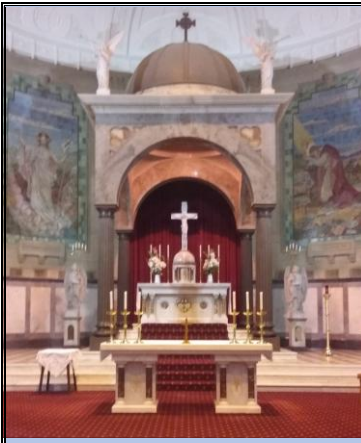




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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

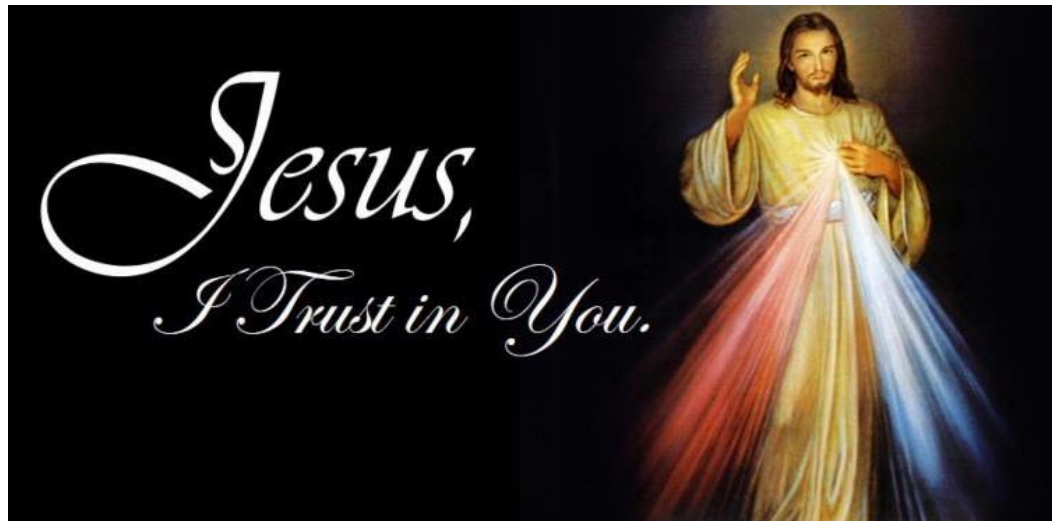
Sat 10.00–11.00am St Mary’s

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.

2nd Sunday of Easter – 12 April 2026 Divine Mercy Sunday



Saint Faustina was canonised in the year 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Our Lord Jesus told St Faustina that this message was of enormous importance and was given to prepare the world for His final coming.

One of the things Jesus most desired was the institution of a new feast for the universal Church: The Feast of Mercy on the First Sunday after Easter. Jesus told St Faustina that on that day (the Feast of Mercy), “the floodgates of my mercy are opened, and I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the font of My mercy.”

A plenary indulgence is granted today, under the usual conditions of Communion, Confession and Prayers for the Pope’s intentions – to those who:

take part in prayers held in honour of Divine Mercy in a church or chapel; or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, recite an Our Father & Creed [as well as prayers for the Pope’s intentions] and add a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus.

Holy Week 2026

Now, early in Easter Time, we are able to reflect on the celebrations and ceremonies of Holy Week with gratitude for all the support given. It was encouraging to see good attendances and to experience strong participation.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 18/19 Apr 2026

Parish Counters: V Colichia; 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 Bonnici	
8.30 am		R Turnbull		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	M Kenny		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 360

Offertory: CWBII 547

Communion: CWBII 484

Reflection: CWBII 346

Recessional: CWBII 368

Anniversaries:

Betty Hendry; Barbara Sheargold; Pietro Mole; Francesco Mazzei; Magno Dancel Snr & Jnr; Rodolfo Reyes; Rose Menezes; Agnes Dawn Fogarty; Giuseppe Panetta; Hugo Astudillo Canas; Mario Minin

Readings Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14,22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Baptisms

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

Tom Andrew Barker
Julius Sant

William John Pretty

Thomas James Brooksbank



Wedding at St Mary's

We congratulate **Gerald Kwazu & Chinaza Julian Okafor** married at St Mary's this weekend.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Welcomers, Counters

The next roster for St Mary's & St Margaret's commencing May 2026 to August 2026 is being prepared. If you wish to make any changes to the rosters, please contact the parish office via email. Thank you.

Project Compassion

With the conclusion of Lent, if you have not already, please bring Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to the sacristy or the Presbytery. Thank you for your generosity!

MAY HE
SUPPORT US
ALL THE DAY
LONG TILL THE SHADES
LENGTHEN & THE EVENING
COMES AND THE BUSY
WORLD IS HUSHED & THE
FEVER OF LIFE IS OVER &
OUR WORK IS DONE
THEN IN HIS MERCY
MAY HE GIVE US A SAFE
LODGING & A HOLY REST
AND PEACE AT THE LAST.

Cardinal Newman



Building the Synodal Way Together

We are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The Synodal Way calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- Listening with an open heart to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
- Engaging in meaningful conversation, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
- Strengthening our sense of communion, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.
- Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au

16. Synodality and the margins

A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disaffected, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

17. Synodality requires humility

Walking together means recognising that no one has all the answers. Synodality invites humility—from leaders and from communities—so that the Spirit can guide us beyond our limitations

18. Is synodality slow?

Synodality may seem slower than top-down decision-making, but it often leads to deeper, more lasting renewal. What is discerned together is more likely to be embraced together.

Light into the City

The 5–10-year *Light into the City* initiative will renew St Patrick's Cathedral and reimagine its precinct as the spiritual heart of Melbourne.

To find out more please visit: www.lightintothecity.org.au In the months ahead, we will share updates on the restoration works on the Cathedral and further plans for the precinct - along with ways you can stay involved.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

Permanent Diaconate Information Session

Saturday 2 May 2026, 10.00am – 11.30am

Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome.

If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

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

2nd Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved. *The word of the Lord.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end. (R.)

I was thrust, thrust down and falling, but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my son; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still

without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls. *The word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, 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.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.