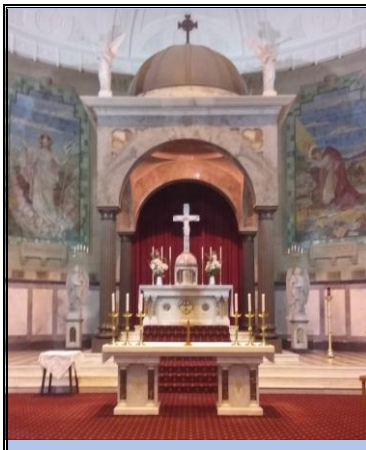




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

Sts Peter and Paul, apostles – 29 June 2025

Towards a Masterplan

The work continues with Harmer Architecture and the Parish Masterplan Reference Group. The most recent meeting was held last Tuesday (24th June).

Decisions with effect upon next concept architectural drawing(s):

- The concept of an incorporated Café has been excluded
- The Safe Parish Residence will be presented as a stand-alone, independent building

Understandings:

- Parish Resource Centre – a space for small groups and meetings
- Community Centre – a space for gatherings (mostly after celebrations in the church)

Parish Masterplan – PARISHIONER FEEDBACK

Total received: 29

When summarised, the Feedback responses provide the following ranking:

1. Safe Parish Residence
2. Community Centre
3. Modern Staff Facilities
4. Parish Resource Centre
5. Outdoor Community Space
6. Parish Investments

Parish Music Ministry

Music ministers “share faith, serve the community, and express the love of God and neighbour through music”. “Like any member of the assembly, the pastoral musician needs to be a believer, needs to experience conversion, needs to hear the Gospel and so proclaim the praise of God.” [*Liturgical Music Today* 64] The ministry of music is one of constant service throughout the liturgy encouraging the assembly to sing the song of praise which binds us to Christ and to one another.

Catholic Mission Appeal

This annual appeal is **this Sunday 28/29 June 2025**. This year's appeal journeys with Bishop Edwin Mulandu in Zambia – supporting powerful mission initiatives led by Sr Jane Kaputa and midwife Kayula. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 5/6 Jul 2025

Parish Counters: J & S Crooks; J Balzan

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 Hoshun		F Pinto	
8.30 am		M Zoleta		A Laughton
10.30 am	M Doran		M Andronaco	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 432

Offertory: CWBII 459

Communion: CWBII 469

Reflection: CWBII 470

Recessional: CWBII 420

Recently Deceased: Lois McLean; Domenica Iannello

Anniversaries: Tony Venuto; Teresa Du; Dominic Vien, Dominic Ha; Dominic Dat; Giuseppe Timpano; Rocky Fernandez; Franco Escano

Feast Days: **3 Jul:** St Thomas, apostle

Readings Next Week: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of Thanksgiving Envelopes are available for collection at our churches. Please ensure you collect your envelopes. Thank you for the support you give our parish.

Annual Peter's Pence Collection - Next weekend 5/6 July

Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Soup Evening

There will be soup, bread and nibbles served, in the presbytery, after 6pm Mass on **Saturday, 12th July**. All are welcome. Please join us and have a chat with fellow parishioners. We hope to see many of you there!

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Dear fellow parishioners, the last few years have been hard for all of us and St. Vincent de Paul has been trying to meet an increasing demand with limited funds.

In the west of Melbourne, from June to December last year St. Vincent de Paul spent over \$1,300,000 in assisting 12,500 people. In Ascot Vale we expect to spend close to \$100,000 this year in total mainly on food and whitegoods. Any contribution helps.

To donate there are envelopes at the church, or online at www.vinnies.org.au, or by phone, 131812.

Bill Dwyer

First Saturday devotions

Saturday is the 1st Saturday: we will have devotions at Holy Hour after 9:30am Mass.

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.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
1 Convention Centre Place
South Wharf



ACYF returns to Melbourne at the end of 2025!

Sunday 30 November – Tuesday 2 December 2025

Capping off a rich program of Jubilee events in our Archdiocese this 2025 Jubilee Year, the Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a fun and faith-filled national festival. It provides young people from Year 9 to 25 years old with the opportunity to come together, connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

Join in and celebrate with thousands of young people from across the country!

More information about the festival is available on the official ACYF website

<https://acyf.org.au/about/>

Pope Leo Appoints two new Archbishops

Bishop Anthony Ireland (currently an auxiliary bishop in Melbourne) has been appointed as the new Archbishop of Hobart and Bishop Shane Mackinlay (currently the Bishop of Sandhurst) has been appointed the seventh Archbishop of Brisbane.

Archbishop Comensoli encouraged the faithful to keep these bishops 'close in prayer as they takes up this new call. We also hold the retiring archbishops in our hearts, giving thanks for their faithful service and praying God's continued blessings upon them in the time ahead.'

Communion at Home

Do you have a family member, friend or neighbour, living in this parish, who is no longer able to attend Mass, but would like to receive Communion regularly?

If so, please contact the presbytery or ring Marie on 9372 0307.

Help Christians in the Holy Land

Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtochurch.org/holyland or scan the QR code.



2025 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Sunday 6 July 2025 – 11.00am – 12.00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations peoples to our Catholic Church.

Consider often that it is only the humble of Heart that can enter into the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ and converse with Him, Love Him and be Loved by Him. – St Gertrude

Sts Peter and Paul, apostles

FIRST READING

Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap you cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of the street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33

R. The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and 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 16:13-19

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

