

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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28 January 2024

*“Prayer is the breath of faith; it is its most proper expression,”
Pope Francis.*

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 3/4 FEBRUARY 2024

Parish Counters: V Colicchia, J Dawson

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 Stanley	
8.30 am		G Hatch		A Laughton
10.30 am	R Wiatrowski		R Rotunno	

Feast Days:

31 January: St John Bosco, priest

2 February: The Presentation of the Lord

Readings Next Week: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Recently deceased: Thoeum Kim; James Moloney

Anniversaries: Noel Hughes; Gladwyn Allen; Alla McMahan

RCIA To Re-Start (new process in 2024)

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process is, first and foremost, for those who are seeking and enquiring in connection with the faith of the Church. It is also open to the participation of regular parishioners experiencing it as a journey, too. They are supportive of the facilitators of the process. Thus, it may be that from these supporters they may, though not necessarily, take on the role of sponsor.

The resumption of the RCIA in St. Mary’s Parish will occur on Wednesday, 28th February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

For all queries, please contact the parish office via email at ascotvale@cam.org.au

Positions Vacant

Parish Secretary - St Mary’s Catholic Church, Greensborough

Pastoral Worker - St Judes and St Simons Parish, Scoresby and Rowville

Marketing & Engagement Manager, Newman College

More information can be found on the Archdiocese website on the link below.
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Deut 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."' "

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94

**R. If today you hear 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 kneel 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 work.' (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 7:32-35

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

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote

herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

