

# 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

**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr Desmond J Moloney  
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**Office Hours:** Tue – Thu 9.30am – 3.00pm *Secretary: Carmen D’Rosario*  
**Principal, St Mary’s School:** Mr Denis Johnstone T: 9370 1194  
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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.

## 4th Sunday of Lent – 10 March 2024

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday, ‘Rejoicing’ Sunday, when in the midst of our Lenten penances we anticipate the joy of Easter.

## Celebrating Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum

### **Palm Sunday 24 March**

**Holy Thursday 28 March** 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper St Mary’s

**Good Friday 29 March** 11.00 am Stations of the Cross St Mary’s

3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
St Mary’s

**Holy Saturday 30 March** 8:00 pm Easter Vigil St Mary’s

**Easter Sunday 31 March** 8.30 am Easter Sunday Mass St Margaret’s

10.30 am Easter Sunday Mass St Mary’s

6:00 pm Easter Sunday Mass (Spanish) St Mary’s

## Sacrament of Reconciliation – Lent

Normal confession times Saturdays 10:00-10:30am, 5:30-5:45pm

Confessions will also be available at the following times:

**Friday 22 March** St Mary’s Church 7:30 – 8:00pm (following Stations)

**Sunday 24 March** St Margaret’s Church 9:30am (following 8:30am Mass)

**Wednesday 27 March** St Mary’s Church 7:30 – 8:00pm (following 7:00pm Mass)

**No confessions Holy Saturday 30 March**

### **Media Team Update**

We have started the process of contacting each group in the Parish with details of what we need for their updated Parish Website entry. 10 groups have been selected to contribute all three items needed-

1. Single photo of group leaders or members or representatives, whichever suits the group. (We are happy to do this.)
2. Written description of what the group contributes to the Parish, particularly in a missionary context. (We will help with this.)
3. One to Two minute video illustrating the group in action. (We will organise this with your cooperation.)

The remaining groups will be asked to contribute items one and two at this stage, with the video a project once the initial 10 are done. We are shooting videos one a week at the moment, so it’s slow progress but we are getting there. Remember this is our shop window to the world, and the key word is WELCOME!

*Gerald Kearney*

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 16 /17 MARCH 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	M Bonnici		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		Family Mass		A Laughton
10.30 am	G Kearney		M Bonnici	

**Hymns:**

**Entrance:** CWBII 295

**Offertory:** CWBII 291

**Communion:** CWBII 633

**Reflection:** CWBII 290

**Recessional:** CWBII 647

**Recently deceased:** Pasquale (Charlie) De Fazio

**Anniversaries:** Nicola Mirenda; Clare Williams

**Readings Next Week:** **5th Sunday of Lent:** Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

### Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church the children to be baptised in our parish this weekend.

**Lenny Deak**

**Declyn Kai Nguyen**

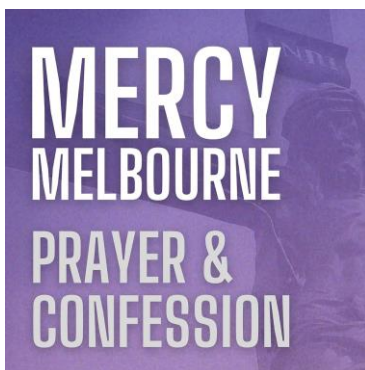
**Roman Manuel Bonanno**

**Sam Douglas Robertson**

**Beau Garfield Robertson**

### Sacramental Program

*Does your child attend a non-Catholic school in Year 6 or older and needs to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**?* Classes are running weekly (except school holidays), on **Thursdays 4pm**, at St Mary's school, for approx. 8 weeks. If your child has received First Reconciliation and First Communion and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, email the Parish Office: [AscotVale@cam.org.au](mailto:AscotVale@cam.org.au) OR, [rosecalandra22@gmail.com](mailto:rosecalandra22@gmail.com) to enrol for these classes. For any enquiries, feel free to call Rose, the Catechist on mob: 0411 040 669.



### Mercy Melbourne

Focus on the Grace of Reconciliation

This is an initiative that invites parishes to open their doors in welcome for a special evening of prayer and Confessions.

Tuesday, 19th March from 7.00pm till 7.45pm: Lenten Prayer, Reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Please Note while Fr. Joseph is away:**

**There will be no 10.00am Mass on 11 March.**

**Also, Friday morning 9.15am Masses will be at St Margaret's only on Friday 15 March.**

**Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent - 7:00pm**

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

## St. Vincent de Paul, 170 years in Australia

St. Vincent de Paul began in Australia with the establishment of a local group (conference), by Fr. Gerald at St. Francis church in Melbourne, in March, 1854.

His immediate concern was the number of children on the streets of Melbourne, many abandoned by parents who had gone to the gold fields.

He soon founded an orphanage and advised the government that " the new conference aims to provide relief for the destitute in a manner as much as possible permanently beneficial and the visitation of poor families'.

Today the society has 242 conferences, 3,600 members and 6,434 Volunteers as well as 113 Vinnies shops in Victoria.

While the nature of needs has changed with the times, the mission and vision remain the same. New members are always welcome. Contact Bill on 0416 088 214.

## Six30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral Every Thursday, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession.

For more information, email [udisciple@cam.org.au](mailto:udisciple@cam.org.au) or call 9926 5677.



## Caritas AUSTRALIA Project Compassion Sunday 9 & 10 March



**Memory** is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

### Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling

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Build relationships & exchange skills in one of these

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