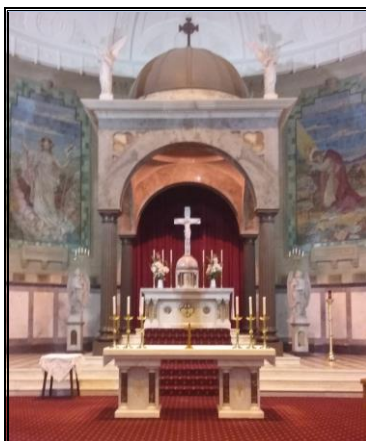


# PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

## 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.

## Sixth Sunday Of Easter – 5 May 2024

### **From our Pope Francis. The Rosary in May**

...It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family...

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

On 1st January, marking the World Day of Peace, Pope Francis asks: Blessed Mother Mary teach us to cherish and care for life — each and every human life – and to repudiate the folly of war, which sows death and eliminates the future.

This is a dark hour, Mother. Turn your eyes of mercy toward our human family, which preferred Cain to Abel.

You suffer with us and for us, as you see your children suffering from conflicts and wars that are tearing our world apart.

Blessed Mother, we cannot succeed alone, grant that a glimmer of light may illumine the dark night of conflict.

Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, pour forth into our hearts God’s gift of harmony. Let’s pray for peace to come, altogether.

#### Suggested Prayer Intentions when praying the Rosary

- ❖ For the Family Unit
  - the strengthening of the family unit in our society
- ❖ For Peace
  - an end to current wars and conflicts in our world
- ❖ For St. Mary’s Parish
  - the growth and development of our parish

Fr Desmond J Moloney

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 11/12 MAY 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	Confirmation		Confirmation	
8.30 am		N Vaz		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	G Kearney		M DeMaria	

**Hymns:**

**Entrance:** CWBII 368

**Offertory:** CWBII 549

**Communion:** CWBII 484

**Reflection:** CWBII 477

**Recessional:** CWBII 641

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret D'Cruz; Joseph Nguyen; Teodoro Camatho; Rita Vincent

**Anniversaries:** Grozjo Curmi; Carmen Vasallo; Lucita Bunque; Martina Carreon; Joseph Briffa; Carmel Trento; Lois Billows; Patrick Corr

**Readings Next Week:** **The Ascension of the Lord:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

### In the Month of May

#### St Margaret's School Family Mass

Today, at 8.30am Mass, all Year 6 students from St Margaret's School make a commitment in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and all Prep families will be welcomed. All are invited to morning tea after Mass.

#### Morning Tea

Today, the Parish Community Group provide morning tea after 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's. We invite everyone to come along and have a cuppa and something to eat, while chatting with fellow parishioners. It is always good to say hello to a person you have not met before, as well as chat to other parishioners whom you do know. Everyone is welcome, so please come along!

#### Parish Confirmation Masses:

11 May 2024: 6.00pm Vigil Mass, St Mary's School

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

#### 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).

Following the example of Mary and Elizabeth, *Fiat* is an opportunity for us to celebrate and rejoice in prayer.

*Fiat* is also an opportunity to continue our Year of Prayer journey as an Archdiocesan community as we prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025.

## Special Collection

The annual **Catholic Care Appeal: supporting children to rewrite their stories** is this weekend 4/5 May. Your generous donation to CatholicCare Victoria's annual Sunday Appeal can help transform children's lives.

## ALPHA IS COMING TO ESSENDON PARISHES

There's a seat for you at the table! Now starting on Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 7:00pm. Registration is essential so call the office on 9401 6330. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore life faith and meaning. The Alpha talks are designed to engage people from all walks of life and inspire conversation. They explore the big issues of life and faith and unpack the basics of Christian belief, addressing questions like "Who is Jesus?", "Why and how do I pray?" and "How does God guide us?" Find out more about Alpha at [alpha.org.au](http://alpha.org.au)



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## PILGRIMAGE SAINTS OF ITALY, MARIJA BISTRICA & MEDJUGORJE

Pilgrimage Dates: Tues, 1/10/2024 to Tues, 22/10/2024.

The first part of the pilgrimage will cover The Great Saints of Italy and will include Rome (Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul, St. John Lateran, St. Alphonso, etc), San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Assisi (St. Francis of Assisi), Sienna (St. Catherine), Padua (St. Anthony), Venice (St. Mark), etc. We will also visit Our Lady of Revelation, Manoppello, Lanciano, Loreto and the Shrine of the Mystical Rose. The second part of the pilgrimage will see us drive through Slovenia to spend two nights in Marija Bistrica (Croatia) and then to Medjugorje (Hercegovina) for a week to have a quiet retreat joining the thousands of pilgrims attending the daily Mass at St. James, reciting the rosary whilst climbing the Apparition Hill & walk the stations of the cross climbing the Krizevic Mountain, a quiet prayer at the statue of the Risen Christ, adoration chapel, listen to the testimonies and enjoy this quiet little town. Experience the healings and miracles of this holy place.

The SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR is FATHER GEORGE JAMES, Sacred Heart Parish, Thornlie

Those interested to join us, please contact, PILGRIM COORDINATORS - EDMAN/RADHA ANTHONY at 0424 437 251 and/or email [edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com) for more details.

**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. 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.

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

## 6th Sunday of Easter

### FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

*The word of the Lord.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. (R.)

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. (R.)

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. (R.)

### SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and  
knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have known  
God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed

when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.  
*The word of the Lord.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to  
them. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know  
his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose  
me:

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned

you

to go out and to bear

fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father

will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

