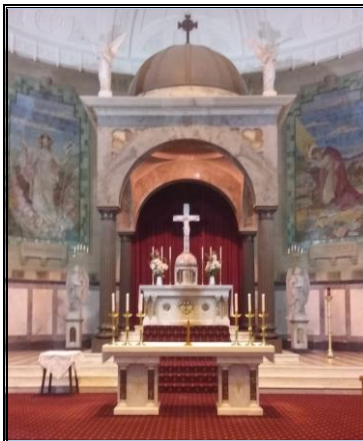




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21 September 2025

The General Instruction of Roman Missal [160]

... it is recommended that before receiving the Sacrament they [the faithful] make an appropriate sign of reverence...

In Australia: The Priest then takes the paten or ciborium and approaches the communicants, who usually come up in procession. In the dioceses of Australia standing is the most common posture for receiving Holy Communion, though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Communion while kneeling. When approaching to receive Holy Communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Sacrament that they are to receive.

As is evident from the words above: the rubric does not explicitly state when the sign of reverence is to be given. I recall, however, that Archbishop Denis Hart (a liturgical expert) instructed that the bow in reverence take place when the person in front of us is about to receive Communion. Of course, sometimes there is no one in front of us and so a bow of the head may occur before receiving Communion, in front of the minister.

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. While the upcoming process remains open to additional enquirers, a big number has already contacted the Parish Office to enquire about Sacraments for Adults.

Morning Tea after Mass

The Parish Community Group will be holding morning tea after **10.30am Mass on Sunday, 28 September**. We invite everyone to come along and have a cuppa and something to eat, while chatting with fellow parishioners. It is always good to say hello to a person you haven’t met before, as well as chat to other parishioners whom you do know.

If you would like to bring a plate of food to share, that would be welcomed. Please come along!

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage

Visit local Pilgrim Places

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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 27/28 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	J Escano		F Pinto	
8.30 am		M Zoleta		A Laughton
10.30 am	A Fogarty		L Venuto	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 447

Offertory: CWBII 618

Communion: CWBII 651

Reflection: CWBII 549

Recessional: CWBII 606

Recently Deceased:

Grant Scanlon; Jim McDonald

Anniversaries:

Amelia D’Rosario; Mario Dancel; Giuseppe Geruasi; Maurino Cagampang; John Vanrosmalen; Espedito Catania; Lido Fontanini

Feast Days:

23 Sep: St Pius of Pietrelcina

27 Sep: St Vincent de Paul

Readings Next Week:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Parish Sacramental Program

Our Sacramental Program for **1st Reconciliation (Grade 3) and Holy Communion (Grade 4)**, has commenced on **Thursdays 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.

Car Parking for Weekend Masses - Weekend 4/5 October

Please note that on the weekend of 4/5 October, the school basketball court is being resurfaced and the car parking on the school grounds is unavailable .

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, 23 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.



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.

Taizé prayer in Ascot Vale

Third Sunday each month 5.30 - 6.30pm, next service Sunday 21 September.

All Saints Anglican Church Ascot Vale *invites...*

- Join us for a service of meditative song, prayer, silence and contemplation
- You are welcome to come anytime from **5.00pm** to sit in silent prayer, meditation and personal reflection prior to the service.

Pope St. John Paul II [Novo Millennio Ineunte, 2000] said, "[i]t is necessary ... to stress particularly the *Sunday Eucharist* and *Sunday* itself () as a special day of faith, the day of the Risen Lord ...". So, he made the point that the Sunday Eucharist is "the true weekly Easter". We celebrate Sunday because of the Resurrection. As Sunday is a weekly Easter so Friday can recall Jesus's death on the Cross, a weekly Good Friday, we might say.

This is so obviously the pattern, the rhythm of the Taizé community in France. Every Friday is Good Friday with a large wooden cross placed lying down in the centre of the large chapel and main gathering space. Jesus' death on the Cross is remembered and celebrated. Then, the following evening, the Saturday, brings to mind the Easter Vigil. Many tealights are placed on and close to the same Cross. And so, Jesus, from out of death on the Cross to Resurrection, is celebrated; Sunday, the day of Resurrection, the weekly Easter. Our rescue from death and the gift of life is celebrated. This is a sign of what is meant to be and recognised in our lives, the closeness, the living of this pattern for us, our likeness to Jesus. The Mystery of Christ is made present in the Eucharist so that the baptised, all of us, through participation, can experience it in our own lives.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

Discover **Catholic Podcasts** and events happening across Australia—retreats, pilgrimages, workshops, and more. Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 11th October 2025 Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne

Wear pink and blue for the Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops.

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, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

Who: Year 9 to 25 years of age

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral and Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre

When: 30 November – 2 December 2025

The parish of St Mary's is looking to send a group to ACYF. Please express your interest by filling the form below to be involved and receive updates.

The link and qr code to the Expression of Interest form are found on this page.

Link <https://forms.gle/nuzryRwSzXB4xwJt6>



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Am 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 112

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! (R.)

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dunghill he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Tm 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.