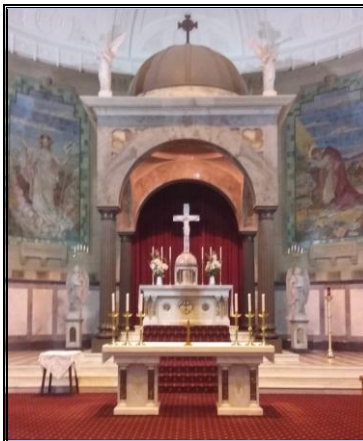




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

ST MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ST MARY'S CHURCH, 123 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ASCOT VALE
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BARB STREET, MARIBYRNONG

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Desmond J Moloney
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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 Trinity – 31 May 2026

***Magnifica humanitas*: Pope Leo's AI encyclical warns of temptation to build future excluding God**

Pope Leo XIV published his landmark encyclical on artificial intelligence *Magnifica humanitas* this week, comparing the attempt to build an AI future that excludes God to the 'Tower of Babel' and underlining the need to safeguard human dignity as it is 'threatened by new forms of dehumanisation'.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>



Monthly Cuppa & Conversation with Anne Slingo

Do you crave the opportunity to explore worldviews, engage in meaningful dialogue, share spiritual longings, listen and be listened to as we try to understand one another's beliefs?

Join us from 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM on Monday 1 June 2026, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne, for an enriching experience of dialogue, understanding, and spiritual exploration. Together, we can build bridges of empathy and knowledge in a welcoming and respectful environment. Please arrive 15 minutes earlier. Cost \$10 per person.

Come and be part of a community that values open-mindedness and authentic connection. We look forward to seeing you there!

Catholic Mission Appeal

This annual appeal will be held next weekend 6/7 June 2026 at our parish. Thank you for your generous support.






For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

Fr Brendan Lane has recorded a short reflection from his own experience as a missionary priest in Zambia, helping contextualise why the Church's mission in Malawi matters so deeply today: https://youtu.be/y3OCR_Wcwdo

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 6/7 JUNE 2026

Parish Counters: R Aparo; D McAleer

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		M Ginn	
8.30 am		R Turnbull		A Laughton
10.30 am	M Kenny		L Venuto	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 394

Offertory: CWBII 570

Communion: CWBII 484

Reflection: CWBII 582

Recessional: CWBII 577

Recently Deceased:

John Thho Trinh; Steven Richards; Ma. Asuncion Lim; Esmael Pagan

Anniversaries:

Tom Bonvino; Eric D'Rosario; Lucia Sessarego; Keith Ashton; Romeo Dancel

Feast Days:

1 June: St Justin

3 June: Sts Charles Lwanga

5 June: St Boniface

Readings Next Week:

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ:

Deut 8:2-3,14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Sacramental Program

Does your child attend a non-Catholic school and needs to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation? Classes have commenced 28th May 2026, Thursdays 4pm, at St Mary's school, for approx. 8 weeks. Please email, catechist.rc@gmail.com or the Parish Office: ascotvale@cam.org.au to enrol for these classes. For any enquiries, feel free to call Rose, the Catechist on mob: 0411 040 669.

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.



For more information on various services contact
www.css.org.au, office@css.org.au, tel 9287 5566
383 Albert St, East Melbourne Victoria 3002 (PO Box 146)



43. Synodality and faithfulness

True synodality deepens fidelity to Christ and His Gospel.

44. Synodality is about relationship

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

45. Synodality and witness

A Church that walks together gives a powerful witness

to the world.

46. Synodality and patience

God's timing is often slower than ours, but always wiser.

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



Prayer for Christian Unity

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Prince of Peace.

Strengthen the bond of peace among us and in our troubled world.

Change the hearts of all who make war;

touch the wounds of all who are afflicted by war.

We pray especially for the people of Armenia and Artsakh, and their kindred throughout the world.

Let the light of your love shine in all the dark places of our world and hasten the day when all peoples may dwell in peace and justice. Amen.

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.



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 Trinity

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dan 3

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)

Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)

You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)

You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord

