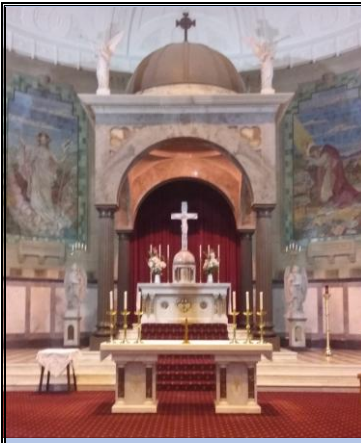




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

First Sunday of Advent – 30 November 2025



Sleep! Sleep in heavenly peace

Some people sleep like a top. Some sleep on and off. Some struggle to sleep at all.

I have found people have welcomed knowing and praying the antiphon of the *Nunc Dimittis* as a blessing over the night and the effort to sleep. There may be mindfulness in praying this antiphon of another person or others in the “household”.

The Canticle - Nunc Dimittis from Night Prayer of the Divine Office

The antiphon:

*Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end.
Amen.

*Save me, Lord, while I am awake; protect me while I sleep;
that I may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.*

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 6/7 Dec 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	M Ginn		P Stanley	
8.30 am		J Ryan		R Turnbull
10.30 am	G Kearney		R Bonvino	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 242

Offertory: CWBII 459

Communion: CWBII 603

Reflection: CWBII 251

Recessional: CWBII 240

Recently Deceased:

Sandra Dipetro; Eufracio Antonio; Fr Jayson David sdb

Anniversaries:

Alma Dornom; Elenaor & William Richards; Mauro Zoleta

Feast Days:

3 Dec: St Francis Xavier, priest

Readings Next Week:

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A) Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December

6:00 pm St Mary's
 8:00 pm St Margaret's
 12:00 Midnight St Mary's Carols from 11:30

Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December

(no 8:30 am Mass)
 10:30 am St Mary's

Extra times for individual Reconciliation in Advent

In addition to our normal Confession times of **10:00-10:30 am and 5:30-5:45 pm every Saturday**,

St Mary's Tuesday 16 December 9:30-9:50am during Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
St Mary's Wednesday 17 December 7:30-8:30pm with the Second Rite
St Mary's Sunday 21 December 10:00-10:20am

New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday (1st January) - Mass at 9.00am at St. Mary's

Towards a Masterplan

Ultum Pty. Ltd. are to conduct an assessment of all parish properties. The complete audit scope relates not only to St. Margaret's Church, but also St. Mary's Church and the Presbytery (incorporating the Parish Office). The audit fee as costed by Ultum was \$11,400. Others were more costly.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Wedding

We congratulate **Mary-Ellen Brierley & Ignatius Ong**, married at St Mary's on Saturday.



Please use the QR code if you wish to contribute to our parish church.
 Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.

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.

ACYF Launch and Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon and Pilgrimage Walk Sunday 30 November

All are invited to St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 30 November as we welcome more than 6,000 young pilgrims from across Australia for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Let us gather together as the local Church in Melbourne to share in their joy and offer a truly warm Melbourne welcome.

Cathedral Program:

- 1:30 pm – Melbourne Catholic Festa: A joyful celebration of the diversity and beauty of our faith communities, gathering on the Cathedral forecourt.
- 2:30 pm – Reception of the WYD Cross and Icon: Join us as we welcome these powerful symbols of faith which have travelled the world inspiring young Catholics.
- 3:00 pm – Pilgrimage Walk: A pilgrimage of hope, led by the WYD Cross and Icon, journeying 5km from the Cathedral to MCEC (note: only ticketed pilgrims can enter MCEC). A shorter 3km Cathedral → Birrarung Marr → Return route is also available.

Holding the Light Service, 3 December 2025

Catholic Social Services Victoria invites you to join an ecumenical service remembering the victims and survivors of family and domestic violence.

Date: Wednesday 3 December 2025

Time: 5.00pm

Location: Wesley Church Melbourne, 136 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne **OR** online

If you wish to attend remotely via the live stream, please register

at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHTNO> and a link will be sent to you prior to the service.



PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

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A number of overseas communities in Asia and the Pacific are seeking Australian Catholics for Global Mission. For those of the faithful who hear the call Palms is holding two webinars:

1. GAP YEAR webinar on **Thursday 4 December** 6pm & 9pm **AEDT** for Year 12 school leavers and uni students (aged 18-25), along with their parents. This is a chance for you to discover what you are interested in - before launching down a career path.
2. TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER Information session on **Monday 8 December** 7.30pm-8.30pm **AEDT** for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements on our [2026 Palms Encounter](#) to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May.

For more information contact ph: 02 9560 5333 e: palms@palms.org.au web: www.palms.org.au

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

For more information: melbournecatholic.org/permanentdiaconate or www.ausdeacons.asn.au

Phone: 03 9412 3357, Email: diaconate@cam.org.au

Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey

Pope Leo XIV recognised her 'heroic virtues' on 21 November 2025 and her cause for sainthood has advanced. She is just the second Australian-born person to receive this honour. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was accorded the title Venerable in 1992 and canonised in 2010.

First Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING

Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and
they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’
He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ (R.)

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 13:11-14

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. ‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

