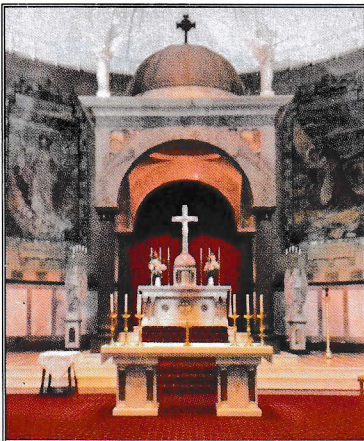




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 July 2025

Parish Music Ministry

HAVE YOU thought of contributing?

as an *ORGANIST AND/OR SINGER* in St. Mary’s Parish?

The parish choir is relied upon for our major celebrations. The choir, though, doesn’t do it all. Apart from the choir, the parish also values individual cantors or vocalists as well as the organists who support the singing by the choir and cantors. If you feel moved to contribute to our music ministry, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email.

The ministry of music is a service throughout the liturgy encouraging the assembly to sing the song of praise which binds us to Christ and to one another.

REVERTING

to 2 Collections

1st Collection: CHURCH (Parish)

2nd Collection: PRESBYTERY (Priests of the parish, Archbishop, sick and retired Priests)

Reasons for REVERTING are:

- It is only a small number who contribute via envelopes. Some Offertory contributions are also received through the Tap-to-Give machine, while most are made via direct debit and credit card. These means of parish financial support do not generally involve deliberate financial support to the PRESBYTERY. Most contributions, therefore, are offered to the CHURCH (Parish), without, at the same time, supporting the PRESBYTERY (Priests of the parish, Archbishop, sick and retired Priests)
- To maintain a Collection (the usual 2ND Collection) dedicated to the PRESBYTERY provides a specific opportunity to offer to the PRESBYTERY Account. A potential increased loss of offerings to the PRESBYTERY will be avoided.

In essence, the objective is to ensure St. Mary’s Parish does not lose sight of the PRESBYTERY Account and offerings are made to it consistently as they are made to the Parish Church Account. As indicated above, the stipends for Fr Joseph and me, which are paid quarterly, come from the PRESBYTERY Account.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 19/20 Jul 2025

Parish Counters: T Peters; 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	P Familiari		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		B Port		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	M Kenny		R Rotunno	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 565

Offertory: CWBII 461

Communion: CWBII 555

Reflection: CWBII 638

Recessional: CWBII 550

Recently Deceased:

Maria D'Andrea; Maria Bui Thi Gam

Anniversaries:

Maria Lien Dang; Peter Thanh Nguyen; Maria Nga Vu; Caterina Trimboli; Owen & Ursula Wells; Raffaolina Rosselli

Feast Days:

15 Jul: St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

Readings Next Week:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Friday Mass at St Mary's Church for school holidays

The 9:15am Friday Mass will be at St Mary's church this week being school holidays.



Baptisms

We warmly welcome **Roman Gabriel Roberto** being baptised this Sunday.

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.

- \$74 can provide clothing for a growing child.
- \$137 can provide food hampers to feed a hungry family for a week.
- \$220 can go towards utility bills that are mounting up.
- \$1257 can help keep the roof over the heads of a struggling family.

Melbourne Archdiocese Vacancies

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for various positions in the Archdiocese.

Further details can be found at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

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/>



WYD Cross and Icon to inspire at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival

In a special celebration of faith and unity, the official World Youth Day Cross and Icon will arrive in Melbourne as a highlight of the 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF). Their return to Melbourne for ACYF will mark only the second time they've travelled to Australia, following their visit ahead of World Youth Day 2008.

Pope Leo XIV: Let us learn how to discern

Pope Leo's prayer intention for July is that we learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Pope Leo XIV reads an original prayer with which the faithful can ask the Holy Spirit, 'light of our understanding' and 'gentle breath in our decisions,' for the grace to know how to pause to listen attentively to him and become aware of their own feelings, thoughts and ways of acting.

Grant me deeper understanding of what moves me.

'I long for my choices,' the Pope prays, 'to lead me to the joy of the Gospel. Even if I must go through moments of doubt and fatigue, even if I must struggle, reflect, search and begin again.' And he concludes, 'Grant me deeper understanding of what moves me, so that I may reject what draws me away from Christ, and love him and serve him more fully.'

Melbourne Catholic

"I plead with you... never ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." - St. John Paul II

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Dt 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
(R.)

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

SECOND READING

Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed,

and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*