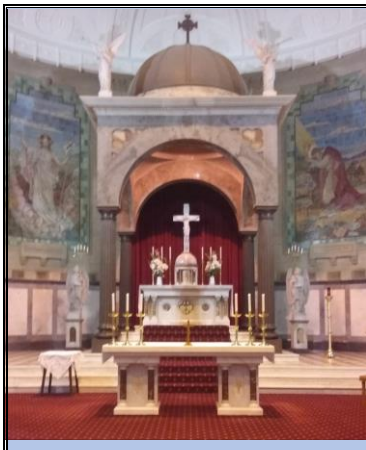




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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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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.

Third Sunday Of Easter – 14 April 2024

Blessed Easter Water Holy Water Signifies Renewal

Holy Water is one of the main symbols of the Easter Season, and a familiar element of liturgies and of receiving the Sacraments. By definition, Holy Water is water blessed by a priest.



Throughout our lives, we have dipped our fingers in Holy Water and made the sign of the cross when coming into church, symbolizing the renewal of our baptism.

We have been sprinkled with Holy Water during Mass, we have watched as it is poured on the heads of babies in baptism, and we have seen it used in the blessing of people, objects and places.

Holy Water is a ‘sacramental,’ meaning it is one of the sacred signs instituted by the Church that are related to one of the Holy Sacraments. Examples of other sacramentals are palms, ashes and candles.

Holy Water has always been seen as a sign of protection against evil. Also, it is a sign of life. Without water, a person dies. Likewise, in the renewing waters of baptism, we are given new life.

In the Easter Season, Holy Water is blessed at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night before Easter Sunday. Some of this “Easter Water” is distributed to the faithful for use in their homes. [Sourcebook]

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 – 20 /21 APRIL 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	J Escano		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		B Dwyer		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	M Doran		M Bonnici	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 368

Offertory: CWBII 540 vs 3,4,5

Communion: CWBII 484 vs 1,2,4

Reflection: CWBII 477

Recessional: CWBII 360

Anniversaries:

Maria Thom Vu; Vincent Quang Nguyen; Vincent Bang Nguyen; Luc Hoshun; Betty Hendry; Barbara Sheargold

Readings Next Week: **4th Sunday of Easter:** Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Project Compassion

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

Vocations

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week. Yohan Wickramasekara, seminarian for the Archdiocese of Hobart, will give a Reflection at our Sunday Masses.

Baptisms

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

Henry Paul Clavin
Darcy Flynn Harkin

Elliot Cannizzaro
Scarlett Norah Harkin

Cillian Damien Morgan

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.

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.



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](#)

Making time for God (women's retreat) – Saturday 20 April 2024, 10am -3.15pm

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga is offering a free, one-day retreat for women at St Mary's Church, 76 Hargraves Street, Castlemaine. The day includes Mass, adoration, confession, two spiritual reflections by Fr Dean Mathieson and a Q&A session, and concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. Lunch and refreshments provided. Bookings are free, but please register.

Information Session for the permanent diaconate

Do you feel called to serve? The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. Come and see!

Saturday 4 May 2024 – 10.00am – 11.45am

Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

3rd Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 4

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and
hear me! (R.)

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he
loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,

God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

