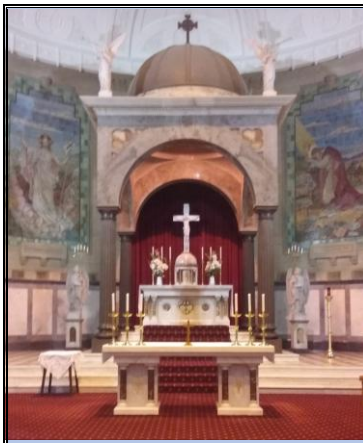




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31 August 2025

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage

Visit local Pilgrim Places

Local Pilgrim Places will welcome visitors from February 2025 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.

A Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 11 October** which includes two of our local pilgrim places.

St Mary Star of the Sea, West Melbourne

Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie

Clipboards will be available at our churches, if you wish to be part of the pilgrimage. For further information please contact Anne via email annefogarty2010@hotmail.com.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process will resume for 2025-2026 on **Wednesday, 8th October at 7.30pm** in the Presbytery. The following Wednesday will be missed with the second gathering taking place on Wednesday, 8th October. While the upcoming process remains open to additional enquirers, a big number has already contacted the Parish Office to enquire about Sacraments for Adults.

Social Justice Sunday

Dear Fellow Parishioners

The bishops in this year's Social Justice Sunday Statement are calling for practical assistance for the homeless and mentally ill among us.

More important maybe, they ask us to accept the disadvantaged as our companions.

You can find the statement for this year at socialjustice.catholic.org.au.

The demand from all charities for support, either financial or as volunteers, continues to grow.

Bill Dwyer, St. Vincent de Paul

Next Parish Ministers Rosters

The next rosters for September to December 2025, have been emailed to all ministers. Thank you for the support you give these ministries.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 6/7 Sept 2025

Parish Counters: V Colicchia; 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	F Pinto		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		J Ryan		A Laughton
10.30 am	M Kenny		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 535

Offertory: CWBII 309

Communion: CWBII 638

Reflection: CWBII 538

Recessional: CWBII 647

Recently Deceased:

James Macintosh; Lester Lora; Domingo Valdez; Lucille Paul

Anniversaries:

Teresa Santos Zoleta; Levin Puno; John Fogarty; Stephen Lowe; Domenico Trimboli; Rosalind Vincent

Feast Days:

3 Sep: St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Readings Next Week:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Wis 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

The Archbishop's Campaign – August 2025

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.

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.



Parish Sacramental Program

Our Sacramental Program for **1st Reconciliation (Grade 3) and Holy Communion (Grade 4)**, commences on **Thursday 11 September 2025 at 4.00pm**. Classes run after school, at St Mary's school. Anyone with eligible children who have been validly baptised are welcome. Contact Rose 0411 040 669 or via email catechist.rc@gmail.com.



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.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Asbestos Survey Review and Risk Assessment

At St Margarets Catholic Church, 67 The Esplanade, Maribyrnong by Environmental Health Solutions.

The auditors have confirmed that the damage to the external asbestos walls does not present any immediate concerns, and the current condition assessment remains unchanged.

Executive Summary

Findings of an asbestos survey conducted by Environmental Health Solutions for Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne at St Margarets Catholic Church, 67 The Esplanade, Maribyrnong, in July 2025 are summarised below. Details of findings are contained in the body of the report.

This survey was conducted for the purposes of ongoing asbestos management and may be unsuitable for demolition purposes. Substantial destruction of building fabric may be required for complete surveying of all inaccessible materials.

This survey was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017, Part 4.4 Division 5.

The principal items identified as containing asbestos fibres during this survey include the following, listed in priority order:

Priority 1

Damaged or exposed friable asbestos occurrences requiring immediate remedial action.

- Nil

Comments have been provided for Priority 2, Priority 3, and Priority 4

Priority 2:

Sealed or enclosed friable asbestos occurrences such as; pipe lagging, boiler insulation or cloth asbestos gasket material. Such occurrences require labelling and should be targeted in the Asbestos Management Plan for early removal. Until removal takes place, the occurrences should be assessed, at least annually or more frequently as required, by a competent person.

- Switchboard backing – No access to internal of live switchboard to sample, material known to contain asbestos.

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ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

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. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting **Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00**

Location: via ZOOM. Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au. In the week before the ZOOM link will be sent.

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 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%2E>

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should
behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on
parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 67

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a
home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them
new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.
(R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the
senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to
total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting
thunder or the great voice speaking which
made everyone that heard it beg that no more
should be said to them. But what you have
come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living
God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions
of angels have gathered for the festival, with
the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-
born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have
come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and
been placed with spirits of the saints who have

been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator
who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am
gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 14:1. 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to
the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and
they watched him closely. He then told the
guests a parable, because he had noticed how
they picked the places of honour. He said this,
'When someone invites you to a wedding feast,
do not take your seat in the place of honour. A
more distinguished person than you may have
been invited, and the person who invited you
both may come and say, "Give up your place to
this man." And then, to your embarrassment,
you would have to go and take the lowest
place. No; when you are a guest, make your
way to the lowest place and sit there, so that,
when your host comes, he may say, "My friend,
move up higher." In that way, everyone with
you at the table will see you honoured. For
everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
and the man who humbles himself will be
exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch
or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers,
relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay
your courtesy by inviting you in return. No;
when you have a party, invite the poor, the
crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot
pay you back means that you are fortunate,
because repayment will be made to you when
the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

