

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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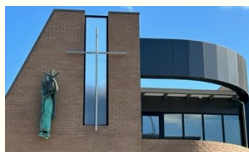
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

Gospel Reflection

The short gospel passage for today is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as 'The Great Commission' as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.' This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then.

However, the focus of today's feast is much more on the first reading than the gospel. The opening verses of the Book of Acts, from the author of Luke-Acts, describe the final instructions of Jesus to his disciples and then his 'lifting up'. The Luke-Acts writer is the only gospel writer to actually describe the Ascension. The fact that the other gospels don't discuss the Ascension in any detail at all is a good indication that this description should not be taken literally.

However, the message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.

Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday 18 May (Easter Feria)

- 1.00pm U3A Card Playing Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 19 May (Easter Feria)

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

Wednesday 20 May (Easter Feria)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with students from MI Year 1 & 2
 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (MR1)

Thursday 21 May (Easter Feria)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
 2.00pm Parish Earthcare Group Meeting (MR1)

Friday 22 May (Easter Feria)

- 9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church (Year 3/4Z)
 11.00am U3A Art Class (Gathering Space)
 1.30pm U3A Reading Aloud Class (Gathering Space)

Saturday 23 May (Easter Feria)

- 9 to 4pm CatholicCare Marriage Workshop
 9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 4.45pm First Holy Communion Catechist Class (GS)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 24 May (Pentecost Sunday)

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

LOOKING FORWARD

Wednesday 27 May

- 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul Society Information Night (more details on page 3)



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 16 / 17 May	NEXT WEEKEND 23 / 24 May
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Ballao L. Michael A. Rahme M. Harty Sienna Bui-Rahme B. Harty G. Shamieh	E. Vandenhoven T. Bui Ad. Rahme M. Harty K. Gillespie T. Bui G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R. Auguste P. Shannon D. Landsberg	M-R. Auguste 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 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	Team 2 P. Verrocchi R. Erbacher A. Pegoraro D. Todaro A. McKern A. Palazzolo I. Richards G. Crawford K. Ziino J. Blundy N. Kajkic Group Four

Ministry Roster 23 May to 2 Aug 2026 available on website or hardcopy at the back of Church

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)

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Florence Quinane, Vilma Aguda, Stephenie Coldwell, Gabrielle White, Bernadette Milesi, Judith Rule, Ellen Ryan, Cecilia Sartori, Paolo Villani, Dragica Antolovich, Anne Scerri, Joan Ginevra, Emilia Petrucci

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.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,536

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,614

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES** (contact Parish Office)
- EFTPOS FACILITY** with your Credit/Debit Card **Just Tap and Go!**
Terminal located at the entrance to the Church in the Narthex
- WEBSITE: DONATE** with your Credit/Debit Card
- USE THIS QR CODE**





Laudato Si' Week 2026

One action in one Week
One Global Catholic Response!

7 IDEAS – from the 7 Laudato Si' goals CHOOSE ONE!

Responding to the Cry of the Earth:

Place native trees or pollinator plants

Responding to the Cry of the Poor:

Support your local charity winter appeal.

Ecological Economics:

Buy nothing new. Look for second hand or upcycle.

Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles:

Refuse single-use plastics. Bring your own container.

Ecological Education:

Learn something new about renewable energy or waste management.

Ecological Spirituality:

Read a chapter of Laudato Si' or Laudate Deum.

Community Resilience Empowerment:

Participate in a local community group that is caring for others or the environment.

#CatholicEarthcare #LaudatoSiWeek
www.cartias.org.au/catholic-earthcare

INVITATION



Information Session on the activities of the
St Vincent de Paul Society in the Mary Immaculate Church, Parish Centre on **Wednesday 27 May at 7.30pm**

A guest speaker will give a run-down on the wide works of the Society.

Come along to support the small band of members in our Parish Conference (Branch) who need your support and possibly assistance. More Info ring Chris 0418 544 324

Young converts flocking to join Catholic Church

Article in the Weekend Australian last month - Encouraging local and indeed global trend of youth search and expressing interest in the value of Traditional Catholicism.

Copy of article on notice board in Narthex Foyer.

PARISH
GROUP

EARTHCARE



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 is a parishioner of our Mary Mother of the Church parish. She is also the Banyule Councillor for Chelsworth Ward. She will present on Council's environmental initiatives in 2026 and answer 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.vic.gov.au

PLEASE NOTE: Alida's email address given here is correct. It has been corrected from an earlier version we published in the parish newsletter and on the flyers we handed out on 10 May. The flyers in the church foyer have also been corrected.
Our apologies.

RSVP is essential by 27 May.

Sign a sheet in the church foyer or email parish office.
(For more info, take a flyer from the church foyer)

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 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)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

1ST READING

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R/**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R/**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R/**

2ND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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: Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23