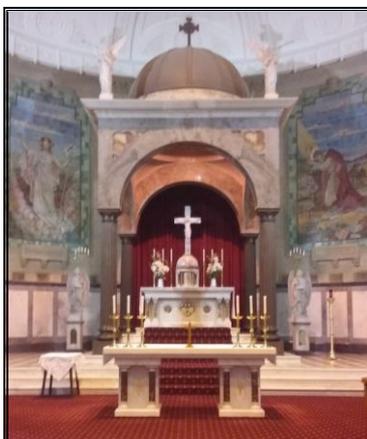


PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, 123 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ASCOT VALE
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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.**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – 31 December 2023

Wishing You a Happy New Year –

aware of God’s Blessings

and accompanying Presence.

May there be good surprises in store

in 2024!!

Fr Desmond J Moloney
Fr Juozas Deveikis

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 6/7 JANUARY 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 Ginn		P Stanley	
8.30 am		P McLoughlin		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	M deRozario		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 265

Offertory: CWBII 541

Communion: CWBII 262

Recessional: CWB 277 vs 1,2,5

Feast Days:

1 January: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

2 January: Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Readings Next Week: The Epiphany of the Lord: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Wedding at St Mary’s

We congratulate **Angela Pinzon & Camillo Marin**, who were married at St Mary’s on Saturday.

Positions Vacant 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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

A reading from the book of Genesis

The word of the LORD was spoken to Abram in a vision, "Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great."

"My Lord, Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said,

"See, you have given me no descendants, some man of my household will be my heir."

And then this word of the LORD was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir;

your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood."

Then taking him outside he said,

"Look up to heaven and count the stars, if you can.

Such will be your descendants." he told him.

Abram put his faith in the LORD,

who counted this as making him justified.

The LORD dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said and did what he had promised her.

So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised.

Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 104

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works!(R.)

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. (R.)

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R.)

SECOND READING 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

A reading from the second letter to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son

even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.