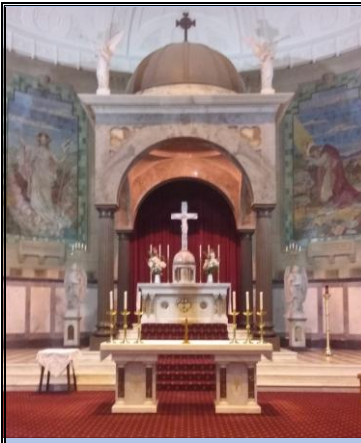




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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

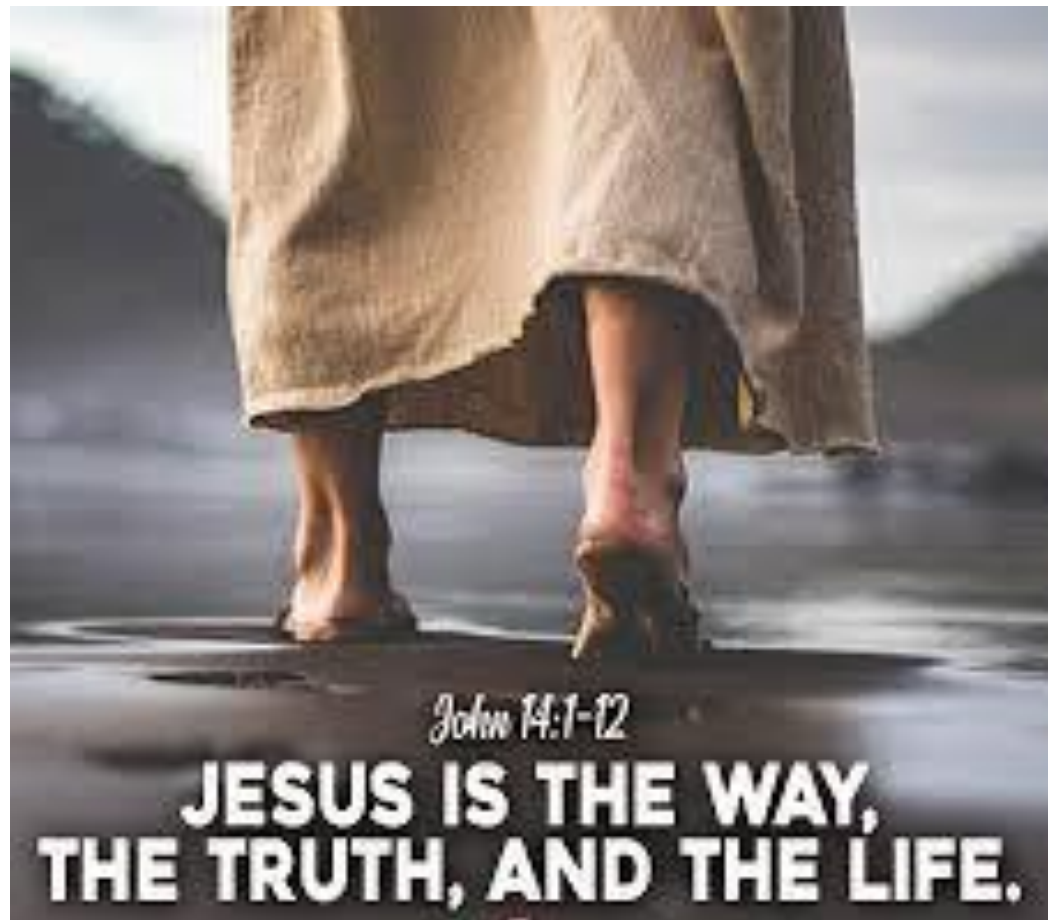
Sat 10.00–11.00am St Mary’s

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.*

5th Sunday of Easter – 3 May 2026



CatholicCare Victoria Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Appeal.

This year the appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Thank you for your generosity.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

Seminary Enquiry Day 2026

Saturday 23 May 2026, 10.45am – 3.30pm

Corpus Christi is the place where young men discern and study for the priesthood. You are invited because you may like to hear more about a vocation. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Tuesday 19 May via vocations@cam.org.au.

If you have questions, the Vocation Director, Father Dishan Candappa, would be pleased to assist you. Please be in touch via vocations@cam.org.au.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 9/10 MAY 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	R Hoshun		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		B Dwyer		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	A Fogarty		L Venuto	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 541

Offertory: CWBII 293

Communion: CWBII 608

Reflection: CWBII 649

Recessional: CWBII 641

Recently deceased: Caterina Korn; Elva Price

Anniversaries: Joseph Bonnici; Joseph Briffa; Aurora Dionisio

Readings Next Week: 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Annual Parish Mass Count

As always in May, beginning this weekend for four weeks, the annual diocesan Mass Count of those attending will be carried out at each weekend Mass.

Morning Tea after Mass

The Parish Community Group will be holding morning tea after 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's this Sunday, 3rd May 2026.

We would like to invite everyone to come along and have a cuppa and something to eat, while chatting with fellow parishioners. If you would like to bring a plate of food to share, that would be a boost for catering and we will be very grateful. Everyone is welcome, so please come along!

What Is Grief: Sharing Memories Group Special Guest

The Sharing Memories Group will welcome guest speaker Heather Somerville on Tuesday 5 May. Heather is currently Director of Pastoral and Spiritual Care at St Vincent's Health Australia, overseeing St Vincent's public and private hospitals and aged care facilities in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Heather previously managed the Pastoral Care team at St Vincent's public hospital in Melbourne with a further 14 years' experience as a pastoral care practitioner at Peter Mac. Heather is a clinical pastoral education consultant supporting and providing education and formation for pastoral care practitioners. Everyone is invited to listen to Heather's talk.

Tuesday 5 May at 10:30am in the Annex (room located at the rear)

St Theresa's Church, 48a Lincoln Road, Essendon



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.



27. Synodality and Scripture

From Abraham's journey to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Scripture is full of stories of God walking with His people. Synodality places us within that biblical story.

28. Why participation matters

Participation helps people move from being passive recipients to active disciples. This deepens faith and strengthens mission.

29. Synodality is not uniformity

Different cultures, communities, and parishes will live synodality in different ways. Unity does not require sameness.

30. Synodality and hope

A synodal Church believes that renewal is possible, even in difficult times. Hope is not naïve optimism—it is trust in God's faithfulness.

Six30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral

Every Thursday, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession.



Please note that various venues will be used for Six30 Holy Hour throughout 2026. Please check venue details each week on the Events page of Melbourne Catholic. For more information, email vocations@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677.



Have you been Encountered?

Marriage Encounter is coming to Melton.

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the intimacy alive. While the weekend is based around Catholic values, couples of all faiths are welcome. No group sharing is required.

Come along and experience your special weekend at:

St Dominic's Parish Melton

When: June 26 – 28th 2026

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

On your weekend, a team of 3 married couples and a priest will share their personal stories, their ups and downs, in ways that are very relatable. You are drawn to reflecting on your own relationship, learn new ways of deeply communicating and rekindle the spark! No matter how good things are in your relationship currently, a Marriage Encounter experience is for the two of you.

For further details, please contact: Mercy & James Bvirakare

Ph: 0409 183 676

Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Visit wwme.org.au

5th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32

**R: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who

are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me; so that where I
am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are
going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen
him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we
shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this
time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not
know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the
Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from
myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing
this work. You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no
other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever
believes in me will perform the same works as I do
myself, he will perform even greater works, because
I am going to the Father.' *The Gospel of the Lord*