

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.**

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1 February 2026

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 7/8 FEB 2026

Parish Counters: V Colicchia; 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	R Hoshun		M Ginn	
8.30 am		M Zoleta		R Turnbull
10.30 am	M Doran		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 586

Offertory: CWBII 456

Communion: CWBII 618

Reflection: CWBII 463

Recessional: CWBII 616

Recently Deceased:

Danilo Cura

Anniversaries:

Noel Hughes; Owen & Ursula Wells

Feast Days:

2 February: The Presentation of the Lord

5 February: St Agatha

6 February: St Paul Miki and companions

Readings Next Week: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

TODAY at ST. MARGARET’S CHURCH

The first ceremony for those participating in the current RCIA process takes place today during the 8.30am Mass at St. Margaret’s Church – Graeme Emerson, the Strnak and Duckworth families. This first step is called the Rite of Acceptance.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

PLEASE NOTE

No 10.00am Mass at St Mary’s this Monday 2 February 2026.

Lourdes Mass

You are invited to attend the annual Lourdes Mass at **St Patrick’s Cathedral on Saturday 14 February at 10.30 am**. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Comensoli. This is a special occasion to pray for our sick, infirm and elderly and those who care for them. Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer resources.

For more information, please contact Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288

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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Zep 2:3,3:12-13

Seek the Lord,
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge
in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:26-31

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those

whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.