

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29 September 2024

Parish Advisory Board

Among the Objectives of the Parish Advisory Board, it is stated that the Board is “to lead the Parish through:

- Proclamation – activities and groups that tell of our faith, and ways of sharing the Good News
- Community – activities and groups that support, provide for, build up and extend our Parish community
- Service – activities and groups that offer practical assistance to the Parish as a whole and within the Parish
- Worship – activities and groups that serve prayer and liturgy in our Parish.”

These four facets of the faith of the Church have been highlighted by Archbishop Peter Comensoli as being descriptive of our common missionary calling. In other words, we have and find our common missionary calling in proclamation, worship, community and service. As a baptised people we have been baptised into Proclamation, into Worship, into Community, and into Service. Included in the Advisory Board’s Purpose is that:

The Advisory Board gives witness to the equality, dignity, and responsibility of all the baptised to share in the mission of Jesus Christ.

The above mentioned four facets lie at the heart of the Parish Advisory Board and may be seen to encompass all of the life, activities, and groups in St. Mary’s Parish.

Nominations for 3 positions close on Monday, 30th September

3 NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

1 PERSON HAS OFFERED TO BE THE MINUTE SECRETARY

More nominations may be received by the closing date.

A nomination form can be submitted via email to ascotvale@cam.org.au or hardcopy to the letter box at the side of the Presbytery door. Two referees are required as well as some words describing your abilities and skills, including your reasons for wishing to be a member of the Parish Advisory Board.

The Parish Advisory Board’s **Nomination Committee** will discuss and evaluate the submitted nominations and apply the selection criteria in order to reach a decision.

St. Margaret’s Church

The essential rectification work advised by a structural engineer was carried out last Monday. This has remedied the panel crack that was caused by the lateral displacement of the supporting truss strut.

Concreting



Two areas of concrete outside St. Mary’s Church will be renewed starting on Tuesday 1st October. While the work is being done, please enter the church through the front doors.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 5/6 Oct 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	N Familiari		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		B Port		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	M Doran		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 476

Offertory: CWBII 593

Communion: CWBII 645

Reflection: CWBII 625

Recessional: CWBII 476

Recently Deceased:

Gesualda Casagrande

Anniversaries:

Vence Pinto; Lucia & Daniella Sessarego; Edgardo Dancel; Carmelo, Rena & Grazio Curmi; Paolo Domenico, Antonio & Caterina Barbaro; Elisabetta Grillo; Leonard Jenkinson-Walker; Alexander Toledo Jnr

Feast Days:

30 Sep: St Jerome

1 Oct: St Therese of the Child Jesus

2 Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels

4 Oct: St Francis of Assisi

Readings Next Week: **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

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.

Safeguard Essentials - Update

Thank you to all our parish volunteers who have completed the *online training* and advised the parish office. To ensure our compliance please let us know when you have completed your *online training* via the link that was emailed to you all. The link to the Safeguarding Essentials training module: <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

No Baptism Information Session in November

There will be no Baptism Information Session in November; the last Baptism Information Session until December is **this Thursday, 3rd October, at 7:30 pm in St Mary's Church.**

History Group

The History Group is now meeting every second month on the last Thursday of the month 2.00pm at the usual place. So the next meeting is Thursday 31st October. At the meetings we reminisce about the past in a friendly atmosphere. We also aim to build up a collection of stories to be published at a future date. Join us for a pleasant afternoon. For more information call Gerald on 0431 570067.

Preservation Church Account (St. Mary's Parish)

A second Special Collection this year to inject funds into the Parish Preservation Account will be held at the Sunday Masses (12th & 13th October). Darcy Brennan of the Parish Finance Committee will speak at Masses this coming Sunday.

Daylight Saving starts next weekend 5/6 October

Beware, next weekend we turn our clocks forward on Saturday night and lose an hour! But if you forget and miss the morning Masses, there is still our Spanish Mass at 6:00 on Sunday evening.



CDF Tap & Go Machine in St Mary's Church

To allow for convenience to donate to our parish.

We have this machine located at the back in our church.

Thank you for the support you give our parish.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support for the unborn and their Mums. Women and babies deserve better than abortion to birth (the law in Victoria). Please speak up for those who cannot speak themselves. For more information www.marchforthebabies.com

Join the March for the Babies on Saturday, 12th October, 2024 at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring & Wellington Pde.

Wear blue or pink. Catch the train to Parliament Station and walk down to the Treasury Gardens.

Spiritual Retreats At Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will begin a series of reflection nights and retreats commencing with a Reflection Day focussing on the central theme of the Year of Jubilee 2025 : ***Hearing the Audacious Call to be Pilgrims of Hope*** facilitated by Mark Walsh. The day will include times of contemplation using scripture and times of prayer.

www.mmhc.org.au/spiritual-retreat/

Day : Monday, 28th October, 2024

Time: 9.30am to 3.15pm.

Venue: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert street, East Melbourne

Price: \$120 (Morning tea provided, BYO Lunch)

CHORUS ECCLESIAE is pleased to have received special permission from the National Library of Czech to perform as an Australian premiere their published transcription of Heinrich Isaac's recently discovered Missa Presulem Ephebeatum.

Performed will also be other motets for St. Martin and the Blessed Virgin Mary, featuring composers such as Fawknyer, Marenzio, de Monte, and Phillips.

With the generous support of the Robert Saltzer Foundation, we are excited to bring this wonderful concert with some of Melbourne's finest talent to the beautiful St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ascot Vale.

To purchase tickets, please visit www.chorusecclesiae.org.au

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday 20 October 2024, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Couples and their families are invited to join the annual Archdiocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please register by Sunday 13 October: <https://trybooking.com/CVMFG>

For any queries contact us on 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 18

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)

SECOND READING St James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be

your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Cf Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.