



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.

4th Sunday of Easter – 26 April 2026

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us:

Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord’s call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Liam Bui from our parish is in his second year of studying for the priesthood at Corpus Christi College. He credits his parents and grandmother for planting the seeds of faith in him and his siblings from a young age.



‘That prayer of surrender—I think that was the beginning of it.’ says Liam, describing his calling to the priesthood.

Whole Article in Melbourne Catholic

Annual Parish Mass Count

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

CatholicCare Victoria Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Appeal.

Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 2/3 MAY 2026

Parish Counters: J & S Crooks ; 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	J Escano		F Pinto	
8.30 am		FAMILY MASS		R Turnbull
10.30 am	R Wiatrowski		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 446

Offertory: CWBII 619

Communion: CWBII 597

Reflection: CWBII 620

Recessional: CWBII 604

Anniversaries:

Eric D'Rosario; Brenda Culliver; Arturo Dancel; George Agius

Feast Days:

28 April St Peter Chanel **29 April** St Catherine of Siena

2 May St Athanasius

Readings Next Week: 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church the children who will be baptised in our parish on Sunday.

Charlotte Daphne Grant

Angus Darcy Grant

Allegra Rose Kiran Rinaldi

Alison Thu Bao Tran

Kimberley Tran

Harvey Arthur George Parry

Fletcher James Michael Parry



Morning Tea after Mass

The Parish Community Group will be holding morning tea after 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's next Sunday, 3rd May 2026.

We would like to 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 haven't met before, as well as chat to other parishioners whom you do know.

If you would like to bring a plate of food to share, that would be a boost for catering and we will be very grateful. Everyone is welcome, so please come along!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Welcomers, Counters

The next rosters for St Mary's & St Margaret's commencing May 2026 to August 2026 have been emailed. Thank you to all who support these ministries.



Please use the QR code if you wish to contribute to our parish church. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.

Legion of Mary - For member enquiries and home visitations please contact: 9346 7900.

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



23. Synodality and leadership

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

24. Synodality and trust

Trust grows when people know their voices matter. Synodality helps rebuild trust within the Church and between the Church and society.

25. Synodality is demanding

Walking together takes patience, time, and effort. But the Gospel has never promised an easy path—only a fruitful one.

26. Synodality and the Holy Spirit

At the heart of synodality is trust in the Holy Spirit. Without prayer, synodality becomes mere strategy. With prayer, it becomes a path of grace.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session

Saturday 2 May 2026, 10.00am – 11.30am

Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome.

If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

**THERE'S
A SEAT
FOR YOU
AT THE
TABLE**

**AT ALPHA, YOU CAN ASK ANYTHING!
ALPHA IS A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN ASK
QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE, FAITH AND MEANING
A SEAT AT THE TABLE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COME**

**OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY HALL
29 FAWKNER ST ABERFELDIE (OPPOSITE BATMAN ST)
STARTING TUESDAY 28 APRIL AT 07:00 PM**



**REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL
SCAN QR CODE
OR CALL 9401-6330**



4th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22

**R: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord