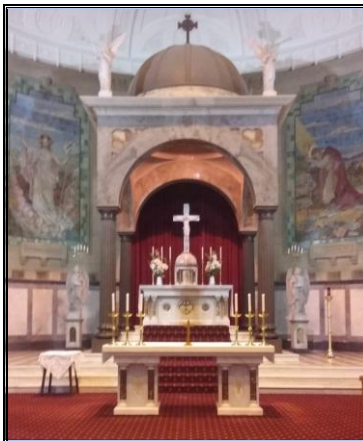




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5 July 2026

St. Margaret’s Church

A Gathering for Prayer, Reflection, and Discussion.

Between 2:00-4:00pm on Saturday 18th July, the Parish and the Archdiocese will be jointly hosting a gathering of parishioners to reflect on the history of St. Margaret’s, and to discuss how we as a community of Faith can walk together as we seek to understand how we can compassionately approach the closure of the building.

Most importantly, we invite parishioners to bring to the gathering photos and other memorabilia that can be digitally captured for posterity, to ensure that in this period of change, sadness, and loss, there is continuity of the spirit of Faith and community which St. Margaret’s has nurtured for so long.

The location of this gathering will be announced in the coming weeks. Should you wish to attend, please do so, but RSVPs would be appreciated for logistical purposes. If you wish to RSVP, please email feedback.stmargarets@gmail.com.

2026 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Sunday 5 July 2026,

11.00am–12.00pm

St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne



On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and spirituality of our First Nations peoples, and the contributions they make the life of the Church.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 11/12 JULY 2026

Parish Counters: V Colicchia; 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	M Ginn		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		R Turnbull		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	R Macwan		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 470

Offertory: CWBII 495

Communion: CWBII 509

Reflection: CWBII 512

Recessional: CWBII 641

Recently Deceased:

Pearl Soek; John Ritossa; Philomena Valentine; Arturo Villegas; Edelmira Amortegui de Perilla; Jorge Fernandez

Anniversaries:

Owen & Ursula Wells; Raymond King; Gerry Callan

Feast Days:

11 July: St Benedict

Readings Next Week:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

PLEASE NOTE

No 10.00am Mass at St Mary's Church on Monday, 6 July & 13 July 2026.

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. 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.

Catholics encouraged to identify themselves in the Census

Australia will hold its national Census on 11 August 2026, and Catholics across the Archdiocese of Melbourne are encouraged to participate fully, identifying their religious affiliation. This nationwide count is a crucial opportunity for the Catholic community to be recognised and for its needs to be understood. The ACBC says Census data informs government and Church planning, helping parishes, schools and Catholic services understand community needs and allocate resources effectively.

Stella Maris – Sea Sunday 12 July 2026

When we pray especially for all seafarers who travel the seas bringing our goods, often enduring great hardships and loneliness.

Please think about becoming a volunteer at Stella Maris, 600 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

For more information about this great missionary work, please contact 96297494.

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.



St Margaret's Church

Below you will find two segments from a six-page section dealing with “**St. Margaret's, Maribyrnong**”, which is part of a larger historical document relating to St. Mary's Parish. This dates back to the early to mid-1990s. These segments are very informative.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Church

In form, though not in materials, St Margaret's Church resembles the first Catholic Recreation Hut and Chapel built at Broadmeadows Army Camp in 1915. That building, erected by the Australian Catholic Federation from subscriptions raised across the state, was constructed of galvanised iron. Yet its internal layout was identical to that of St Margaret's. When the building arrived in pieces at Maribyrnong, however, it consisted of weatherboards and fibrous cement upper walls and roof. It is possible that the same building, refurbished with more modern materials, was re-used for the second war for Catholic troops stationed at 114 Broadmeadows, although it also resembles a form of "kit" church marketed to rural parishes around 1939. Dumped in pieces on vacant land at Maribyrnong, the chapel necessitated quite a bit of work to reassemble and prepare for services. New roof trusses and lining, for example, were installed. Thus, though it had only cost £500 to purchase, the church, together with the land, cost the parish a total of £4,875. A large backroom, divided from the main church body by curtains, was used for three years as St Margaret's School and is still used periodically by the school and for local Alcoholics' Anonymous meetings. Weatherboards have been replaced and the church restumped in recent years.

Parish Societies and Finance

St Margaret's finances and social life fall within the ambit of those of St Mary's. However, it is worth noting that the first 40 Catholic families in the area were, according to Father Bakker, "very generous" in their support for their new church. Functions to raise money for St Margaret's site were "well-attended" and some volunteer labour was used in preparing the church and site for use. Although £4,875 was spent on buying the land and refitting the church, only £2,225 remained to be paid off when the church was opened. Fund-raising functions were held in the Church -hall in early years, but Sacrificial Giving, introduced in the parish in the 1960s, negated the need for these affairs. Though the church used to be packed for Mass in the 1950s, many local Catholics now prefer to attend St Mary's or St Martin de Porres Churches. Thoughts of replacing St Margaret's with a more substantial building have disappeared as building costs escalated beyond the reach of the small congregation. The little church continues to be well-maintained. Yet parish life at St Margaret's appears to centre mainly on the school and on attendance at Mass.

Parish Advisory Board

Newly appointed Chairperson: Bosko Basadur

Deputy Chairperson: Adam Bui (reappointed)

Mass for Marriage Anniversaries – St Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday 12 July 2026, 11.00am–12.00pm

Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please register for your spot by Tuesday 7 July.

For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Zec 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual

lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Should my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

