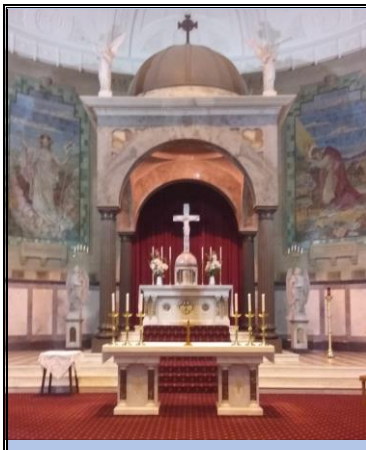


# PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

## 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. **There will not be a baptism information in November.**

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14 January 2024

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” Jesus calls us to follow him.  
What is our response?

### **ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 20/21 JANUARY 2024**

**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	J Escano		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		B Port		R Turnbull
10.30 am	B Philip		M Bonnici	

**Recently deceased:** Joseph Martello; Roberto Parisi; Rev Fred Cook

**Anniversaries:** Mervyn Gaffney; Leonard Escalona; Peter Di Battista

**Feast Days:** 17 January: St Anthony, abbot

**Readings Next Week:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

### **Music and Singing**

For the remainder of January, as is usual in St. Mary’s Parish, our choir, musicians, and cantors, will be having a well-deserved break. Our gratitude is extended to them for their efforts over the past year. We offer our good wishes for their enjoyment of this holiday time.  
*Fr Desmond J Moloney*

### **ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024**

The Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will be **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick’s Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as principal celebrant.

### **Filming In January**

Father Des is working on a short welcoming video for the updated Parish website. You may notice cameras being used by the Parish Media Team during January - we will be as unobtrusive as possible. While the focus will be on Father Des, parishioners accidentally included in footage will in all cases be consulted and permission requested to use the footage. We hope you can support Father Des and the Parish in this important new project!  
*Gerald (gerald\_kearney@yahoo.com)*

**St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800 305 330, Mon – Fri, 10am – 3pm**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **FIRST READING**

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

*A reading from the first book of Samuel*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 39

**R. Hear I am Lord, I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. (R.)

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. (R.)

In the scroll of the book it stand written  
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. (R.)

Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (R.)

### **SECOND READING**

1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised

the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 1:41-17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

John 1:35-42

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

