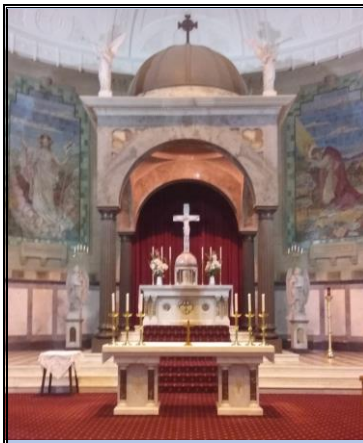


PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24 September 2023

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

Some Basic Improvements

In the initial period after beginning as Parish Priest at St. Mary’s Parish, it will be remembered that one of two key objectives of mine was to have a parishioner acting voluntarily as a project manager. Both the Finance Committee and the Advisory Board recognised there was and is a significant need to make the Presbytery more liveable for me. I greatly appreciate their support. There was a common feeling that attending to particular projects would help to achieve this end. A senior parish building advisor from the Archdiocese gave his support not only in recognising the need for these projects but also the goal. While some of the identified projects have been completed, some are still to be finalised. The removal of carpet in the poorest condition (not all the carpet) due to mould, water damage and stains and to check the flooring underneath has necessitated that I sleep elsewhere. Some replacement carpet will be laid in early October. Fr. John Hannon, Parish Priest of Essendon and West Essendon, very graciously invited me to stay in his Presbytery for as long as needed. I am most grateful to him for his kind hospitality and for foreseeing my need. Along the way with projects already completed and those still to come, I have enjoyed the wonderful and very effective assistance of Flavia Pinto, supported by her husband, Naylor, as the Project Manager. It has been of importance to me that all the projects be attended to in a contained way, not at all over the top. After all, who knows what the Big Picture will be? This is in the hands of the Future Models Working Party.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 30 SEPTEMBER / 1 OCTOBER 2023

Parish Counters: J&S Crooks ; J Balzan

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 Barbaro	
8.30 am		N Vaz		R Turnbull
10.30 am	A Fogarty		M DeMaria	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 491

Offertory: CWBII 624

Communion: CWB 595

Recessional: CWB 641

Recently deceased:

Clarita Santiago

Anniversaries:

Espedito Catania; Maurino Cagampang; Guiseppe Gervasi; Vence Pinto; Lucia & Daniella Sessarego

Feast Days:

27 September: St Vincent de Paul

29 September: Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

30 September: St Jerome

Readings Next Week:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32



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 ujust9@gmail.com

March For The Babies 2023 – Saturday 7 October

Please keep this date free – **7th October** and come to show your support for the unborn, in the 2023 March for the Babies.

We'll be gathering in Treasury Gardens (Cnr of Spring Street and Wellington Parade) at 1:00pm and walking to Parliament House.

Come and help us celebrate life, EVERY life, great or small, born or unborn.

Show your Support: Wear Pink and/or Blue.

'**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.

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.

Register for the Marriage Anniversary Mass

Sunday 22 October 2023, 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Couples and their families are invited to join the celebration of the annual 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.

Register by Sunday 15 October, trybooking.com/CLKRB or 992 65761 or proclaim@cam.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.

God and Beer Tue 3rd October - Becoming Missionary Disciples

Come and listen to Archbishop Julian Porteous

Topic: Becoming Missionary Disciples

Speaker: Archbishop Julian Porteous

Date: Tuesday 3rd October

Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk

Venue: Hoppers Club, 180-200 Pannam Dr, Hoppers Crossing VIC 3029

RSVP: GodandBeer.com.au

Daylight Saving

Beware, next weekend, 30 September / 1 October, 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.

Caritas Agencies are responding to the devastating earthquake in Morocco, where over 2,600 lives have been lost and thousands have been injured.

Visit **Caritas Australia** or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support to families affected by the Morocco earthquake.

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

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on
him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

SECOND READING Phil 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,
but then death would bring me something more;
but then again, if living in this body means doing
work which is having good results – I do not know
what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma:
I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in
this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would
be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen
to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 20:1-16

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is
like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire
workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement
with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent
them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the market
place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too
and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At
about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth
hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about
the eleventh hour he went out and found more
men standing round, and he said to them, "Why
have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because
no one has hired us" they answered. He said to
them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the
evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his
bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages,
starting with the last arrivals and ending with the
first." So those who were hired at about the
eleventh hour came forward and received one
denarius each. When the first came, they expected
to get more, but they too received one denarius
each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner.
"The men who came last" they said "have done only
one hour, and you have treated them the same as
us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all
the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My
friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not
agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I
choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you.
Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why
be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last
will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

