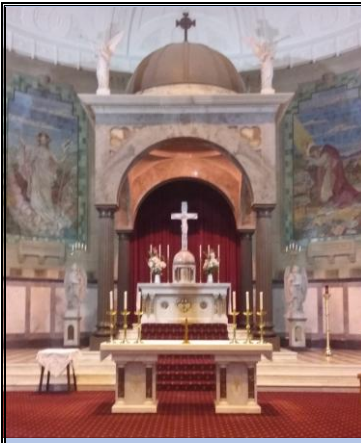




PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

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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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 October 2026

The Final Mass

In St Margaret’s Church, Maribyrnong
1949 - 2026

Sunday 25th October 2026 at 8.30am

Today, a celebration in Remembrance and Thanksgiving.
Acknowledgement is made of the service St Margaret’s Church has
given as a home of Faith:

- Place of worship holding many varied celebrations.
- A space for school classes in early years of the school.
- A centre of Sunday worship for local families.
- Weekly whole school Masses.
- A refuge particularly in flood years 1974 and 2022.
- Homely atmosphere engendering a sense of community.

We pray for the surrounding community that this church has served
with charity, outreach and prayer down through the decades; that our
Christian witness may continue to bear fruit in the streets and homes
around us.

From St. Margaret’s Church to St. Mary’s Church

new 8.30am Sunday Mass at St. Mary’s

on Sunday, 1st November (All Saints)

The Altar and Sacristy dresser at St. Margaret’s will come to St. Mary’s
Church.

Transport needs? If anyone from Maribyrnong has a need for transport to
come to Mass at St. Mary’s Church please contact the Parish Office.

Fr Desmond J Moloney

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 31 OCT/1 NOVEMBER 2026

Parish Counters: R Aparo; J Dawson

Ministers of the Word		Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
6.00 pm	J Escano	P Barbaro
8.30 am	M Zoleta	R Turnbull
10.30 am	R Macwan	M Andronaco

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 490

Offertory: CWBII 638

Communion: CWBII 459

Reflection: CWBII 552

Recessional: CWBII 520

Anniversaries:

Pio & Gesualda Casagrande; Cosima Pograri; Betty Millett; Stephen Ashton; Carmel Ellen Doran

Feast Days:

28 Oct: Sts Simon & Jude

Readings Next Week:

All Saints Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

The Contents of St. Margaret's Church

Certain items (religious or liturgical) have been reserved.

Collection times

Post-Final Mass Claims	Mon 26/10	9AM – 10AM
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Re making a Donation for items:

Donations or offerings are not obligatory. It is a matter for the individual.

Dear Father Des and Parishioners,

I just wanted to send a quick note to say a massive thank you for the beautiful tabernacle!

Everyone at our parish of St Elizabeth North Noble Park is so incredibly grateful for your generosity.

It will completely transform our sanctuary and provides such a lovely, peaceful home for the Blessed Sacrament.

We feel incredibly blessed by your kindness and the wonderful bond between our parishes. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

I am also arranging to collect some items which are not going to be used at St Margaret's Church. I will follow up with Jo to coordinate the best time for the pickup.

Warmest regards,

Fr Simeon Anthony

Baptisms

We warmly welcome the children being baptised this Sunday.

Ezra Chine

Kate Anastasia McKinnon

Macy Jade Agresta

Emma Felicity McKinnon

Norie Ever Gao Francis



Morning Tea after Mass – Sunday 1st November

To welcome parishioners from St Margaret's church to their new home at St Mary's, the Parish Community Group will have morning tea after both 8.30am & 10.30am Mass on Sunday 1st November.

Everyone is invited to come along, have a cuppa, eat, and chat with fellow parishioners. It is always good to say hello to a person you have not 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 a boost for catering and we will be very grateful.

NOVEMBER – Month of Remembrance

The month of November is when each year we pray for our beloved deceased. St. Mary's Parish has its Book of Remembrance, into which the names of those who have died in the past year may be entered.

MASS ENVELOPES

Now available for private Mass intentions to be offered during November. Names written on November Mass envelopes are not added to the Book of Remembrance.

You are invited to *The Bethany Way* Introductory Retreat

There is always something to do, someone to care for, somewhere to be. Our lives are full of good things: family, work, parish, serving others. Yet, do we spend time for our own formation in faith?

The Bethany Way Introductory Retreat

At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Saturday 31 October 2026

12pm-4pm (optional Mass at 11.30am)

Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne

Applications for the 2027 intake will open on this date

For more information on how to register contact (03) 9926 5761
or proclaim@cam.org.au.



Looking for flexible work and a chance to support persecuted Christians?

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is seeking a Diocesan Outreach Assistant to give short presentations at weekend Masses across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This part-time role involves sharing stories of the suffering Church and helping build prayerful support within parish communities.

If you are comfortable speaking in front of others and have a heart for this mission, we would love to hear from you.

For details: www.aidtochurch.org/work

Legion of Mary - For member enquiries and home visitations please contact: 9346 7900.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800 305 330, Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Deut 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 18

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. (R.)

SECOND READING

Phil 2:1-4

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord

