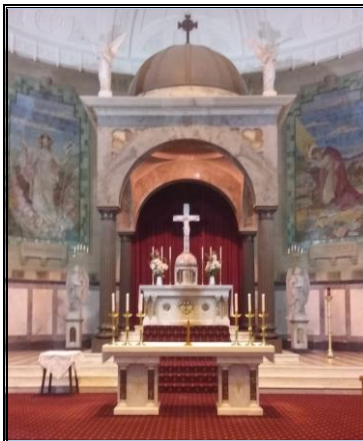




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4 October 2026

For St. Margaret's Church:

Archbishop Comensoli, in response to the Letter of Petition, has granted a **Decree for the Relegation and Demolition of St. Margaret’s Church in St. Mary’s Parish, Ascot Vale**, dated 14th September, 2026.

Included in the Archbishop’s Decree is the following:

That St. Margaret’s Church located on the corner of Barb Street and The Esplanade, Maribyrnong, Victoria 3032 is no longer a place for the divine worship. It herewith loses its blessing, dedication or consecration. Its altars, sacred objects and religious artefacts are to be removed from the church and carefully preserved. It is henceforth to be relegated to profane use and subsequently demolished, consistent with its Christian dignity and without prejudice to what is required by law for sacred things.

The Decree notes that the final Mass in St. Margaret’s Church will be celebrated on Sunday 25th October, 2026; and recognises the “relocation of the 8.30am Sunday Mass” to St. Mary’s Church. From Sunday 1st November (All Saints) there will be two morning Masses in St. Mary’s Church: 8.30am and 10.30am. The month of November is when each year we pray for our beloved deceased. St. Mary’s Parish has its Book of Remembrance, into which the names of those who have died in the past year may be entered. It is a time to include prayers for Parish benefactors, and this year to be particularly mindful of those benefactors of St. Margaret’s.

The final Mass in St. Margaret’s Church

On 25th October at 8.30am, the final Mass will be, as always, a celebration of and in Jesus Christ, (through, with, and in Him) and, therefore, be one in thankfulness and remembrance. It will be a unique coming together for the community, Maribyrnong-related and for the Parish as a whole. It will be for all, those past and present. Connected to the spirit of prayer in this Mass will be that there may be a holding in unity, a steadfastness in perseverance, seeking what is right and wholesome in God’s sight, and faithfulness in following the Lord’s commands.

Please send to the Parish Office –

memories, any recollections of those who, in the first years of St. Margaret’s Church and School, helped prepare the church and the site and help to build community. What part did they play and what are their names?

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 10/11 OCTOBER 2026

Parish Counters: R Aparo; T Peters

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		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		P McLoughlin		A Laughton
10.30 am	R Wiatrowski		R Bonvino	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 616

Offertory: CWBII 549

Communion: CWBII 459

Reflection: CWBII 566

Recessional: CWBII 541

Recently Deceased:

Maria Luisa Soriano; Patrick Fonseca; Mario Zerbato

Anniversaries:

Charles Parnis; Mario Dancel; Maurino Cagampang; Philomena & Violet Peters; Maria Assunta Stranieri

Feast Days:

7 Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

Readings Next Week:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14; Mt 22:1-14

The Contents of St. Margaret's Church

Certain items (religious or liturgical) have been reserved, while some are being made available. A list of available items has been prepared for those who connect with St. Margaret's Church. In response, expressions of interest can be given by either emailing feedback.stmargarets@gmail.com or ascotvale@cam.org.au by Monday 19th October.

Collection times

Pre-Final Mass Claims	Sat 24/10	9AM – 10AM
Post-Final Mass Claims	Mon 26/10	9AM – 10AM

Re making a Donation for items:

- Donations or offerings are not obligatory. It is a matter for the individual.
- If possible a "first in best dressed" principle will be applied where there is more than one interested party. If not possible, there will be communication to inform the parties involved to find a resolution. The intention will be to try and uphold privacy of the parties concerned.

Parish Benefactors

Recently, it was again made known that this year St. Mary's Parish is to be the beneficiary of two bequests; one from John Balzan and the other from Michael Thompson. At this time, in the final month of congregating in St. Margaret's Church for Mass may we spare not only a thought but also our prayer for those who helped in the establishment of community around the church and school, especially in its first years, enabling the community to grow. In a history of St. Margaret's, it is stated: "Functions to raise money for St. Margaret's site were "well-attended" and some volunteer labour was used in preparing the church and site for use." Also, more broadly, in a history of St. Mary's Parish, we find: "While traditional forms of fund-raising gradually declined in the 1950s, schemes popular among Catholic parishes of the time took their place. St. Mary's ran car raffles, held fetes, and ran a "Silver Ring", as well as using collection envelopes." Great generosity was shown, and faith in that generosity, by those generations that sought to build and create churches as true centres of worship and prayer, giving life to the community. May we remember prayerfully in gratitude our Parish benefactors!

St. Margaret of Scotland

Loving God,
Through St. Margaret of Scotland,
Guide us to live a life filled with

**compassion, knowledge,
faith and community.**

May her example of kindness and equality
inspire us
in all we say and in all we do. Amen

OCIA (commonly referred to as RCIA)

In St. Mary's Parish, the process for OCIA [Order of Christian Initiation of Adults] will resume this Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. This will mean the beginning of the Period of Enquiry.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday,
10th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne.

Wear pink and blue for the Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.



Celebrating Seniority!

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for a special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications and time of life. Meet past volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their adventures of life and laughter in PNG and Timor Leste, leaving a lasting positive impact on communities. Scan below to register or see palms.org.au/events



Date: Monday 19 October 2026, Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEDT

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

From 3–8 August 2027, young Catholics from around the world will gather in Seoul, South Korea, with Pope Leo XVI for this international celebration of faith, friendship and the universal Church.

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is offering three pilgrimage options to Seoul.

Find out more and register your interest at: proclaim@cam.org.au

For youth in our parish who are interested and would like to organise a group, please contact Justine Escano at justineescano19@gmail.com



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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

SECOND READING

Phil 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord