

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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 7 June 2026

An Anniversary of Note

May St. Mary’s Parish pray in thanksgiving for and rest in eternal life for all those who contributed to the early beginnings of the parish. Parishioners, together with priests and religious, marked an initial period of twenty-five years as a “Special Jubilee” from 1912 to 1937. They knew that they were laying a foundation for a community and worked towards achieving a vision of beauty.

1912 refers to the appointment of Father May and the foundation of our parish as a break away from Essendon, established as a separate parish in July, 1912, under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception.

VERY REV. HENRY V BAKKER had been pastor of Ascot Vale for some thirty-one years, and was one of the most venerable and esteemed priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. His name will always be associated with and remembered as the founder of the Legion of Mary in Australia. On the day of his funeral in the Archbishop's Tribute, he said: “... some things stood out in his character and in his life. One was his devotion to Our Blessed Lord in the tabernacle. If anybody truly loved the beauty of God's House and of His Eucharistic Throne, that man was Father Bakker. How he admired and loved this church! No wonder, for the smallest ornament in it bears the impress of his thought and taste and love for the Eucharistic King. For all time this beautiful church, with its imposing and noble sanctuary, will be a monument to the zeal, devotion and cultured taste of Father Bakker. Whenever he wanted something for himself or for his people, he had unfailing recourse to the Mother of God, and he had absolute confidence that his prayers would be heard. As a youth, as a man and as a priest, he was a devoted client of the Mother of God. ...”

Presbytery Slate Roof

The repair work on the targeted sections of the Presbytery roof has been completed. In these sections the new, correctly sized slate has been fitted to renewed battens. The work has been done very neatly.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Catholic Mission Appeal – this weekend



Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.
Thank you for your generosity.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 13/14 JUNE 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	J Escano		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		B Dwyer		R Turnbull
10.30 am	G Kearney		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 490

Offertory: CWBII 592

Communion: CWBII 459

Reflection: CWBII 484

Recessional: CWBII 494

Recently Deceased:

Samuel Maddela; Gianni La Verde; Beryl James; Flora Pineda

Anniversaries:

Pasquale Calderone; Francesco Mazzei; Anthony Chamberlain; Eileen Gaffney;
Gino Sciacca; Domenica Colicchia

Feast Days:

11 June: St Barnabas

12 June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Readings Next Week:

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 19:2-6; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

St, Vincent de Paul, Winter Appeal

Dear Fellow Parishioners - While we are again facing a cold winter, with all the extra pressures that puts on our budgets, our conference is seeing more people who have not come for help before and more who are reliant on casual work and wages that cannot support them and their families. In our Ascot Vale area we have spent almost \$100,000 in the last 12 months on food, rent, furniture and other assistance, all from donations.

Please spare a thought and a prayer for those around us in need, plus a donation if you can. Many are grateful for the help you give. There are envelopes at the church doors.

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.



Annual Guild of St Stephen Mass for Altar Servers

Friday 12 June 2026, 7:30 pm

St Patrick's Cathedral

This year, registration for eligible servers is online. Please see the link below for registration and event details. If you have any further queries, please contact Fr Samuel Pearson on 7064 3978.

<https://app.tickets.org.au/MelbourneGuild/CAMGuildMass>



47. Synodality calls us forward

We are invited not to cling to the past, but to move forward in faith.

48. Synodality strengthens communion

At its heart, synodality is relational—walking with God and with one another.

49. Synodality and trust in God

Ultimately, synodality is an act of trust that God is still

guiding His Church.

50. Walking together with Christ

We walk together because Christ walks with us. That is the deepest meaning of synodality.

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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Parents and caregivers are called to help teenagers make choices that foster respectful and virtuous relationships, honour dignity and reflect love.



Scan the QR code to register, or go to www.trybooking.com/DLTHX

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7PM-8PM
FREE ONLINE
WEBINAR



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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

FIRST READING

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)

He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord

