

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.**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23 August 2026

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 29/30 AUG 2026

Parish Counters: R Aparo; R Koh & J Chong

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 Boyer		M Ginn	
8.30 am		FAMILY MASS		Ana Laughton
10.30 am	R Macwan		L Venuto	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 543

Offertory: CWBII 527

Communion: CWBII 509

Reflection: CWBII 492

Recessional: CWBII 587

Feast Days:

24 August: St Bartholomew **27 August:** St Monica

28 August: St Augustine

29 August: The Passion of St John the Baptist

Readings Next Week: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

Archbishop’s Campaign 2026

The 2026 Archbishop’s Campaign is 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. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during **the special collection this weekend.**

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

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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his
wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible

to penetrate his motives or understand his
methods! Who could ever know the mind of
the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor?
Who could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him; all is
by him and for him. To him be glory for ever!
Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on
which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will
not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea
Philippi he put this question to his disciples,
'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And
they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist,
some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the
prophets.'

'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?'
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the
Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.'
Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a
happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood
that revealed this to you but my Father in
heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and
on this rock I will build my Church. And the
gates of the underworld can never hold out
against it. I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on
earth shall be considered bound in heaven;
whatever you loose on earth shall be
considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the
disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he
was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

