

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.

Second Sunday Of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday – 7 April 2024



I asked Jesus whether the inscription could be : “Christ, King of Mercy.” He answered, **I am King of Mercy**, but He did not say “Christ.” **I desire that this image be displayed in public on the first Sunday after Easter. That Sunday is the Feast of Mercy. Through the Word Incarnate, I make known the bottomless depth of My mercy.**

Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary of St Maria Faustina Kowalska

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Today is a good day to think about forgiveness and mercy. We are still living in the joy of Easter. That joy and the promise of being with God forever should make us feel care and kindness even to those who may have done us harm.

Parish Community Group

The community group will be holding their first meeting for 2024 on Tuesday 16 April at 7:30pm. We are looking for any parishioners who may wish to join our group, you would be most welcome. We organise the morning teas, soup nights etc, being a member of the group is not arduous, we do have laughs and friendship along the way. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Marie on 9372 0307. Thank you

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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 13 /14 APRIL 2024

Parish Counters: T Peters ; B Loke

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	R Boyer		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		B Port		R Turnbull
10.30 am	A Fogarty		M DeMaria	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 647

Offertory: CWBII 540 vs 3,4,5

Communion: CWBII 290

Reflection: CWBII 477

Recessional: CWBII 655

Recently deceased: Alberta Parrocho; Spira Attard

Anniversaries: Agnes Dawn Fogarty; Rose Menezes; Magno Dancel Snr; Magno Dancel Jnr; Rodolfo Reyes

Feast Days: **9 April:** Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord **11 April:** St Stanislaus

Readings Next Week: **3rd Sunday of Easter:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

Working with Children Checks—A reminder that all parish volunteers need to have a valid WWCC with the Parish listed as one of the places where you undertake child related work. That means all Readers Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Ministers of Communion to the Sick Musicians & Choir Members Church Cleaners need to have a WWCC—if you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the priests. Registered teachers are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC if they engage in child-related work other than their teaching.

Child Safeguarding Training—All volunteers need to undertake safeguarding training. You may undertake this training online [Online Safeguarding Training](#).

Code of Conduct Declaration—Thanks to all those who have completed their Code of Conduct Declaration. Again, this is a requirement of all volunteers. Please contact the parish office via email if you are yet to complete the declaration.

New Rosters (May-August) being prepared: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Welcomers, Counters

The next roster for St Mary's & St Margaret's commencing May 2024 to August 2024 is being prepared. If you wish to be part of any of these wonderful ministries please contact the parish office or email ascotvale@cam.org.au. If you wish to come off the rosters, please contact us as well. Thank you to all who are part of these ministries.

Project Compassion

With the conclusion of Lent, please bring Project Compassion boxes to the sacristy or the Presbytery. Thank you for your generosity!

Divine Mercy Sunday – St Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday 7 April 2024 – 2.00pm – 4.30pm

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotional prayer and Rosary: 2pm
- Confessions: 2–3.15pm
- Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3pm
- Holy Mass: 3.15pm

For more information, contact Roselyn Coquet on 0422 134 523

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Live Your Best Married Life in Love

Friday 12 April 2024, 10.00am – Sunday 14 April, 5.00pm

St Paul's Missionary College, Wantirna South

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend! The weekend is based around Catholic values, and couples of all faiths are welcome.

For more information and to make a booking, contact Mercy and James on 0409 183 676 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au.

To learn more about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit wwme.org.au.



High Tea

*Reaching those in need
from Africa to the West*

Sunday 21st APRIL 2024 2 PM – 5 PM

BOOKINGS THROUGH TRYBOOKING
(SCAN QR) OR [CLICK HERE](#) OR PHONE ANN 0409 901 899

Bookings Essential by
Monday 15th April

GUEST SPEAKER
Marie Bourke
Counsellor

JOSEPH'S CORNER
supporting families affected by addiction

Mothers Who Pray for Their Children Australian conference

Saturday 27 April 2024, 8.30am – 5.30pm

Catholic Leadership Centre – 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and spiritual mothers, come and secure your place for an enriching day of spiritual growth and community connection!

For more information, visit: motherswhoprayfortheirchildren.com

Positions Vacant

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Executive Support Coordinator-Proclaim, East Melbourne
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria (ACMV) Manager, Thornbury
- Animation Consultant-Proclaim, East Melbourne

Catholic Development Fund

- Marketing Coordinator, Catholic Development Fund

Parish Positions

- Ministry Coordinator, St Scholastica's Parish, Bennettswood
- Parish School Sacramental Coordinator, St. Clement of Rome, Bulleen
- Parish Business Manager, St Gregory's the Great (Doncaster) and St Kevin's (Templestowe)
- Parish Secretary, St John Vianney's Parish, Springvale North

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: [Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)

2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say: ‘His love has no end.’

(R.)

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ

has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father th at begot him

loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God’s children

if we love God himself and do what he has

commanded us;

this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world –

our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –

since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered,

‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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The Gospel of the Lord.