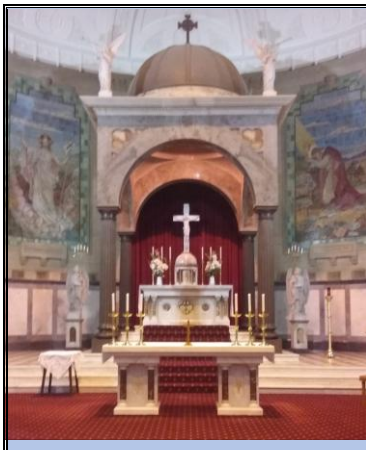




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14 June 2026

Magnifica Humanitas

Brief summary

The Encyclical begins with a powerful biblical metaphor: humanity faces a choice between erecting a new Tower of Babel (a world of self-referential technical power) or building the Holy City (a world where God and humanity dwell together). Humanity at the centre: Every technological advance must be measured by its ability to safeguard the dignity of the person. There is no true progress if the heart remains closed to others. The primacy of Christ: The mystery of humanity is understood only in the mystery of the Incarnate Word. This magnificent humanity in Jesus Christ becomes the Way, the Truth, and the Life, opening for each of us the path to grow toward the fullness of our humanity. The construction site of time: We are all called to "get our hands dirty" to ensure that the "rejected stones" become the cornerstone of our common home.

Questions for reflection

On a personal level What am I building? Am I working for my personal "tower" (success, power) or for the "city" where there is room for others too? Do I view technological changes with fear, or do I seek in them the opportunity to bear witness to my faith?

In community Who are the "rejected stones" of the digital transformation around us? How can we make them the protagonists of our construction site? Are we a place of listening and dialogue, or do we risk becoming closed and incomprehensible groups (as happened in the Tower of Babel)

Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the "magnificent humanity" you have given us. Give us eyes to see, in this time of great machines, the splendour of the face of your Son who became flesh. Teach us not to fear the construction site of history, but to inhabit it with the wisdom of those who build communion. Dispel from us the pride of Babel and help us always seek what unites us. Transform our hands into instruments of justice, so that our earth may become a common home where love, truth, and peace can meet. Amen.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 20/21 JUNE 2026

Parish Counters: V Colicchia; R Koh & J Chong

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 Hoshun		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		P McLoughlin		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	R Wiatrowski		R Bonvino	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 447

Offertory: CWBII 495

Communion: CWBII 481

Reflection: CWBII 488

Recessional: CWBII 561

Recently Deceased:

Robert Stovicek; Celestina Antonio

Anniversaries:

Francesco Ruberto; Hernan Dancel; Anne Galway

Readings Next Week:

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Baptisms

We warmly welcome the children being baptised this Sunday.

Max Ross Singleton



Thanksgiving Envelopes

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

St, Vincent de Paul, Winter Appeal

Dear Fellow Parishioners - While we are again facing a cold winter, with all the extra pressures that puts on our budgets, our conference is seeing more people who have not come for help before and more who are reliant on casual work and wages that cannot support them and their families. In our Ascot Vale area we have spent almost \$100,000 in the last 12 months on food, rent, furniture and other assistance, all from donations.

Please spare a thought and a prayer for those around us in need, plus a donation if you can. Many are grateful for the help you give. There are envelopes at the church doors.

Soup Evening – 27 June 2026

There will be soup, bread and nibbles served, in the presbytery, after 6pm Mass on Saturday, 27th June organised by the Parish Community Group. All are welcome. Please join us and have a chat with fellow parishioners. We hope to see many of you there!

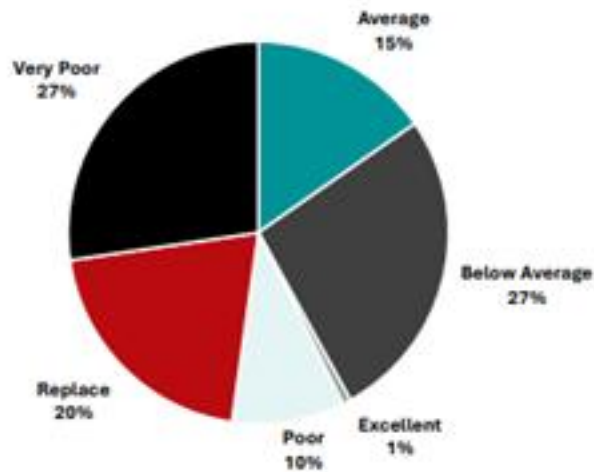


Please use the QR code if you wish to contribute to our parish church.
Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.

St Margaret's Church

Ultum's Building Audit & Condition Report, specifically regarding the Condition Breakdown and Condition Summary, shows the following.

2.3 Condition Breakdown



2.4 Condition Summary

The St. Margaret's Church demonstrates a wide spread of condition ratings, with critical failures conditions 7–10 concentrated in building cladding, flooring and general structure. These represent immediate risks.

A high proportion condition 5–6, reflecting deterioration that will escalate if not addressed. The remainder condition 3–4 are serviceable but ageing.

The Church has a single item listed as 2, indicating that most assets are late to end of life and require replacement soon.

There will be more information to come.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Parents and caregivers are called to help teenagers make choices that foster respectful and virtuous relationships, honour dignity and reflect love.



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WEBINAR

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord

