

PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 October 2026

For St. Margaret's Church:

Archbishop Comensoli, in response to the Letter of Petition, 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.

Included in the Archbishop’s Decree is 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.

The Decree notes that the final Mass in St. Margaret’s Church will be celebrated on Sunday 25th October, 2026; and recognises the “relocation of the 8.30am Sunday Mass” to St. Mary’s Church. From Sunday 1st November (All Saints) there will be two morning Masses in St. Mary’s Church: 8.30am and 10.30am.

Please send to the Parish Office –

memories, any recollections of those who, in the first years of St. Margaret’s Church and School, helped prepare the church and the site and help to build community. What part did they play and what are their names?

Fr Desmond J Moloney

The Contents of St. Margaret’s Church

Certain items (religious or liturgical) have been reserved, while some are being made available. A list of available items has been prepared for those who connect with St. Margaret’s Church. In response, expressions of interest can be given by either emailing feedback.stmargarets@gmail.com or ascotvale@cam.org.au by Monday 19th October.

Collection times

Pre-Final Mass Claims	Sat 24/10	9AM – 10AM
Post-Final Mass Claims	Mon 26/10	9AM – 10AM

Re making a Donation for items:

- Donations or offerings are not obligatory. It is a matter for the individual.
- If possible a "first in best dressed" principle will be applied where there is more than one interested party. If not possible, there will be communication to inform the parties involved to find a resolution. The intention will be to try and uphold privacy of the parties concerned.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 17/18 OCTOBER 2026

Parish Counters: J&S Crooks; B Toomey

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 Boyer		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		M Zoleta		R Turnbull
10.30 am	A Fogarty		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 490

Offertory: CWBII 592

Communion: CWBII 651

Reflection: CWBII 459

Recessional: CWBII 561

Recently Deceased:

Deidre Andriesz; Timothy Gomez Jnr; Susing Pelayo

Anniversaries:

Herta Minin; John Stranieri; Manuel Reyes; Victor Tiquia; Cornelius Paul

Feast Days:

7 Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

Readings Next Week:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

OCIA (commonly referred to as RCIA)

In St. Mary's Parish, the process for OCIA [Order of Christian Initiation of Adults] began on Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. This will mean the beginning of the Period of Enquiry.



Celebrating Seniority!

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for a special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications and time of life. Meet past volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their adventures of life and laughter in PNG and Timor Leste, leaving a lasting positive impact on communities. Scan below to register or see palms.org.au/events

Date: Monday 19 October 2026, Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEDT

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

CAN YOU HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. In recent years, generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates or which are no longer required. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways e.g. counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities.

You could help this important work both by simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating **a motor vehicle, if possible in roadworthy or near-roadworthy condition** and which for whatever reason is no longer required, or contact:

Fr. Kevin Dillon 0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au or Damian Coyne 0400 170 374 or dkcoyne@hotmail.com for more information.

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Baptisms

We warmly welcome the children being baptised this Sunday.

Nicholas Nguyen

Sienna Dentesano

Francis Alexander Skoglund



Pope Leo XIV's October prayer intention is 'for mental health ministry'



Pope Leo XIV has dedicated his October prayer intention to mental health ministry, calling on the Church to listen without judging, and to be an 'open house' where people facing challenges to their mental health find welcome, dignity and hope.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

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 Archdiocese of Melbourne is offering three pilgrimage options to Seoul. Find out more and register your interest at: 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



A promotional banner for a lecture by Kim Daniels. It features a photo of Kim Daniels, a woman with brown hair, smiling. The background is blue with white and yellow geometric shapes. Text on the banner includes 'HELDER CAMARA LECTURE', 'KIM DANIELS', and 'AI, POPE LEO AND THE FUTURE OF HUMAN DIGNITY'.

Thursday 15 October 2026, 5.00pm–6.30pm
Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville
Register: parracatholic.org/kimdaniels

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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame everywhere
on earth, for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in
whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Phil 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich
too. I have been through my initiation and now I am
ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty
stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I
cannot master with the help of the One who gives
me strength. All the same, it was good of you to

share with me in my hardships. In return my God
will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as
only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and
ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might
see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and
elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom
of heaven may be compared to a king who gave
a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his
servants to call those who had been invited, but
they would not come. Next he sent some more
servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he
said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my
oxen and fattened cattle have been
slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the
wedding." But they were not interested: one
went off to his farm, another to his business,
and the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was furious. He
despatched his troops, destroyed those
murderers and burnt their town. Then he said
to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as
those who were invited proved to be unworthy,
go to the crossroads in the town and invite
everyone you can find to the wedding." So
these servants went out on to the roads and
collected together everyone they could find,
bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was
filled with guests. When the king came in to
look at the guests he noticed one man who was
not wearing a wedding garment, and said to
him, "How did you get in here, my friend,
without a wedding garment?" And the man was
silent. Then the king said to the attendants,
"Bind him hand and foot and throw him out
into the dark, where there will be weeping and
grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few
are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord