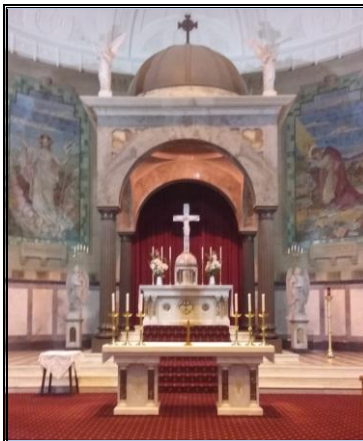




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ST MARY'S CHURCH, 123 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ASCOT VALE
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BARB STREET, MARIBYRNONG

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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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8 February 2026

Lent begins Wednesday, 18 February 2026

Parish Mass Times for **Ash Wednesday**

9:15 am St Margaret's (with school; all welcome)

11:45 am St Mary's (with school; all welcome)

7:00 pm St Mary's

Please note: No 9.00am Mass at St Mary's on Wednesday 18 February 2026.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

St. Mary's Parish Primary Schools

During the week, our parish primary schools celebrated their Beginning of the School Year Masses. In the previous week, the staff of both schools came together for God's blessing in St. Mary's Church. The children in the Foundation Year, the Preps, at both schools had their bags blessed with the following Prayer of Blessing ...

Lord Jesus, please bless these backpacks and the children who use them. Let them not be scared or worried, but to always know that you love them and care for them. Keep them safe, give them good friends, and help them to learn well. Help their parents as they love and guide them. Amen.

St. Mary's Primary School

The theme for our school year is **"Never see a need without trying to do something about it."** This is a well-known saying of Australia's Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It challenges us to respond with compassion and action when we notice a need.

St. Margaret's Primary School

Our school values are Responsible, Respectful and Resilient and for each value we have a scriptural reference and are as follows:

Responsible: 'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' Luke 6:31

Respectful: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Mark 12:31

Resilient: 'Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.'

Hebrews 12:1

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 14/15 Feb 2026

Parish Counters: R Aparo; 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	N Familiari		P Barbaro	
8.30 am		S Varghese		J Gilmartin
10.30 am	R Macwan		L Venuto	

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 540

Offertory: CWBII 647

Communion: CWBII 555

Reflection: CWBII 550

Recessional: CWBII 587

Recently Deceased:

Philip Norton

Anniversaries:

Eugenio & Lucia Sessarego; Kevin Leeson; Patrick Ryan

Feast Days:

10 February: St Scholastica

14 February: Sts Cyril and Methodious

Readings Next Week: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sirach 15:15-20; 1Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of God's Church the children who will be baptised in our parish on Sunday.

Sonny Michael Taramai
Lorenzo Dain Hegarty
Eve Isabelle Capell

Mateo Antonio Di Sipio
Amelia Prue Capell
Jax Clarke McEwan

Maddison Joy Tangey
Mack Campell Capell



Wedding

We congratulate **Tamara Gabrielle Greiser & Emman Apap**, married at St Mary's on Saturday.

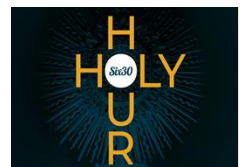
Lourdes Mass

You are invited to attend the annual Lourdes Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 14 February at 10.30 am**. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Comensoli. This is a special occasion to pray for our sick, infirm and elderly and those who care for them. Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer resources. For more information, please contact Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288

Six30 Holy Hour

Thursday 12 February 2026, 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St Mary, Star of the Sea

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.



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Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEDT

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Book by **28 February** for the May tour! See palms.org.au/encounters

SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

The Franciscan Legacy: A Gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church and the Cosmos

Venue: Magnificat House
456 Queensberry St, North Melbourne



Saturday 14 February – 9.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday 15 February – 9.00am to 3.45pm

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Is 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not
with any show of oratory or philosophy, but
simply to tell you what God had guaranteed.
During my stay with you, the only
knowledge I claimed to have was about
Jesus, and only about him as the crucified
Christ. Far from relying on any power of my

own, I came among you in great 'fear and
trembling' and in my speeches and the
sermons that I gave, there were none of the
arguments that belong to philosophy; only a
demonstration of the power of the Spirit.
And I did this so that your faith should not
depend on human philosophy but on the
power of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light
of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt
of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless,
what can make it salty again? It is good for
nothing, and can only be thrown out to be
trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built
on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights
a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on
the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone
in the house. In the same way your light
must shine in the sight of men, so that,
seeing your good works, they may give the
praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

