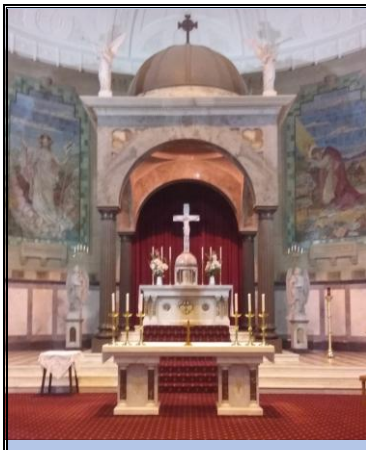




# PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

## ST MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

|                                         |                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Parish Priest:                          | Rev Fr Desmond J Moloney                                            |
| Assistant Priest / Lithuanian Chaplain: | Rev Fr Joseph Deveikis                                              |
| Presbytery / Parish Office:             | 123 St Leonards Rd, Ascot Vale (Postal: PO Box 468 Ascot Vale 3032) |
| Telephone:                              | 9370 6688                                                           |
| Website:                                | www.melbcatholic.org/ascotvale                                      |
| Email:                                  | ascotvale@cam.org.au                                                |
| Office Hours:                           | Tue – Thu 9.30am – 3.00pm Secretary: Carmen D’Rosario               |
| Principal, St Mary’s School:            | Mr Denis Johnstone T: 9370 1194                                     |
| Principal, St Margaret’s School:        | Mr John Rudd T: 9318 1339                                           |

### 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.

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20 September 2026

### 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.

#### Fresh developments:

On Monday 14th September, Aon, the Parish insurer, confirmed that St. Margaret’s Church will continue to be insured under the ISR (Property) insurance (under ‘Removal of Debris’) from the date of the final Mass, Sunday 25th October.

On Wednesday 16th September, I received notification from Archbishop Comensoli that he has granted a **Decree for the Relegation and Demolition of St. Margaret’s Church in St. Mary’s Parish, Ascot Vale**, dated 14th September, 2026.

Contained in this Decree is the following:

After the required formal canonical consultation with the Presbyteral Council given on 3 September 2026 and the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Melbourne give on 8 September 2026.

I hereby decree the following:

**That St. Margaret’s Church located on the corner of Barb Street and The Esplanade, Maribyrnong, Victoria 3032 is no longer a place for the divine worship. It herewith loses its blessing, dedication or consecration. Its altars, sacred objects and religious artefacts are to be removed from the church and carefully preserved. It is henceforth to be relegated to profane use and subsequently demolished, consistent with its Christian dignity and without prejudice to what is required by law for sacred things.**

It is noted in the Decree that the final Mass in the church is to be celebrated on Sunday 25 October 2026.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 26/27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Parish Counters: J & S Crooks; 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               | N Familiarì |               | F Pinto                                   |               |
| 8.30 am               |             | R Turnbull    |                                           | R Turnbull    |
| 10.30 am              | M Kenny     |               | L Venuto                                  |               |

**Hymns:**

**Entrance:** CWBII 535

**Offertory:** CWBII 594

**Communion:** CWBII 651

**Reflection:** CWBII 488

**Recessional:** CWBII 477

**Recently Deceased:**

Maria Mau Nguyen

**Anniversaries:**

Amelia D'Rosario; Nicola Colicchia; Pasqua Cicconi; Giuseppa Indomenico; Jerome Pinto

**Feast Days:**

**21 Sep:** St Matthew

**23 Sep:** St Pius of Pietrelcina

**Readings Next Week:**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28

### Special Collection for Preservation Church Account

Next weekend 26/27 September, there will be a special collection for our Parish Preservation account. Thank you for your support and generosity.

### Thank You!

The Parish Community Group thank everyone who came along to our morning tea last Sunday, especially our newer parishioners.

Also, thank you to all who provided food for us all to share and helped in the setting up, serving and cleaning up. We really appreciated your assistance.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

As stated in the Melbourne Catholic digest, hundreds gather at SeoulFest to launch World Youth Day 2027.

Melbourne young adult Abigail described her World Youth Day experience to the 600 – strong crowd that gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral, launching the Archdiocese's pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea.

From 3–8 August 2027, young Catholics from around the world will gather in Seoul, South Korea, with Pope Leo XVI for this international celebration of faith, friendship and the universal Church.

The theme is 'Take courage! I have overcome the world.' (John 16:33).

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is offering three pilgrimage options to Seoul, giving young people the opportunity to encounter Christ, experience the vibrant universal Church and make life-long memories.

Find out more and register your interest at: [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)

For youth in our parish who are interested and would like to organise a group, please contact Justine Escano at [justineescano19@gmail.com](mailto:justineescano19@gmail.com)





This Social Services Sunday, we are invited not only to give thanks for this work, but to consider our own contribution: **Who is experiencing hardship around us? Who is already walking beside them? How might we strengthen and support that work?**

Connect with Catholic social service organisations in your community. Visit [www.css.org.au](http://www.css.org.au) for more information.

## MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday,  
**10th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne**

Wear pink and blue for the Babies! [www.marchforthebabies.com](http://www.marchforthebabies.com)

This is the 17th 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 legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.



## A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest

Every married couple and priest deserves to experience this very special weekend.

Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep it alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

**November 6-8th, 2026, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.**

**Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm**

Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



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

Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.

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.**

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **FIRST READING**

Is 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity  
on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who  
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 144

**R. The Lord is near to all who call him**

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. (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.)

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

### **SECOND READING**

Phil 1:20-24. 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by  
my life or by my death. Life to me,  
of course, is Christ, but then death would bring  
me something more; but then  
again, if living in this body means doing work  
which is having good results – I do  
not know what I should choose. I am caught in  
this dilemma: I want to be gone  
and be with Christ, which would be very much  
the better, but for me to stay alive  
in this body is a more urgent need for your  
sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that  
would be unworthy of the gospel of  
Christ.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

Mt 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of  
heaven is like a landowner going out  
at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He  
made an agreement with the  
workers for one denarius a day, and sent them  
to his vineyard. Going out at  
about the third hour he saw others standing  
idle in the market place and said to  
them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give  
you a fair wage." So they went.

At about the sixth hour and again at about the  
ninth hour, he went out and did  
the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he  
went out and found more men  
standing round, and he said to them, "Why  
have you been standing here idle all  
day?" "Because no one has hired us" they  
answered. He said to them, "You go  
into my vineyard too." In the evening, the  
owner of the vineyard said to his  
bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their  
wages, starting with the last arrivals  
and ending with the first." So those who were  
hired at about the eleventh hour  
came forward and received one denarius each.  
When the first came, they  
expected to get more, but they too received  
one denarius each. They took it, but  
grumbled at the landowner. "The men who  
came last" they said "have done only  
one hour, and you have treated them the same  
as us, though we have done a  
heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered  
one of them and said, "My friend,  
I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree  
on one denarius? Take your  
earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer  
as much as I pay you. Have I no  
right to do what I like with my own? Why be  
envious because I am generous?"  
Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*