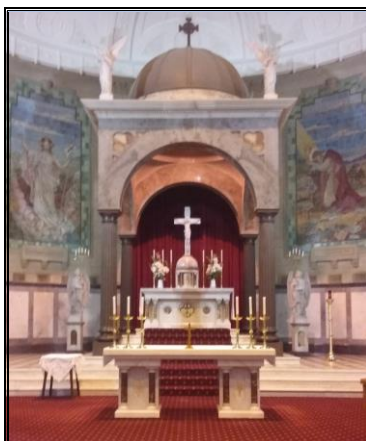


PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 August 2023

The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Solemnity on Tuesday 15 August, is a holy day of obligation.

Mass times will be 9.00am with St. Mary’s School in attendance; 12.10pm at St. Margaret’s Church with St. Margaret’s School in attendance; and then 7.00pm.

Special Choral Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, visiting choir *Chorus Ecclesiae*

Our parish welcome the visiting choir at the Mass for the Feast of The Assumption on Tuesday 7:00 pm, 15th August; they will be singing a full choral Mass.

Next Stage: Searching for Vision

Last Tuesday, St. Mary’s Parish Advisory Board held one of its scheduled meetings for 2023. The members of this Advisory Board are Richard Turnbull (Chair), Anne Fogarty (Secretary), Maureen Ginn, Darcy Brennan, Adam Bui, Stephanie Houten, and the Principals of St. Mary’s School and St. Margaret’s School (Denis Johnstone and Gavin Brennan, who are ex officio). At the meeting, besides providing updates and receiving reports from the Principals, I urged that there be a Working Party of 3 or 4 parishioners who would develop some initial future models regarding parish property, leaving aside the church and its immediate surrounds.

In 2019, Father Justin Ford stated in the brochure for the Parish Planned-Giving Renewal Programme: “... both the Presbytery and St. Margaret’s Church are in absolute need of major works.” Specifically, about the Presbytery he pointed out four years ago that “considerable work” is required in relation “to the foundations and an extension to enhance the parish office/meeting spaces”. He added, these works would “be undertaken when the portable classrooms are removed”.

I make a call for
parishioners with BUILDING - PLANNING - DESIGN experience
or with CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE thinking
to express interest in being involved in this proposed
WORKING PARTY

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Name:

Address/email:

Phone:

RSVP: Monday, 28th August

Email ascotvale@cam.org.au or place form in the box at the Parish Office

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 19/20 AUGUST 2023

Parish Counters: T Peters, B Loke

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 Stanley	
8.30 am		Family Mass		R Turnbull
10.30 am	M Ristovski		M Bonnici	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 568 vs 1,2,3,5

Offertory: CWBII 541

Communion: CWBII 509

Recessional: CWBII 641

Recently Deceased:

Teresa Alvaro; Charlie Pace

Anniversaries:

Daniella Sessarego; Maria Mauro; Cornelius Paul; Giuseppe Antonio Cristiano; Victoria Cristiano; Francesco & Maria Assunta Straneri; Paul Van dinh Phu; Maria Nguyen thi Huong Lan; Catherine McNally; Eduardo Paraiso

Feast Days:

14 August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

15 August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings Next Week: **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Help Needed – St Margaret's Church

Calling for volunteers to count and read at St Margaret's Church on Sunday mornings as ill health has caused a few of our parishioners to be unable to fulfill their roster duties. Please contact the parish office on 9370 6688 or via email if you can assist.

National Vocations Awareness Week - Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church the children baptised at our parish this weekend.

Imogem Mary Gulliver

Daisy Stapleton

Prayer for the Intercession of St Mary of the Cross

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life of St Mary of the Cross. She provides us a model of virtue in her love for You, showing how we might serve You in faithfulness and obedience. She teaches us to embrace the crosses of our own life and in imitation of her virtues so that we may one day reach our heavenly home. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen.

Parish Sacraments Programme

Our Parish Sacramental Programme for **First Holy Communion and Reconciliation**, will commence **7 September 2023** and run on Thursdays at 4pm. Classes will be held at St Mary's school library. Anyone with eligible children (Grade 3 & up) or knows of baptised youngsters, who have yet to celebrate these Sacraments, this is such an opportune time to enrol.

Please email or contact the Parish Office to book in these classes. Carmen, our Office Administrator, is available Tuesdays and Thursdays and can be contacted on: 9370 6688 or email: ascotvale@cam.org.au Our Catechist will then be in contact with you personally, to see you through this exciting Program."

Special Collection – The annual **Catholic Care Appeal** is this weekend 12/13 August.

Honouring Dr John Billings' Research This year marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, free webinar entitled "*Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective*" will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST. Highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method® and reflecting on how it has helped couples in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life. Please register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>

Holiness and Humanity – the life of St John Henry Newman

Thursday, 24 August 2023, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville.

Newman College is pleased to host a public lecture by Fr Roderick Strange.

Fr Roderick Strange is an international expert on the life and works of Cardinal John Henry Newman. He has been Catholic Chaplain at the University of Oxford and chairman of the National Council of Priests. All welcome.

For more information, call 03 9347 5577 or email rsvp@newman.unimelb.edu.au

Inspire Others - Calling all members of our parish community! to be part of an inspiring project that aims to shine a spotlight on the incredible stories of extraordinary older adults and uncover the secrets behind their active, independent lifestyles.

Have you maintained a positive outlook in the face of life's challenges? How have you navigated the beautiful journey of aging, both physically and emotionally? We are on the lookout for captivating tales that could light the way for others as they embrace their golden years. Whether it is your own remarkable journey or that of a friend, we invite you to share these invaluable experiences. Let us celebrate the wisdom, resilience, and vitality that make our community truly exceptional.

Contact Jordan if you or someone you know has a story to tell on 0468 897 757 or tsas.jordan@gmail.com



Pope Francis preached the following homily at the Closing Mass for World Youth Day 2023, as more than a million people gathered at the Parque Tejo in Lisbon, Portugal.

After these exciting days, surely we feel like repeating the words of the Apostle Peter on the mount of the Transfiguration: 'Lord, it is good for us to be here!' (Matthew 17:4). Indeed, how good it has been to share this experience with Jesus, with one another, and to pray together with joyful hearts. Now, we can also ask an important

question: What will we take back with us as we resume our daily lives?

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were

drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt : 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

