

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

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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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30 June 2024

Matters of Concern

As a parish community, St. Mary’s continues to grapple with the question – What is the BIG Picture?

The **Future Directions Working Party** was established in September, 2023, and delivered its report on 10th October, 2023. The objective of this Working Party was: To develop a model or models related to buildings and land providing at least one proposed vision for adoption by St Mary’s Parish (presented initially to the Parish Priest, and through him to the Advisory Board and Finance Committee). The following was acknowledged in the report:

What is missing (at St. Mary’s)?

- Lack of separation of Parish Office and Parish Priest’s accommodation
- Lack of small rooms, impacting confidentiality and privacy
- No dedicated purpose-built community centre to hold up to 40 people for activities such as breakfast, fund-raising, and community gatherings
- No purpose-built kitchen for functions
- No area(s) for community activities and to support group meetings
- Lack of facilities severely limits potential to grow parish ministries
- Lack of potential to host visiting missionaries and priests

The BIG Picture necessitates a masterplan which would encompass parish property, its land and buildings. Any masterplan for St. Mary’s Parish would likely involve several stages in step with available funds, loans and ability to repay loans.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Thank you – Preservation A/c Appeal

The appeal held in our parish last month was a great success. A big thank you for your generosity towards taking care of our church and the surrounds for the years to come. We raised \$4334.00.

Soup Evening

There will be soup, bread and nibbles served, in the presbytery, **after 6pm Mass next Saturday, 6th July 2024.**

All are welcome. Please join us and have a chat with fellow parishioners. We hope to see many of you there!

Parish Community Group

Please Note while Fr. Joseph is away:

There will be **no 10.00am Mass** on Monday 1st and 8th July 2024.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 6/7 July 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		M Bonnici	
8.30 am		B Dwyer		R Turnbull
10.30 am	G Kearney		M DeMaria	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 490

Offertory: CWBII 651

Communion: CWBII 516

Reflection: CWBII 653

Recessional: CWBII 491

Recently Deceased: Sheila Kerr; Maria Rovetto

Anniversaries: Rocky Fernandez; May Shah

Feast Days: **3 July:** St Thomas

Readings Next Week: **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

History Group Meets

The second meeting of the History Group was at Margaret McSweeney's house Thursday 20th June. The well attended session (eight attendees, one apology) spent time looking at the earliest years of our Parish (1895 - 1913), using the booklet prepared by our Media Group. Afternoon tea was provided by Margaret, who was a great host. We have decided on monthly meetings at this stage, details will be in the newsletter. All welcome next time.

Gerald Kearney

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of Thanksgiving Envelopes are available for collection at our churches. Please ensure you collect your envelopes. Thank you for the support you give our parish.

Special Third Collection this Sunday – 'Peter's Pence'

The Holy See, in addition to the operating costs involved in ministering to the universal Church, regularly makes large charitable donations to those in special need. The Pope's ministry is entrusted to him by Christ, and we can see how the Holy Father carries this out with great conscientiousness. Your support is much appreciated.

First Friday & First Saturday devotions

This Friday is the 1st Friday of the month, with devotions at St Mary's from 6:00pm.

Saturday is the 1st Saturday: we will have devotions at Holy Hour after 9:30am Mass.

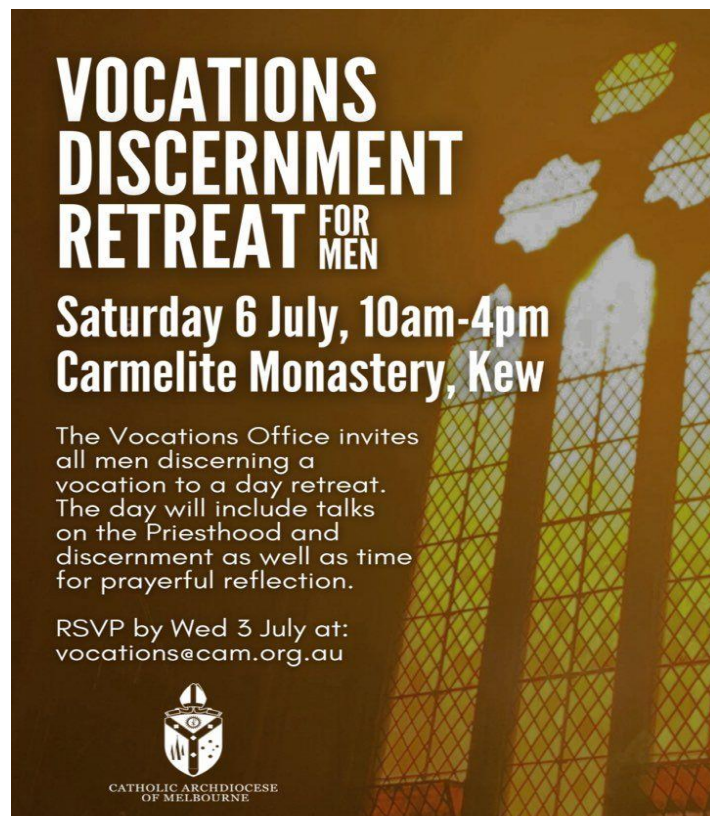
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Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Hall, 97 Railway St N, Altona VIC 3018

Date: Thursday 11th July 2024 Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

7 July 2024, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne



The theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is '*Keep the Fire Burning – Strong in Faith*' and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has produced resources to assist parishes in their celebration of this important day. You can view these resources here: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2024-atsi-sunday.html>

This beautiful artwork, titled *Pentecost*, that has been created by three artists from the Balgo Community: Magda Lee, Gracie Mosquito and Imelda Gugamen.

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.
To be – for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in them,
in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.
Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the
world, as those who are his partners will discover.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 29

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the
grave. (R.)

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: *The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.*

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.