

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH

MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

2-6 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe



ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH

89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

PARISH OFFICE & MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL

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Entry is on Upper Heidelberg Rd

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BOOKINGS Visit, phone or email the Parish Office for use of our parish facilities, sacramental enrolments or appointments for Marriage etc.

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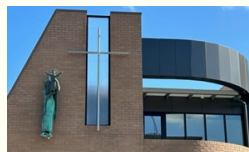
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Inspired by Mary, Our Mother, we strive to be a Christ-centered community, welcoming, growing in faith, and engaging with purpose.

We respect the Wurundjeri people, traditional custodians of the land upon which our parish resides, and commit ourselves to reconciliation and justice for all in our community and nation.



We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. If you wish to report any safeguarding issue contact the Chair of our Safeguarding Committee, Lucy Dal Pozzo, via the Parish Office.



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5.30pm Mary Immaculate

Sunday 8.30am St. Bernadette's

10.00am Mary Immaculate

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

At Mary Immaculate weekday Masses are in the Chapel (except when there is a school Mass and on some feast days). Please enter the chapel via the Parish Office on Upper Heidelberg Rd.

Tuesday 9.15am Mary Immaculate

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Friday 9.15am St. Bernadette's

Saturday 9.15am Mary Immaculate

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at Mary Immaculate

9.45am in the MOG Chapel (after 9.15am Mass)

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

1st Friday each month Following 9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's



Today is the

World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Pope Leo tells us:

Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.

A prayer for vocations

O God,

who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who through Baptism and Confirmation calls each of us to build up your holy Church, we thank you for the gift of life and the call to make it a gift to others.

Make your Church ever alive and fruitful, as she walks in hope and generates new vocations. Stir within the hearts of your children the courage to respond with joy and generosity to your invitation to follow you. Raise up among us many priests, deacons, and religious—witnesses of hope who will love you with their whole hearts and gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved.

Form them in the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, and help them live each day as faithful labourers in your harvest.

Help us, too, to recognise your voice in our own lives, and to support one another in discerning your will with openness and trust.

Through Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 25 April (ANZAC Day)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 11.30am Baptism at St Bernadette's Church
 4.45pm First Holy Communion Catechist Class (GS)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 26 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Monday 27 April (Easter Feria)

11.00am Funeral for Bortolo Tomasoni at
 St Bernadette's Church
 1.00pm U3A Card Playing Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 28 April (St Peter Chanel)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
 7.30pm Bible & Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 29 April (St Catherine of Siena)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)

Thursday 30 April (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
 10.30am Funeral for Ranganie Wickremesinghe at MI
 6.30pm Zumba Fitness Class (Gathering Space)

Friday 1 May (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 followed by Benedictions & Adoration
 11.00am U3A Art Class (Gathering Space)
 1.30pm U3A Reading Aloud Class (Gathering Space)
 7.00pm Men's Fellowship Group (GS)

Saturday 2 May (St Athanasius)

8am to 4.30pm CatholicCare Workshop (GS)
 9.00am Rosary (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 4.45pm First Holy Communion Catechist Class (GS)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 3 May (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with
 Children's Liturgy

**followed by Community Family Day
 including Sausage Sizzle. All welcome**



**Join us for Tea & Coffee
 after the 10am Sunday Mass
 & the 9.15am Masses on
 Tuesdays & Saturdays**

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 25 / 26 April	NEXT WEEKEND 2 / 3 May
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Ballao L. Michael E. Ballao P. Mahon L. Kempen T. Gleeson S. Moorhen	E. Vandenhoven A. Rizzo M. Gratton M. Gratton Thomas Levin A. Rizzo G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	D. Landsberg D. Landsberg T. Nibali	J. Gray J. Gray D. Landsberg
10.00am Mary Immaculate Hospitality Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Special Minister 2 Special Minister 3 Multimedia Children's Liturgy Leader Children's Liturgy Assistant Counters	Team 3 B. Janus B. Connor L. Dal Pozzo N. Merlin G. Williams D. Jones A. Palazzaro G. Crawford G. Shamieh R. Sylvester Naomi V. Group Five	Team 4 E. Ballao S. McInerney L. Michael P. Boutsakis M. Sibillin T. De Luise D. Todaro A. Bhaskara N. Merlin M. Pirrie Paul S Group One

NEXT MINISTRY ROSTER The next ministry roster will be out shortly. If you are going to be away during 23 May to 2 August 2026 please contact the Parish Office via email ASAP

