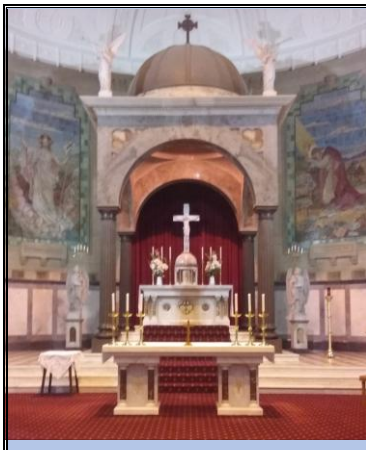




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ST MARY'S CHURCH, 123 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ASCOT VALE
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BARB STREET, MARIBYRNONG

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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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19 July 2026

Light into the City

“I envision St Patrick’s Cathedral precinct as a Light into the City: a welcoming home of prayer, pilgrimage and mercy; a beacon of beautiful liturgy and sacramental life; a centre for formation, culture and dialogue; and a hub of charity, outreach and reconciliation. Renewed for mission, it will gather diverse communities, serve the vulnerable, and stand as a spiritual and civic heart for Melbourne.”

-Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne-



Light into the City

Opening our doors wider

Light into the City is a multi-year vision delivered in stages.

Stage one, beginning this year, is the most urgent. It includes the necessary restoration of the Cathedral, construction of a new adjacent assembly building, and landscaping to create a more accessible and welcoming precinct.

Stage two will restore and repurpose the Presbytery and Cardinal Knox Centre, with the intent to provide new culture, arts and social outreach facilities for wider community benefit.

The overall Light into the City vision contemplates a further, final stage involving the construction of new facilities for mission agencies. This stage is still in development and is not part of the Light into the City fundraising campaign.

To find out more and to donate please
visit: www.lightintothecity.org.au

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 25/26 JULY 2026

Parish Counters: J & S Crooks; 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	J Escano		F Pinto	
8.30 am		FAMILY MASS		R Turnbull
10.30 am	M Kenny		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 540

Offertory: CWBII 570

Communion: CWBII 469

Reflection: CWBII 558

Recessional: CWBII 494

Recently Deceased:

Lourdes Carreon; Pietro Scarso

Anniversaries:

Sebastiano La Bruna; Maria Lein Dang; Peter Thanh Nguyen; Maria Gam Bui; Ingrid Martan; Salvatore Ganci; Fe Tatel

Feast Days:

22 July: St Mary Magdalene

25 July: St James

Readings Next Week:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Parish Bulletin Archives

Please note the Parish Bulletin archives have been updated with Bulletins for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 currently available. 2024 and 2025 are currently being worked on and should be added in the near future. Bulletins for 2026 are all available elsewhere on the website. Please let me know if there is interest in gaining access to the Bulletins from the 1990s.

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Latest feedback information concerning St Margaret's....

As of Thursday 16th July, 13 people have submitted written feedback.

Melbourne synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.



Please use the QR code if you wish to contribute to our parish church.

Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.



Friday 10 July 2026

Regional Synod Consultation Sessions | July and August 2026

Dear Parish Priests and Administrators,

As shared in the email communication on Wednesday 8 July, Synod Consultation sessions will be held in each region of the Archdiocese in the next month. Today we wish to provide additional details on the sessions and registration links.

I warmly invite you as Parish Priest for **each canonical parish to nominate two representatives** to participate in your regional Synod Consultation Session, with **at least one representative being a lay person**.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will host these gatherings which will be an important opportunity to prayerfully listen, discern and contribute to the Archbishop's consultation with the People of God across the Archdiocese. While every local community of faith is strongly encouraged to engage in consultation locally, the regional consultation sessions will bring together people from different communities across the region to listen to one another, strengthen awareness and engagement of the Synod as a local Church, and foster a shared commitment to our missionary future.

We encourage you to prayerfully select representatives who will participate actively in the conversation and bring back the fruits of the consultation to your parish community.

In each consultation session, parish representatives will have the opportunity to be engaged in the consultation through spiritual conversation with a table made up of other parish representatives from the same region on a single Archdiocesan Synod theme. *Each representative will need to select their preferred allocated theme, as part of the registration process.*

The conversations will be based on the Synod theme papers: [Missionary Leadership](#), [Formation and Participation](#), and Young Discipleship. The Missionary Leadership, and the Formation and Participation papers have been released. The Young Discipleship theme paper will be published in the coming week. *Participants will need to select and read one thematic paper prior to attending the consultation session.*

The details for each regional session are listed below.

Saturday 25 July 2026

<u>Northern Region</u>	<u>Western Region</u>
Mantra Melbourne Epping 250 Cooper St, Epping	Holiday Inn Werribee 22 Synnot St, Werribee
9.00am Registration and Morning Tea 9.30am Session commences	1.30pm Registration and Morning Tea 2.00pm Session commences
Register: https://www.trybooking.com/DNEWW	Register: https://www.trybooking.com/DNFFS

Synod 2026 | Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Synod2026@cam.org.au | www.melbournecatholic.org/synod2026

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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Wis 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never
judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is
questioned

and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in
judgement,

you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow
men,

and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when
we cannot choose words in order to pray properly,
the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that
could never be put into words, and God who knows
everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he
means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by
the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom
of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed
good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his
enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and
made off. When the new wheat sprouted and
ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's
servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good
seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does
the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this"
he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us
to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because
when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the
wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and
at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect
the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then
gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of
heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and
sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds,
but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and
becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and
shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of
heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in
with three measures of flour till it was leavened all
through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables;
indeed, he would never speak to them except in
parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of
the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and
his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the
parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in
reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man.
The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of
the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one;
the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is
the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well
then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in
the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of
Man will send his angels and they will gather out of
his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all
who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace,
where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord