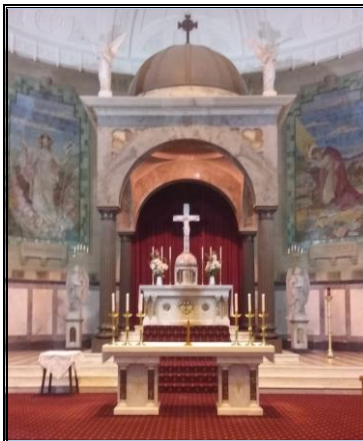




# PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

## 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.

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10 August 2025

Last Sunday at the 10.30am Mass two 1st Year seminarians, Aaron Baulch and Thiago Carvalho, were together with Chinh Tran. St. Mary's Parish receives these three seminarians on Sundays for parish pastoral contact. We welcome their presence and ministries. It was very timely that they were with us at the beginning of Vocations Awareness Week.

### Requirements of Parishes (Archdiocese of Melbourne)

**Working with Children Check (WWCC):** a valid WWCC is a requirement for all parish volunteers in St. Mary’s Parish, ensuring it is noted that St. Mary’s is referenced as, at least, one place where you undertake voluntary work.

This means all ...

#### **Readers**

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

#### **Ministers of Communion to the Sick**

#### **Musicians and Choir Members**

#### **and all other volunteers**

need to have a WWCC---if you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office.

[service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children](http://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children)

Registered teachers are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC if they engage in child-related work other than their teaching. Notify WWCC of your child-related work at the Parish by going online as above.

**Child Safeguarding Training:** this Training is another requirement to be renewed every three years. All volunteers need to undertake Safeguarding Training. You may undertake this training online – click the button below. The Parish will also be running some in-person sessions in the near future--- please keep an eye on our Sunday Bulletin for details.

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

The **Code of Conduct Declaration:** the signing of this Declaration is also a requirement to be renewed every three years. Thanks to all those who have already signed the Code of Conduct Declaration. Please note the date when it was signed. The upcoming in-person training sessions may be a needed opportunity to renew this commitment.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 16/17 Aug 2025

### Parish Counters: 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  |               | P Bonnici                                 |               |
| 8.30 am               |           | B Dwyer       |                                           | A Laughton    |
| 10.30 am              | A Fogarty |               | M Andronaco                               |               |

#### Hymns:

**Entrance:** CWBII 501

**Offertory:** CWBII 293

**Communion:** CWBII 459

**Reflection:** CWBII 651

**Recessional:** CWBII 647

#### Recently Deceased:

Bishop Peter Elliot; Brian Muscat

#### Anniversaries:

Charlie Pace; Maria Nasimento; Francesco Stranieri; Don Hendry

#### Feast Days:

**11 Aug:** St Clare

**14 Aug:** St Maximillian Mary Kolbe

**15 Aug:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Readings Next Week:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

### Baptisms

We warmly welcome the children being baptised this Sunday.

**Bona Park**

**Joan Lee**

**Marlowe Walden**



### Wedding at St Mary's

We congratulate **Natasha Galea & Alex Luciani**, married at St Mary's on Saturday.

### Soup Evening

There will be soup, bread and nibbles served, in the presbytery, after 6pm Mass on **Saturday, 23rd August**. All are welcome. Please join us and have a chat with fellow parishioners. We hope to see many of you there!

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 9:15am, St Mary's (School Mass – all welcome)

Friday 12:15pm, St Margaret's (School Mass – all welcome)

Friday 7:00pm, St Mary's (with Chorus Ecclesiae)

### The Archbishop's Campaign – August 2025

The campaign invites recurring donations which are instrumental in establishing long-term support for the works of the Church in Melbourne. This year, the Archbishop again invites you to help with the Archbishop's Campaign. The generosity of our parishes will fund vital ministries and key projects of the Church in Melbourne.

### 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.**

## Jubilee of Youth in Rome

The week-long celebration included workshops, talks, concerts and prayer experiences throughout the city. Streams of pilgrims made their way through Rome's holy doors with more than a million young people gathering from around the world.

During his impromptu appearance, Pope Leo encouraged pilgrims to pray for peace in the world.



'Jesus tells us you are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world,' Pope Leo told the crowds. 'And today, your voices, your enthusiasm, your cheers, which are all for Jesus Christ, will be heard until the ends of the earth.'

'Today ... the world needs messages of hope. You are this message, and you must continue to give hope to everyone,' Pope Leo said. 'Let us walk together with our faith in Jesus Christ. And our shouts must also be for peace in the world ... the peace of Jesus Christ, the light of the world that we are all seeking.'

During the evening vigil, Pope Leo offered his reflections to questions posed by young people from around the world. The Holy Father spoke of cultivating a friendship with Christ, and drew upon the example of his beloved St Augustine whose youth was restless but who 'did not settle for less'.

'He did not silence the cry of his heart,' said the Holy Father. 'Augustine sought the truth, the truth that does not disappoint and the beauty that does not fade. And how did he find it? How did he find true friendship and a love capable of giving hope? By finding the one who was already looking for him, by finding Jesus Christ.'

'How did he build his future? By following the one who had always been his friend.'

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

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne.



## **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **FIRST READING**

Wis 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 32

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. (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**

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

Lk 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*