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Christine & Pat Lane, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn & Patrick Kennealy, Marylou Galliot, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver, Agnes McManamon, Ruth Villani, Sr Francis Baum, Julia Foster, Edelzuita Alves, Sean Mullins

Names on list remain for 9 wks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS: Bortolo Tomasoni,
 Ranganie Wickremesinghe

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Kaz Lutecki, Richard Erbacher, Fr Tom Brophy, Pauline Masters, Giuseppina Rizzo, Herman Baum, Onorina Renzella, Sheilah Darcy, Edward McMahon, Joseph O'Viane

NAMES OF THE SICK & THE DEAD for inclusion in newsletter must be sent to the parish office by Thursday 10am. For privacy reasons people must give their permission before their names can be included.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Go to our website www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe, on home page scroll down and click Newsletter to view

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,248

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,345

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

i. **WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES** (contact Parish Office)

ii. **EFTPOS FACILITY** with your Credit/Debit Card **Just Tap and Go!**

Terminal located at the entrance to the Church in the Narthex

iii. **WEBSITE: DONATE** with your Credit/Debit Card

iv. **USE THIS QR CODE**



Prayer for the Synod

(Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP



WHAT DOES A JUST TRANSITION REALLY MEAN FOR US – AS CATHOLICS?

Recent Popes have called us to greater care of the environment, the earth - our common home. Popes Francis and Leo have emphasised the need to transition to renewable energy sources away from fossil fuels - coal, oil and gas. Burning fossil fuels creates carbon-emissions causing catastrophic climate change – disastrous for our earth and humanity and mostly the poor.

The Laudato Si Action Platform is a worldwide online project run out of the Vatican. Last week they held a webinar on “What a Just Transition Really Means for Catholics: Planet, Profit and Care for the Poor.” Three Catholic expert economists spoke about transitioning away from fossil fuels at a personal, communal and government level. One spoke of his lifestyle changes to reduce his activities which use fossil fuels. He focused on the need to fly less – the carbon emissions from flying are massive compared to other carbon-emitting activities. He spoke of the personal *moral* issue for him, weighing up on the one hand, his need to fly for his university job and to visit family with, on the other hand, the destructive carbon emissions created by his flying.

In this coming week the First International Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels will be held in Colombia. You can sign the multi-faith letter in support of the treaty through the ARCC website at https://www.arcc.org.au/fossil_fuel_treaty

There's currently an article in 'Melbourne Catholic' News section on our Parish Earthcare Group. It's an easy 5 minute read. It describes our mission, our activities and our spiritual journey of ecological conversion. View on Melbourne Archdiocese website <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/ivanhoe-parishs-ecological-conversion>

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Open invite to the men of the parish to share drinks, food and fellowship.

BYO drinks + \$15. 7.00pm on Friday 1st May at the Parish Centre Gathering Space



Project Compassion 2026

Please return all Project Compassion contributions by **26 April**.

If a receipt is required, fill in details on box lids or on back of envelopes before their return.



PARISH LIBRARY

First Steps in Prayer by Jean-Marie Lustiger (Archbishop of Paris)

The simplest way to pray, is to make the sign of the Cross. It is a prayer of movement, a prayer of both the body and the spirit. We are not merely thinking, but we are physically associating all our being with the act of prayer. The sign of the Cross is, moreover, a reminder that I am "conformed" to Christ, that I am one with him who was crucified and resurrected. (p. 20-21)

The Library holds 243 books. Check out our books through the borrowing registry at the Parish Centre Meeting Room 2 (Tuesday & Thursday 9am to 3pm). Visit the collection via our website: www.melbournecatholic.org/ivanhoe.

PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Wednesday 4th June 12noon Mary Immaculate Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Every Sunday (except during school holidays) in conjunction with 10am Mass

GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP & COFFEE Every Tuesday 7.30pm & Thursday after 9.15am Mass in the MR1

LIVING WELL WITH LOSS - Bereavement Ministry Once a month at 5pm Friday, next 29th May in GS

MEDITATION GROUP Every Tuesday at 4.15pm in Parish Centre MR1

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP Once a month at 7.00pm Friday, next 1st May in Gathering Space.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm, next 21st May in Parish Centre MR1

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

1ST READING

Acts 2: 14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R/**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R/**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R/**

2ND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes

ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of
them. I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me
will be safe:

he will go freely in and out and be
sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and
kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have
life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish, so that inspired by your word, nourished at your altar, and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters, and the building up of your Kingdom. May our parish community, under the Patronage of Mary, Mother of the Church, truly be for this place and time the body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church:

Pray for us



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Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12