

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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 September 2023

“Future Models” Working Party

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

In the stated objective, it is to be noted that what will be proposed by the Future Models Working Party will be presented in the first instance to me, and through me to the Parish Advisory Board and Finance Committee. After this has occurred a presentation will be made available to the parish community.

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 Mass

In the absence of Fr Joseph, there will be no Monday morning Mass on the **18th September 2023**. The 10.00am Monday morning Masses will resume on 25 September.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 23/24 SEPTEMBER 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 | N Familiari | | P Bonnici | |
| 8.30 am | | G Hatch | | A Laughton |
| 10.30 am | R Wiatrowski | | M Andronaco | |

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 451

Offertory: CWB 120

Communion: CWB 482

Recessional: CWBII 588

Recently deceased: Jason Stephenson

Anniversaries: Maria & Giuseppe Mascaro; Mario Dancel

Feast Days:

20 September: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

21 September: St Matthew, Apostle

23 September: St Pius of Pietrelcina

Readings Next Week: **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

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

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.

Migrants and Refugee Mass

Sunday, 24 September 2023, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Celebrate with migrant communities from all over Melbourne on Sunday 24 September at St Patrick's Cathedral.

The Rosary will be prayed at 2pm in various languages, and Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese at 3pm. All most welcome!

For further information, email proclaim@cam.org.au

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation is offering Waiting at the Well - 4 x Thu 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am–12.30pm (in-person event) with Carole Carmody rsm & Julie Adam. This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Places limited. Bookings via [https:// www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-thewell-series/](https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-thewell-series/) or email info@heartoflife.melbourne Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

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.

Pope Francis to Mongolia: we are all 'God's nomads'

Pope Francis concluded his unprecedented apostolic journey to Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, where he encouraged the country's small Catholic population in their faith. Pope Francis has often been referred to as the 'pope of the peripheries', and this visit reaffirms this. The Catholic Church in Mongolia is one of the Church's smallest flocks: out of a mostly Buddhist population of 3.3 million, Mongolia has roughly 1,450 Catholics.

This trip is Pope Francis' 43rd international journey, and Mongolia is the 61st country he has visited in the 10 years since his election as the successor of St Peter.

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

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Sirah 27:30-28:7

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear
your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul give thanks to the Lord,
All my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
And never forget all his blessings. (R.)

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
Who heals every one of your ills,
Who redeems your life from the grave,
Who crowns you with love and compassion (R.)

His wrath will come to an end;
He will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

For as the heavens are high above the earth
So strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
So far does he remove our sins.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we
die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we
belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both

died and came to life: it was so that he might be
Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new
commandment; love one another as I have
loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt : 18:21-35

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often
must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As
often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven,
I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who decided to settle his
accounts with his servants. When the reckoning
began, they brought him a man who owed ten
thousand talents; but he had no means of paying,
so his master gave orders that he should be sold,
together with his wife and children and all his
possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant
threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me
time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And
the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he
let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this
servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow
servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and
he seized him by the throat and began to throttle
him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow
servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying,
"Give me time and I will pay you." But the other
would not agree; on the contrary, he had him
thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His
fellow servants were deeply distressed when they
saw what had happened, and they went to their
master and reported the whole affair to him. Then
the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he
said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you
appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to
have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity
on you?" And in his anger the master handed him
over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.
And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with
you unless you each forgive your brother from your
heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.