

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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 September 2023

“Future Models” Working Party

First meeting held on 5th September

Members: Larry Burn (Chair), Anne Fogarty (Secretary), Joe and Raffaella Librandi, Michael Yeh, Pavel Floroiu.

Terms of Reference

Objective:

To develop a model or models related to buildings and land, providing at least one proposed vision for adoption by St. Mary’s Parish (presented initially to the Parish Priest, and through him to the Advisory Board and Finance Committee).

Any proposed model would ...

- *be influenced by the Archbishop’s emphasis on a renewal of missionary purpose*
- *seek to ensure the financial viability of St. Mary’s Parish going forward*
- *separate the priest’s residence from the Parish Office, priest’s office, meeting rooms, and gathering space (accommodating 30 – 40 – 50)*
- *utilise the available land to best effect: eco sensitive and sustainable*

Completion Target:

- End of November ’23 (short term)
- End of February ’24 (long term)

RCIA

I am interested to know of parishioners and their experience in connection with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, particularly where that experience has involved being part of a team, a coordinator or presenter. My interest extends also to knowing of those parishioners with experience in the teaching of religious education and/or being catechists.

Please let me know ...

- Have you been involved in the RCIA as a presenter...?
- Have you been a catechist or religious education teacher?

Would you contact the Parish Office? Email: ascotvale@cam.org.au

No Monday Morning Masses for 2 weeks

In the absence of Fr Joseph for the next two weeks, there will be no Monday morning mass on the **11th and 18th September 2023**. The 10.00am Monday morning masses will resume on 25 September.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 16/17 SEPTEMBER 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	J Escano		P Stanley	
8.30 am		B Dwyer		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	J Regan		M Bonnici	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 187b **Offertory:** CWBII 499

Communion: CWB 514 **Recessional:** CWB 488

Recently deceased: Rosalind Vincent; Caterina Barbaro

Anniversaries: Pasquale & Francesco Anastasio; Giuseppe Condemi; John Berger; Kathleen Ward; Ellen Coughlan; Mary & Bill Sheargold

Feast Days:

13 September: St John Chrysostom

14 September: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows

16 September: Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

Readings Next Week: **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Baptisms

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

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

We invite you to explore with us at St Mary's, Bishop Barron's explanation of "The Seven Deadly Sins" as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness.



We will explore the antidotes to each sin that will set us on the right path to healing and happiness. Join us to build community and friendship, open to family and friends.

From Tuesday night on 17th October, from 7pm in the school hall, coffee and tea provided.

RSVP by 10th October to Raffaella Librandi 0401315610/email ujustr9@gmail.com

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for

those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

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

**Coming Together of the Youth
of St. Mary's Parish
(Ascot Vale & Maribyrnong)**

Can this be envisaged? Is venue an issue? Could the venue be the school hall?

Are age brackets important? Which age brackets would be ideal?

Senior Youth – Years 11 & 12?? OR Years 10 & 11??

Young Adults – Year 12/ 18 year olds – 25+ year olds??

As a young person, please respond to these questions.

Let us know what you think.

Adam Bui adamtbui@outlook.com

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

'True North' young adults group is meeting every second Sunday of the month 6:30pm - 8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass at St Monica's).

The night includes food, fellowship, and faith discussion

Location: St Monica's Catholic Church (Symons Centre), 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds.

Ages 18-35 welcome. More queries: please email truenorth90stable@gmail.com

True North is for young adults from all our local region, supported by the local parishes.

In The Footsteps Of Mary Mackillop

An Australian Pilgrimage led by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne.

17 October – 28 October 2023

Booking & Enquiries: For further information or to make an application, please contact the Australian Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator.

Email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au Telephone 02 8912 4818

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...

"Live Your Best Married Life in Love" Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!! The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details Date: 3-5 November 2023 in Melbourne BOOK NOW Information/ Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



Benedict Conference to explore what a 'Church of faith' can offer a searching world.

This inaugural event will bring together international and local speakers to explore the life and legacy of Pope Benedict XVI (otherwise known as Joseph Ratzinger), building its conversations around the themes of truth, goodness and beauty.

Bishop Robert Barron of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester in the United States, and founder of Word on Fire Ministries, will begin the conference in conversation with Melbourne's Professor Tracey Rowland, Catholic theologian and winner of the Ratzinger Prize for Theology.

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Ezk 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we,
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
works. (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your*

neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt : 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

