



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.

Pentecost Sunday – 24 May 2026

Last week was Palliative Care Week. The following is part of a special feature in Melbourne Catholic.

The news of fresh cancer lesions on Kristy Robinson’s lung left her feeling hopeless and she had no desire to take the fight up to the disease she had already bravely fought for three years. That was until Kristy found hope in an ‘unlikely source’.

The mechanical engineer had never been particularly creative, but art therapy, provided as part of Kristy’s Cabrini palliative care, woke something inside her.

‘I was ready to give up,’ the 46-year-old said. ‘I was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2022, but it had spread to my liver. So I had treatments and it looked like I was all clear but then they found a recurrence in my lung.’

‘When I had a chance to beat the cancer, my attitude was good and I fought it, but when it came back, I felt defeated and hopeless and wanted to give up. But then I was introduced to art therapy with Anette, and it’s really helped change my perspective.’

Cabrini’s palliative and supportive care service provides personalised, integrated care for people with terminal or life-limiting illnesses, across hospital, home and specialist inpatient settings. The hospital introduces this care early within cancer and chronic disease treatment, saying the service helps improve quality of life and can even extend life expectancy.

Among the programs on offer by the service is art therapy. This is a psychotherapeutic modality—a type of counselling session—Cabrini art therapist Anette Kulesza explained. Studies indicate that patients who engage in art therapy report substantial improvements in mood and anxiety levels.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – its Theme for 2026:

There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

The Parish Sign on St Leonards Road – Updated

We can be thankful that a couple of parishioners have updated the Parish sign near St. Mary’s Church adding the website and QR code.

Jesuit & Ignatian Spirituality Australia

JISA offers the Spiritual Exercises in all their forms, guided retreats, spiritual conversation, discernment, spiritual direction, supervision, formation for leadership and mission. JISA centres have day and residential hospitality for individuals, groups, and organisations. Programs are in person, online, and at other venues.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 30/31 MAY 2026

Parish Counters: V Colicchia; 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	M Ginn		F Pinto	
8.30 am		S Varghese		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	D Cutinho		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 387

Offertory: CWBII 605

Communion: CWBII 389

Reflection: CWBII 111

Recessional: CWBII 655

Recently Deceased:

Fernando Cruz

Anniversaries:

Charles Airo-Farulla; Carmela Presti; Kasey-Anne Oklobdzija; Medina Dancel

Feast Days:

25 May: Our Lady, Help of Christians

26 May: St Philip Neri, priest

Readings Next Week:

The Most Holy Trinity: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church the children who will be baptised in our parish on Sunday.

Cosimo Manriti Chiara Marie Fontanini Millie Florence Rose Brudenell

Francesca Teresa Di Luzio



Annual Parish Mass Count

Thank you to all who have assisted with the parish mass count throughout the month of May.

The Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession 2026

Sunday 7 June 2026 begins at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral

On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), parishes, communities, families and all are invited to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession as the Archdiocese of Melbourne publicly and joyfully journeys with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.



The procession will begin with a gathering at St Patrick's Cathedral at 2pm, walk through the streets of Melbourne's CBD, and conclude at Federation Square. All welcome.






Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/unityed

In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/unityed.

*Name changed for privacy



39. Synodality invites responsibility

Being heard also means being responsible for the Church's mission.

40. Synodality and prayer

Without prayer, synodality loses its soul. Every step must be rooted in prayer.

41. Synodality helps the Church grow

Growth in faith often comes through dialogue and shared discernment.

42. Synodality is a gift

It is not an obligation imposed from above, but a gift for the Church's renewal.

FRANCISCUS: Celebrating 800 Years of St Francis of Assisi!

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars are hosting a 2-day Conference at St Anthony's, Hawthorn on the weekend of 30th-31st May to celebrate this Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi; to reflect upon and share about the amazing life and enduring legacy of this great saint. Each day will commence with registration at 8:30am and a 9am talk; each day concluding at 5pm. Across the 2 days, there will be six talks, a workshop, a Q&A Panel, as well as daily Mass and concluding each day with Evening Prayer. Light lunch provided. No registration fee but there will be the opportunity to donate to support the running of the Conference. For more details, and to Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMBUF>

Catholic Theological College Online Information Session

Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST) Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session

For more information contact: Dr Maureen Saclot, Registrar



Positions Vacant – Archdiocese of Melbourne

Parish Positions

- Youth Ministry Leader, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Caroline Springs
- Housekeeper, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Caroline Springs
- Pastoral Associate, St. Bernadette's Parish, Sunshine North
- Administration Assistant, Our Lady of Pentecost Parish, Balwyn
- Parish Manager, St. Roch's Parish, Malvern, Malvern East & Glen Iris

Catholic Development Fund (CDF)

- Client Experience Specialist, East Melbourne

Contact Phone: 03 9926 2424 or Email: hadmin@cam.org.au

LinkedIn: Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne or www.cam.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.

Pentecost Sunday

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is

working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven:

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

'The Gospel of the Lord

