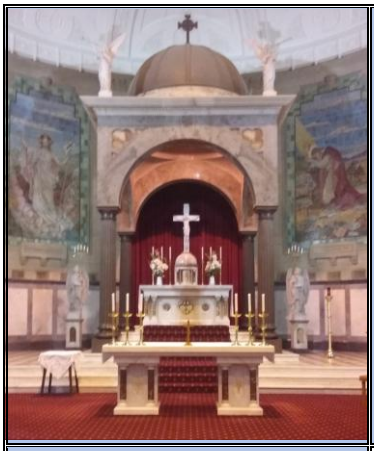

PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

ST MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil:
6.00pm St Mary's

Sunday:
8.30am St Mary'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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15 November 2026

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 21/22 NOV 2026
Parish Counters: R Aparo

	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
6.00 pm	F Pinto	P Bonnici
8.30 am	M Zoleta	A Laughton
10.30 am	G Kearney	L Venuto

Hymns: **Entrance:** CWBII 501 **Offertory:** CWBII 572
Communion: CWBII 459 **Reflection:** CWBII 638
Recessional: CWBII 453

Recently deceased: Pasquale Agresta; Fr Brendan Lane

Anniversaries: Patricia Carmel Olsen; Patrick & Winifred Ryan; Guzeppa, Reno & Rose Cutajar

Feast Days: **17 Nov**: St Elizabeth of Hungary
21 Nov: The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings Next Week: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Memorial Mass

On **Wednesday, 25th November at 7.00 pm,** there will be a special Memorial Mass to remember and pray for all who were buried from our church in the last year and for relatives and friends of parishioners. Therefore, everyone who had a family member buried from here or had a family member or friend who died in the last year, is invited to attend this Mass.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' DAY – Friday, 11 December 2026

Warmly inviting the Senior Parishioners of our parish to this year's **Senior Parishioners' Day which will be held on Friday, 11 December 2025, with Mass commencing at 11.00am at St Mary's Church.**
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be conferred during Mass. Followed by a celebration luncheon in St Mary's School Hall from 12.00pm.
If you are able to attend, please either:

1. Complete the form and place it in the box at the Parish Office door or
2. Email the parish office at ascotvale@cam.org.au

RSVP requested by: Thursday, 3 December 2024 please (To finalise catering).

Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 127

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Thes 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and
peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as
everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But
the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had
received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown
you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two
more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-fornothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'
The Gospel of the Lord.