

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.
**There will not be a baptism
information in November.**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16 August 2026

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 22/23 AUG 2026

Parish Counters: V Colicchia; J Dawson

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		F Pinto	
8.30 am		R Turnbull		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	M Doran		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 535

Offertory: CWBII 469

Communion: CWBII 459

Reflection: CWBII 488

Recessional: CWBII 641

Feast Days:

20 August: St Bernard

21 August: St Pius

22 August: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings Next Week: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

St Margaret’s Church

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

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

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Archbishop’s Campaign 2026

The 2026 Archbishop’s Campaign is underway, and you may wish to make a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with information can be found in 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 also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the **special collection this weekend 15/16 August.**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Welcomers, Counters

The next rosters for St Mary’s & St Margaret’s commencing September to December 2026 have been emailed. Thank you to all who support these ministries.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their

disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again..'

The Gospel of the Lord.

