



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.

2nd Sunday of Lent – 1 March 2026

POPE LEO XIV'S LENTEN MESSAGE | 2026

Let us begin by disarming our language,
avoiding harsh words and rash judgement,
refraining from slander and speaking ill
of those who are not present and
cannot defend themselves.

Instead, let us strive to measure our words
and cultivate kindness and respect
in our families, among our friends, at work,
on social media, in political debates,
in the media and in Christian communities.

Let us ask for the strength that
comes from the type of fasting
that also extends to our use of language,
so that hurtful words may diminish
and give way to a greater space
for the voice of others.



ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 7/8 Mar 2026

Parish Counters: R Aparo; 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 Boyer		M Ginn	
8.30 am		J Ryan		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	G Kearney		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 290

Offertory: CWBII 291

Communion: CWBII 528

Reflection: CWBII 293

Recessional: CWBII 477

Recently Deceased:

Gordon Collins; George Wilson

Anniversaries:

Frances & Maria; Bernard & Patricia Whittaker; Colleen Nagar

Readings Next Week:

3rd Sunday of Lent: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Stations of the Cross at St Mary's

Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm

Sacramental Program

*Does your child attend a non-Catholic school in Year 6 or older and needs to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**?* Classes are run weekly (except school holidays), commencing 12th March 2026, **Thursdays 4pm**, at St Mary's school, for approx. 8 weeks. If your child has received First Reconciliation and First Communion and would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, email, catechist.rc@gmail.com or the Parish Office: ascotvale@cam.org.au to enrol for these classes. For any enquiries, feel free to call Rose, the Catechist on mob: 0411 040 669.

Wine and Cheese

We will be having Wine and Cheese after the 6.00pm Mass on **Saturday, 7th March**. Everyone is invited. Come along and have a chat with other parishioners. Hope to see many of you there.

Six30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral

Every Thursday, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession.

For more information, email udisciple@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677.



A Real Hunger for God – this year's Rite of Election

This year's Rite of Election at St Patrick's Cathedral has seen record numbers, with around 550 people preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) this Easter. It's the largest number ever recorded for the Archdiocese, and reflects a 57 per cent increase from 2025, which was already a 40 per cent increase from 2024.

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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: 9346 7900.

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

EUCCHARIST28 Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you
for the gift of your real presence
in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.
Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship
you truly
and serve you with hearts renewed.
By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us,
so that as you gave yourself to the Father
and to us, we too may offer our lives to God
and to others.
Inspire and help us to serve you in those
who are in need, especially the defenceless and
homeless, the lonely and lost.
Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we
may truly become
what we have received, the Body of Christ. Amen.



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COMPASSION

Second Sunday of Lent 28 February – 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through
the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR
code.

Or online at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against
Poverty this Lent.*

Second Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-19

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

