

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.**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 September 2026

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 19/20 SEPT 2026

Parish Counters: R Aparo; 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	R Hoshun		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		S Varghese		A Laughton
10.30 am	D Cutinho		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 553

Offertory: CWBII 549

Communion: CWBII 469

Reflection: CWBII 553

Recessional: CWBII 494

Feast Days:

14 September: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows

16 September: Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

Readings Next Week: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6–9; Phil 1:20–24, 27; Mt 20:1–16

PLEASE NOTE

**No 10.00am Mass at St Mary's Church on Monday,
14 September 2026.**

New Parishioners' Morning Tea

There will be morning tea at St. Mary's after 10.30am Mass this Sunday, 13th September.

New parishioners are especially invited to come and meet fellow parishioners. Everyone else is also invited. Please come along and meet and chat with the people we see at Mass, but may not have spoken to before –or just catch up with others. We hope many of you attend.

Sacramental Program

The 1st Reconciliation /Holy Communion Sacramental Program will be offered for children in **Grade 4 and above** who have not yet prepared for these Sacraments.

Classes: Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Commenced: 10th September (8-week program during the school term)

Date for 1st Holy Communion: Saturday, 28th November, at St Mary's Church, 6:00 pm Vigil Mass.

To register your child or for further information, please contact Rose,
m: 0411 040 669 or email: catechistrc@gmail.com

Legion of Mary –For member enquiries and home visitations please contact: 93467900.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800305330, Monday – Friday, 10am– 3pm.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Sir 27:30– 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict
account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another, can he
then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he
then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes
resentment; who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by
the commandments. Remember the
commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of
the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 14:7–9

The life and death of each of us has its
influence on others; if we live, we live for the
Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that
alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to life,

it was so that he might be Lord both of the
dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new
commandment: love one another as I have loved
you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 18:21–35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how
often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs
me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered,
'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seventimes.
'And so the kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who decided to settle his
accounts with his servants. When the
reckoning began, they brought him a man who
owed ten thousand talents; but he had no
means of paying, so his master gave orders
that he should be sold, together with his wife
and children and all his possessions, to meet
the debt. At this, the servant threw himself
down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he
said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the
servant's master felt so sorry for him that he
let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this
servant went out, he happened to meet a
fellow servant who owed him one hundred
denarii; and he seized him by the throat and
began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me",
he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and
implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will
pay you." But the other would not agree; on
the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till
he should pay the debt. His fellow servants
were deeply distressed when they saw what
had happened, and they went to their master
and reported the whole affair to him. Then the
master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he
said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when
you appealed to me. Were you not bound,
then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as
I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master
handed him over to the torturers till he should
pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly
Father will deal with you unless you each
forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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For St. Margaret's Church:

Two Committees:

The **History Committee** and the **Final Mass Committee** are currently in the process of holding meetings.

Offers of help have been forthcoming with regards to the practical hands on work and assignment to agreed locations.

The Feedback email is: feedback.stmargarets@gmail.com add your name if you would like to help in this historic work.

The work of both Committees, their planning and proposals, will be brought to a meeting of the Parish Advisory Board on Thursday 24th September.

As a Parish we continue to wait to receive an announcement from the Archbishop as well as the insurer.

For St. Mary's Church: "Beautiful" - BUT with issues!

Falkinger Andronas Report, 2004

There are many pluses and minuses about the state of St. Mary's Church, seen clearly in a report prepared by Falkinger and Andronas back in 2004 and easily more pressing today.

Many first time visitors to St. Mary's are struck by its beauty and grandeur, but take a closer look and there is clearly much work to be done to maintain and even improve the infrastructure. Here are a few pluses and minuses:

+ Brickwork: Our brickwork is in very good condition. The intricacies of some of the brickwork styling high above us is stunning and has been held up as an example of excellence in design and building.

- Roofs: The plumbing of the roof generally requires more regular attention with the system needing cyclical maintenance. Because the backs of the gutters are lower than the fronts, gutters have a tendency to overflow into the building fabric, causing the timber roof structure to start rotting.

+ Interior walls, Ceilings and Decoration: Render is in good condition. Rendered walls are unpainted, and it is recommended that this treatment, which is original, be maintained.

- The Narthex: (entrance) has some functional problems, it is dark narrow and uninviting.

In the Harmer Architecture Masterplan Report 2026 ...

St. Mary's Church is featured in Stage 4: proposing refurbishment of the Narthex (front porch), Baptistry, Sacristy, Nave (main section), and Sanctuary. Estimated project cost: \$740,000. There has been discussion regarding the Confessional area and Baptistry as well as looking at an entry point from the Narthex onto the main aisle.

Proposed Masterplan	Estimated Project Cost (Excluding GST)
Stage 4 - St Mary's Church Improvements Proposed upgrades to improve St Mary's Church as a well equipped heritage church	\$740,000

Join us for Morning Tea

Today Sunday 13th September 2026

After
10.30am
Mass



Meet New
Parishioners!



March for the Babies

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday 10th October at the Treasury Gardens at the corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade Melbourne. Wear pink and blue for the babies! www.marchforthebabies.com.

This is the seventh annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever increasing number of babies killed by Abortion in this state since the Government legalised abortion-till-birth on 10th October 2008.