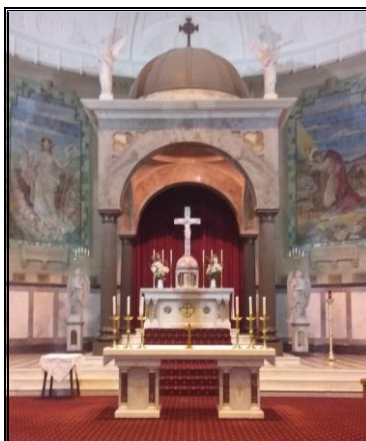


PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, 123 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ASCOT VALE
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BARB STREET, MARIBYRNONG



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Desmond J Moloney
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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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20 August 2023

Next Stage: Searching for Vision

At the August meeting of the Parish Advisory Board, 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.

Father Justin Ford, in the brochure for the 2019 Parish Planned-Giving Renewal Programme, stated: “... 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”.

A Building Report on the Presbytery was prepared in 2010 by the Diocesan Building & Management Advisory Services of the Melbourne Archdiocese. Now, this week, a new Review of the Condition of the Presbytery has come to hand prepared by Scroggie Consulting Engineers. Three major defects or safety hazards requiring immediate attention are identified in this Review.

St. Mary’s Parish can now contemplate afresh a BIG PICTURE for Parish Office and PP’s Office, Meeting Rooms, and Gathering Space, all of which would be separate from the Presbytery (priest(s) house). How can we optimise the use of parish land? How can St. Mary’s manage the financial challenge?

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

Timeline – Mid-October to Mid-November

It may be possible for this Working Party to develop A, B, and C concept plans in two to three months. This will represent valuable, money-saving, work accomplished prior to engaging an architect.

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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

Responses: 0

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 26/27 AUGUST 2023

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	D Brennan		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		P McLoughlin		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	D Cutinho		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 506

Offertory: CWBII 507 vs 1,3,4,5

Communion: CWB 594

Recessional: CWB 308 vs 1,3,5

Recently Deceased:

Jennifer Lobo; Jerome Pereira; Rocco Tassone; Luke Pearce

Anniversaries:

Kevin Joseph Blackmore; Kevin Daniel Blackmore; Margaret Ellis; Marcello De Pasquale; Lidia Oppedosano; Eleodora Cortez de Valasquez; Mariano, Raul & Dora Valasquez; Oscar Valencia; Paolo Domenico & Catarina Barbaro; Peter Thanh Nguyen; Maria Viet Nguyen; Charles Zammit

Feast Days:

21 August St Pius X **22 August** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24 August St Bartholomew

Readings Next Week: **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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.

St Margaret's Family Mass this Sunday

Today, at 8:30am will be the St Margaret's Family Mass, with prayers and readings by the school children.

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."

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

Enneagram Day – Saturday, 9 September 2023, 9 am – 4.30 pm (in-person event)

This one-day practical workshop offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Facilitated by our Program Director

Dr Lynn Moresi, she will dwell into topics of discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch)

In the spirit of reconciliation, Heart of Life acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia, and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

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ANNIVERSARY
1983 - 2023



Archbishop Comensoli speaks to those gathered. 'We are here to touch the wounds left by the war with you. We want to be with you in these difficult and tragic moments in the history of your people.'

'The Catholic Church in Australia and other churches pray for peace in Ukraine. When we return home, we will tell of the courage of the Ukrainian people.'

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

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 56:1,6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 11:13-15,29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to

you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt : 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

