

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.

MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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

Gospel Reflection

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

Greg Sunter,
Liturgy Help

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 9 May (Easter Feria)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 1.30pm Wedding at Mary Immaculate Church
 4.45pm First Holy Communion Catechist Class (GS)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 10 May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

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

Monday 11 May (Easter Feria)

1.00pm U3A Card Playing Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 12 May (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
 5.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting
 7.30pm Bible & Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 13 May (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)

Thursday 14 May (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)

Friday 15 May (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church (Year 3/4C)
 1.30pm U3A Reading Aloud Class (Gathering Space)
 6 - 9pm ACU Centre of Liturgy—Liturgical Formation Seminar

Saturday 16 May (Easter Feria)

9.00am- 4pm ACU Centre of Liturgy—Liturgical Formation Seminar
 9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (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 followed by Shared Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday 17 May (The Ascension of the Lord)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Children's Liturgy
 11.30am Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 9 / 10 May	NEXT WEEKEND 9 / 10 May
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Kempen D. Dixon K. Gillespie P. Mahon C. Dixon D. Dixon E. Vandenhoven	E. Ballao L. Michael A. Rahme M. Harty Sienna Bui-Rahme B. Harty G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	J. Gray M-R Auguste J. Gray	M-R. Auguste P. Shannon 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 5 E. Mount P. Nguyen S. McInerney I. Richards T. Barker J. Chiera B. Connor T. Gleeson H. Nguyen M. Browning Teresa V Group Two	Team 1 P. Verrocchi B. Connor R. Erbacher G. Williams J & E Blundy G. Crawford D. Todaro A. Rizzo J. Chiera S. Meehan Lissa P Group Three

Ministry Roster 14 March to 17 May available on website or
 hardcopy at the back of Church

NEXT MINISTRY ROSTER The next ministry roster will be
 out next week. 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 weeks (a Novena)

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Sara Collodetti, Anselmo Dri, William
 Edward Gilbo, Peta Hickey, Tricia Erbacher, Thelma
 Edebohls, Tony Rahme, Antonio Botia, Jose Lat Sr, David
 F. McCarthy, Giuseppe Ginevra, Matthew Ryan, Franco
 Nastasi, Franco Greco, James Gleeson, Herbert Ward, Jan
 Dalton, Elena Bacarissas

NAMES OF THE SICK & THE DEAD for inclusion in newsletter
 must be sent to the parish office by Thursday 10am.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who supported last week's special
 collection for the CatholicCare. Our total collection
 \$803.85

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,355

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,421

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



In Praise of Mothers..... 'Blessed art thou among women'

As we enter into the month of May - the 'Month of Mary' - and as we celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday, we might find ourselves reflecting and giving thanks for the ways our mothers, both spiritual and earthly, have guided and blessed us in our lives.



Happy Mother's Day

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'S HAPPENING IN BANYULE in 2026

Council's Environment Initiatives and your Council-related questions answered

Councillor ALIDA McKERN

Friday 29 May, 6.30pm Parish Gathering Space
Presentation and discussion session with pizza and drinks Donation \$10

Alida McKern is a parishioner of our Mary Mother of the Church parish. She is also the Banyule Councillor for Chelsworth Ward, Mary Immaculate Church is in her ward. As a Councillor, Alida strives for transparency and integrity on Council and she has a focus on social justice and environmental issues.

She will present on Banyule Council's environmental initiatives in 2026. There will also be a question and discussion segment when Alida will respond to questions about **any** council-related issues. If you email questions to Alida **by 24 May**, she will research with Council staff for her reply at the session. Alida.McKern@banyule.com

RSVP is essential by 27 May.

Sign a sheet in the church foyer or email parish office.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK, 17 to 24 MAY, STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

It's the annual global celebration when we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, to respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. This year's theme is **From Hope to Action** and the Vatican's *Laudato Si'* team invites all of us to carry out one action in the week so there is a global Catholic response. As we face the harsh realities of our suffering earth, the call of *Laudato Si'* remains urgent and deeply spiritual: to care, to respond and to act – not in isolation but as one body, grounded in one shared commitment to care for our common home.

Next week's newsletter will give ideas for action.



PARISH LIBRARY

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

In a situation when you really have no time at all, make the sign of the Cross. If you have to be discreet, you can "sign" only your heart, as a secret gratitude to your Lord. Pray mentally while you go through your routine motions. Pray while racing down the stairs, while waiting for the bus, while riding the Underground. Turn your heart toward God and repeat your prayer interiorly. (p. 39-40)

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.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe.

PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Wednesday 3rd 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 5th June 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)

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

1ST READING

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

R/

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

R/

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R/**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

R/

2ND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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!**



THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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: The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20