



PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

ST MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9 August 2026

The Gathering at St. Margaret's (18th July) highlighted the need for certainty, where possible, and clear, timely information about the future direction. With this in mind, it is important the following points are now clarified:

1. **The Parish will not be selling the land on which St. Margaret's Church now sits.**
2. Future use of the land will be considered strictly within the context of the St. Margaret's School masterplan and the Parish masterplan. A decision regarding the use of the land within these contexts has **not been made** and will only be made following a **further period of discernment and consultation.**
3. The land will continue to serve the Parish's Mission of Faith, **although the form which that takes has not been determined**, and will only be determined following further consultation.

In sharing the above information, the fervent hope is that there be a walking with the worshipping community of St. Margaret's, and so, taking the next steps together.

The next Gathering will take place on Saturday, 22nd August, from 2.00-3.30pm. The purpose of this Gathering will be to:

4. **Update**, providing any new information.
5. **Respond to the question:** what is to be captured, honoured, and shared about the history/ identity/ story of St. Margaret's Church?
6. **Respond to the question:** how is a final Mass in St. Margaret's Church envisaged?

Fr Desmond J Moloney

First Holy Communion

At the 6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend, 8 August Year 4 students from St Mary's School will celebrate their First Holy Communion. We keep all these children in our prayers.

Archbishop's Campaign 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends. **There will be a special collection next weekend 15/16 August.**

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 15/16 AUGUST 2026

Parish Counters: J & S Crooks; 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	F Pinto		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		S Varghese		R Turnbull
10.30 am	A Fogarty		R Bonvino	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 303

Offertory: CWBII 593

Communion: CWBII 528

Reflection: CWBII 454

Recessional: CWBII 494

Vigil: 1 Cor 11:23-25

Response: The hand of the Lord , feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Recently Deceased:

Onofre Gutierrez Jnr

Anniversaries:

Teresa Grillo; Catherine McNally; Charlie Pace; Francesco Stranieri; Patrick & Jacqueline Ryan; Florence Cecilia Chamberlain; John Ruberto; Narciso Carreon; Jean Matthew; Paul Dinh Phu Van; Maria Huong Lan Nguyen

Feast Days:

10 Aug: St Lawrence

11 Aug: St Clare

14 Aug: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

15 Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings Next Week:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.

Parish Rosters

The next set of parish rosters for September – December are being prepared and will be sent out in the middle of August. Please advise the parish office if you require any changes.



Melbourne Synod Papers

- Guide for Consultation Process
- Young Discipleship
- Missionary Leadership
- Formation and Participation

The purpose of this synod is to help shape our evangelical and missionary priorities for the years ahead. With the release of the synod theme papers, we now embark on the next step of our own local synodal journey. The papers have been prepared to assist with reflection on the themes. As we reflect, we are encouraged to ponder these questions:

- Where is the Holy Spirit leading our Archdiocese at this time?
- Whom are we being called to accompany in faith more intentionally?
- How might we reflect the face of Christ more clearly in our local Church?

To view the Melbourne Synod Papers in full, please go to

<https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>



CENSUS 2026



CATHOLIC

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

St Mary of the Cross 8th August

*"When I could not see
my way God kept
my heart full of trust
to make all come right."*

Mary MacKillop 1874

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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence;
I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth –
my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit
assures me of it too. What I want to say is this:
my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so
endless, I would willingly be condemned and be
cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers
of Israel, my own flesh and blood.
They were adopted as sons,
they were given the glory and the covenants;
the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them,

and the promises were made to them.

They are descended from the patriarchs
and from their flesh and blood came Christ who
is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and
go on ahead to the other side while he would
send the crowds away. After sending the
crowds away he went up into the hills by
himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone,
while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was
battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-
wind.

In the fourth watch of the night he went
towards them, walking on the lake, and when
the disciples saw him walking on the lake they
were terrified.

'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear.

But at once Jesus called out to them, saying,
'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

It was Peter who answered.

'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to
you across

the water.' 'Come' said Jesus.

Then Peter got out of the boat and started
walking towards Jesus across the water,
but as soon as he felt the force of the wind,
he took fright and began to sink.

'Lord! Save me!' he cried.

Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.

'Man of little faith,' he said

'why did you doubt?'

And as they got into the boat the wind dropped.
The men in the boat bowed down before him
and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord