos; Eulogio Mallari

Feast Days:

3 Sep: St Gregory the Great

Readings Next Week:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Concreting Job – coming late September! Its Downside!!

While we can be pleased and happily look forward to two areas of concrete external to St. Mary's Church to be renewed at the end of September (during the first week of school holidays) this development has its shortcomings. For about twelve months, my hope had been for us all to see a concreting and landscaping project eventuate. It became clear, however, that the cost of such a project was not likely to receive approval from the Archdiocese, not simply on the cost alone, at a cost of more than \$100k, but that it had to be part of a masterplan. I still hold onto a hope, and, I believe, shared with the parish community, that the future masterplan will incorporate a fully developed and attractive area external to St. Mary's Church, concreted and landscaped.

Scam Alert

A parishioner in the past week received a scam and fortunately did not fall victim to it. It came in the form of a text message purportedly sent by me urgently requesting the purchase of VISA Gift Cards with the promise that I would refund. Please be assured that this kind of approach is not one anyone can expect from me. I do not approach individuals on a personal basis by email or text making requests of this nature.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

First Friday & First Saturday devotions

This Friday is the 1st Friday of the month, with devotions after the morning Mass.

Saturday is the 1st Saturday: we will have devotions at Holy Hour after 9:30am Mass.

Meditation & Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition

10 x Thursday, 12 Sept – 14 Nov 2024, 11am–12pm

(in-person event) Roland Ashby

This series offers a beautiful space to stop for an hour to explore the ancient way of contemplation and tap into a deep spring of love, joy, peace and compassion at the centre of being.

Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/meditation-mindfulness-in-the-christian-tradition-sem2/?> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost \$100 for the series.


Heart of Life
 Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

Wishing blessings upon all fathers this Father's Day

Father's Day Prayer

Father, it is your commandment that we should honour our fathers;
hear the prayers we offer you for them.
Grant them many years on earth and keep them in health of mind and body.
Bless their work and all they do.
Give them back a hundred-fold whatever they have done for us.
Inspire them with your love and help them to fulfil your holy law.
One day, may we be their comfort and support,
so that having enjoyed their affection on earth
we may have the joy of being with them forever in your home in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 Location: via ZOOM
Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison
Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

St Monica And The Seeds Of Holiness

The encounter between Monica and her two sons during her last days reveals much about her personality and profound spirituality.

In his *Confessions* (Book 9), Augustine recalls Monica telling him,

"One thing only there was for which I desired to linger awhile in this life: to see you a Catholic Christian before I died. And this my God has granted to me more lavishly than I could have hoped, letting me see you even spurning earthly happiness to be his servant."

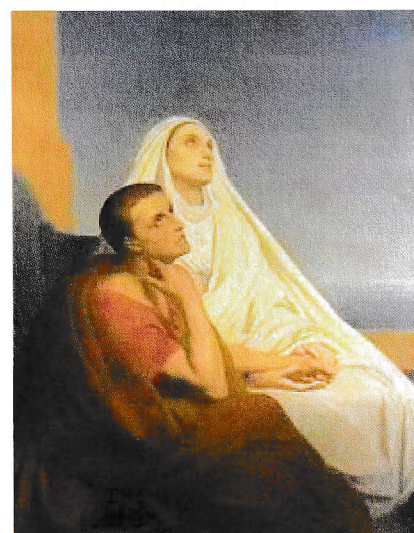
This scene reveals not only the formidable element of her character but also her steadfast belief in the power of the Eucharist. Monica makes it clear that her burial location is not as important as her remembrance at Mass—a simple statement of profound spiritual depth.

The Eucharistic prayer that grounds the celebration of the Lord's Supper includes an intercession for the deceased. St Monica clearly believed that she would be close to her sons when they attended Mass, when they joined the Catholic community in offering praise to the Father for the life, death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus the Lord.

The most quoted line on Australian memorial cards comes from St Monica:

'One thing only do I ask of you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.'

Melbourne Catholic



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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14

R. Those who are just, will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our

Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.