

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.
**There will not be a baptism
information in November.**

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30 August 2026

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 5/6 SEPT 2026

Parish Counters: J & S Crooks; 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	V Verschoor		P Stanley	
8.30 am		P McLoughlin		R Turnbull
10.30 am	M Doran		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 587

Offertory: CWBII 582

Communion: CWBII 579

Reflection: CWBII 541

Recessional: CWBII 540

Feast Days:

3 September: St Gregory the Great

Readings Next Week: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

PLEASE NOTE

**No 10.00am Mass at St Mary’s Church on Monday,
7 September & 14 September 2026.**

New Parishioners’ Morning Tea

There will be morning tea at St. Mary’s **after 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 13th September.**

New parishioners are especially invited to come and meet fellow parishioners. Everyone else is also invited. Please come along and meet and chat with the people we see at Mass, but may not have spoken to before - or just catch up with others. We hope many of you attend.

If anyone would like to bring a plate of food for the morning tea, please do so and we will be very grateful!

Sacramental Program

The 1st Reconciliation /Holy Communion Sacramental Program will be offered for children in **Grade 4 and above** who have not yet prepared for these Sacraments.

Classes: Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Commencing: 10th September (8-week program during the school term)

Date for 1st Holy Communion: Saturday, 28th November, at St Mary’s Church, 6:00 pm Vigil Mass.

To register your child or for further information, please contact Rose,
m: 0411 040 669 or email: catechist.rc@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who has so generously made a pledge or gift to the 2026 Archbishop’s Campaign.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800 305 330, Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy

of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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St. Mary's Parish
MARIBYRNONG

ST. MARY'S
ST. MARGARET'S

A second Gathering at St. Margaret's School took place on Saturday, 22 nd August, from 2.00-3.30pm. The Gathering fulfilled its purpose, which was to...

1. **Update**, providing any new information.
2. **Respond to the question**: what is to be captured, honoured, and shared about the history/ identity/ story of St. Margaret's Church?
3. **Respond to the question**: how is a final Mass in St. Margaret's Church envisaged?

Re Update

Since the first Gathering advice has been received from the *Insurance and Risk Lead* of the Archdiocese that while waiting for the insurer (Aon) to confirm coverage of the church until 30 November 2026, the Parish may want to consider -

1. That the final date for the closure of the church fall in line with the current insurance period 31 October 2026. As this would provide a saving to the Parish as no further premiums would be payable for the Church. It is proposed, then, that the church would be insured only for "removal of debris".
2. Then, following the closure of the church (if possible, prior to 31/10/2026), the insurer would request -
 - The church is secured behind fencing and no longer occupied
 - Contents of the church removed
 - The site is subject to a minimum weekly inspection or weekly security patrol
3. It is then pointed out: The Parish would need to confirm acceptance of ROD (removal of debris) insurance until this property is cleared of all buildings (no insurance required for vacant land).

The date put to those in attendance as the date for the final Mass in St. Margaret's Church was 25th October, the Sunday prior to the end of the month. There were no objections.

Re The Two Questions:

Two Committees are in the process of being convened:

- **History Committee:** the work of this committee is to consider what of the life and story of St. Margaret's Church, the Mass community, is to be held onto and honoured? How will this be done?

Adam Bui is the contact and leader –

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- **Final Mass Committee:** the work of this committee is to plan the liturgy and what might follow the Mass.

Richard Turnbull is the contact and leader –

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NB: Several parishioners have already expressed their interest in being in one or both committees. Further enquiries may be made, but the number on these committees may have to be limited.

At the end of this past week the Letter of Petition was forwarded to the Archbishop for his response.

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 St Mary's Ascot Vale and St Margaret's Maribyrnong

