



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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 August 2025

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage

Visit local Pilgrim Places

Local Pilgrim Places began to welcome visitors from February 2025 through to 6 January 2026. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections, and a Pilgrim Passport (available for a small donation) to be stamped at each location.

Northern Region – the Pilgrim Places are:

St Luke’s, Lalor

Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie

St Mary Magdalen’s, Trentham

Would this idea of a Visit to local Pilgrim Places be of interest to some parishioners?

Would there be one person willing to coordinate a Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage for St Mary’s Parish?

The parish will need to:

- advertise the pilgrimage,
- set a date,
- make their selection of pilgrimage places (no more than 2 is suggested unless an very early start and a late finish)
- decide logistics (travel, refreshments)

Judeline, Animation Consultant Northern Region from *Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal*, has offered help with initial liaison only, between the pilgrimage places/shrines.

Fr Desmond J Moloney



The annual Clergy Conference takes place this week. I will attend from Monday to Friday.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 23/24 Aug 2025

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 Hoshun		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		M Zoleta		R Turnbull
10.30 am	M Doran		R Bonvino	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 389

Offertory: CWBII 597

Communion: CWBII 549

Reflection: CWBII 291

Recessional: CWBII 455

Recently Deceased:

Teresa Grillo; John Ruberto

Anniversaries:

Daniella Sessarego; Edwin Goveas; Cornelius Paul; Jean Matthews

Feast Days:

20 Aug: St Bernard

21 Aug: St Pius X, pope

22 Aug: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings Next Week: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Next Parish Ministers Rosters

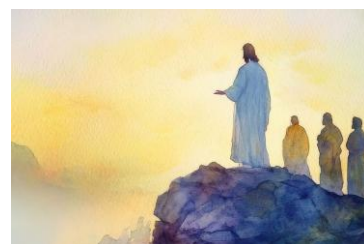
As the next rosters are being worked on for September to December 2025, if you have not already done so, can we request all those who are currently on the rosters to advise the parish office via email if you wish to make any changes before they are prepared. Thank you.

Soup Evening

There will be soup, bread and nibbles served, in the presbytery, after 6pm Mass on **Saturday, 23rd August**. All are welcome. Please join us and have a chat with fellow parishioners. We hope to see many of you there!

The Archbishop's Campaign – August 2025

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.



Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago.

Run over three days, the Festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne.



Legion of Mary

For member enquiries and home visitations please contact: 0435 095 998.

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

Blessing and opening of refurbishment at St Mary's School



Today, we ask God's blessing on the newly refurbished classrooms, First Aid room and administration spaces at St Mary's Primary School. May these new areas contribute to making our school a place of seeking, curiosity, learning and sharing what is good and true. We feature our patron St Mary prominently throughout the new build and ask for Mary's intercession, blessing and protection of all who pass through.

Mary,
Mother of God,
Pray for us.

Denis Johnstone, Principal

Requirements of Parishes (Archdiocese of Melbourne)

Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick, Musicians and Choir Members, and all other volunteers

Working with Children Check (WWCC): a valid WWCC is a requirement for all parish volunteers in St. Mary's Parish. Go online at service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children

Registered teachers are exempt from requiring a WWCC. Notify WWCC of your child-related work at the Parish by going online as above.

Child Safeguarding Training: this Training is required and needs to be renewed every three years. You may undertake this training online as below.

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

The **Code of Conduct Declaration:** the signing of this Declaration is required and needs to be renewed every three years.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

