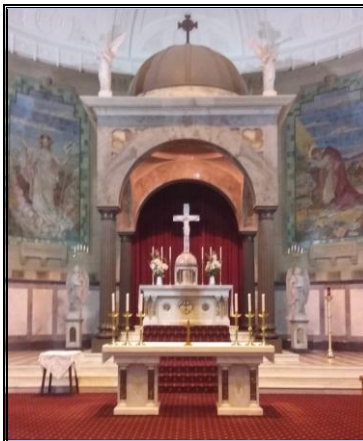




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

6th Sunday of Easter – 10 May 2026

Presbytery Roof Repair Work begins

The slate roof specialist found that the majority of the roof is in good condition. Newer slates, however, on a large section of the roof have been fitted incorrectly. The original slates are 550 x 275mm in size and the newer slates are 500 x 225mm. The newer slates were installed on the old battens, which does not give them not enough cover to keep the roof watertight. It is expected that the repair work will take about two weeks.



Fr Desmond J Moloney

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.

Mother’s Day Prayer

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility ;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 16/17 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	N Familiarì		M Ginn	
8.30 am		P McLoughlin		A Laughton
10.30 am	M Doran		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 350

Offertory: CWBII 461

Communion: CWBII 651

Reflection: CWBII 552

Recessional: CWBII 641

Anniversaries:

Maria Rovetto; Benny Cutajar; Vincenzo Esposito; Maria D'Andrea

Readings Next Week:

The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our morning tea last Sunday, despite the weather!! Also, thank you to all who provided food for us all to share and helped in the setting up, serving and cleaning up. A very special thank you to Patricia, who helped serving; to Adam, who again helped set up and clear up the tables etc and to Nicholas and Mason, our visiting seminarians, who helped with everything that they could. We really appreciated your assistance.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Terry Curtin

St Patrick's Cathedral

Saturday 16 May 2026

11.00am–1.00pm

After many years of faithful service, leadership and pastoral care, we gather in thanksgiving for Bishop Terry's ministry and to wish him every blessing in his retirement. All are welcome!



Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited (ACSL)

The recent audit conducted by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited (ACSL) affirmed the Archdiocese as a mature and effective safeguarding environment with 91% of indicators either fully or substantially embedded. They also serve as a timely reminder that our commitment to safeguarding must remain active and vigilant.



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.



31. Synodality and young people

Young people long to be heard and taken seriously. Synodality invites the Church to listen attentively to their questions and hopes.

32. Synodality and families

Families are schools of synodality, where listening, patience, and forgiveness are lived daily. The Church learns synodality from family life.

33. Synodality and mission beyond the Church

A synodal Church listens not only inwardly but outwardly, engaging respectfully with society and culture.

34. Synodality and courage

Listening honestly may reveal uncomfortable truths. Synodality requires courage to face them with faith.

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

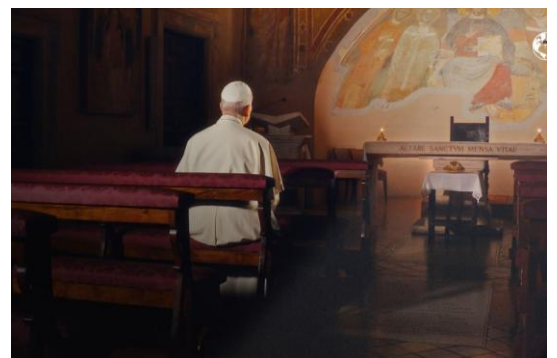
Ph: 0409 183 676

Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au / Visit wwme.org.au

That everyone might have food:

Pope's prayer intention for May

Pope Leo XIV lifts up his voice in prayer in a world in which millions of people do not have enough to eat. His intention for the month of May, 'That everyone might have food,' focuses on one of the most urgent challenges of our time: hunger and wasted food.



6th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer,

it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

'The Gospel of the Lord

