

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.

Pentecost Sunday – 19 May 2024

Parish of Ascot Vale Advisory Board (PAB)

The Parish Advisory Board (PAB) has been in place for many years and now has a ratified terms of reference which is available on the parish website.

The main function of the board is to assist the Parish Priest in sharing the responsibility for the life and faith development of the Parish community.

The board has 5 ex officio members, including the Parish Priest, the Assistant Priest, Spanish Chaplain, and the Principals of St Mary’s School and St Margaret’s School. A further 6 ordinary parish members nominated by a nominating committee and a further 2 additional ordinary members at the discretion of the Parish Priest.

The PAB will be seeking interested ordinary members in September 2024 to nominate for positions on the board. The appointment term will be three years.

The meetings are held bimonthly at the St Mary’s presbytery and usually take about two hours.

I ask all parishioners to consider taking on this role in assisting our parish to continue to develop the Ascot Vale community by providing the required services in the area.

Richard Turnbull
Chairperson
Parish Advisory Board.

“The Rosary was Padre Pio’s favoured prayer. He prayed it many times a day, decade after decade. ...” ~Padre Fernando da Riese

Convinced of the power of the Rosary, Padre Pio always held the Rosary in his hands. About the repetitiveness of the Rosary: “Pay attention to the mysteries. They change at every decade.”

St. Padre Pio instructed: “Recite the Rosary and recite it always and as much as you can.” “Say the rosary, and pray it every day.” “The Rosary is the weapon of defence and salvation.”

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 25/26 MAY 2024

Parish Counters: J & S Crooks; J Balzan

| Ministers of the Word | | | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | |
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| Time | St Mary's | St Margaret's | St Mary's | St Margaret's |
| 6.00 pm | N Familiari | | P Bonnici | |
| 8.30 am | | R Turnbull | | R Turnbull |
| 10.30 am | J Regan | | R Rotunno | |

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 387

Offertory: CWBII 549

Communion: CWBII 389

Reflection: CWBII 564

Recessional: CWBII 387

Recently Deceased: Elma Pinpin

Anniversaries: Margarita & Pasquale Giaquinta; Mercedes Pelayo; Sylvina Magsino Carreon; Joseph Dac Bui; Tessie Zammit

Feast Days: **24 May:** Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia

Readings Next Week: **Trinity Sunday:** Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

In the Month of May

Parish Confirmation Mass

30 May 2024: 6.00pm St Margaret's School/children from the Sacramental Programme

Support the Preservation Church Account of St Mary's Parish

St. Mary's Parish Preservation Church Account was established to help ensure and promote the preservation, development and enhancement of St. Mary's Church and its surrounds. This does not deny from other existing parish monies any necessary support to St. Margaret's Church. In recent years the Preservation fund has provided crucial financial assistance towards costs related to St. Mary's Church in the aftermath of earthquakes and subsidence effects. The Finance Committee of St. Mary's recognises the importance of having opportunities in order to invite specific financial injections from parishioners into this particular fund. These opportunities, such as one on this coming Sunday 26th May, will take the form of a special collection. The initiative and drive of Darcy Brennan is most gratefully acknowledged.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Parish Mass Count

As always in May, for four weeks the annual diocesan Mass Count of those attending will be carried out at each weekend Mass.

Fiat returns in 2024

For the second year running, our local communities of grace across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will unite for a weekend of prayer from Friday 31 May to Sunday 2 June 2024. The weekend coincides with the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

Fiat is an opportunity for us to celebrate and rejoice in prayer and continue our Year of Prayer journey as an Archdiocesan community as we prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025.

Piano Give Away

Looking to give away a Yamaha baby grand piano to a passionate instrument lover. Please let me know if you will care for it. Contact Jane Parnell via email at janeparnell05@gmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Gavin's Final Mass and Morning Tea



Come and celebrate Gavin's
9 AMAZING YEARS!
at St Margaret's

Friday 24th May: Mass at 9:15am with morning tea to follow in the MPR.

For catering purposes, please let us know if you plan on joining us.

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MACKILLOP**

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15th – 26th
October 2024**

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

Pentecost Sunday

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103

**R. Lord send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-

indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19,20

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:26-27,16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the outset.

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:

All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

