

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

Principal: Geraldine Crowe 9497 1827

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ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Vivienne Armarego 9499 3914

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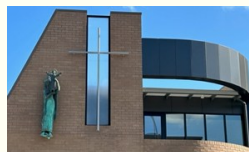
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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 teaching of Jesus is grounded firmly in the Jewish world of the 1st Century. For most of his listeners, that world was an agricultural one and so the stories Jesus told were about the everyday realities of peoples' lives. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, building houses, planting seeds and reaping harvests. The imagery he used was drawn from the lived experience of those he taught. Jesus used a style of storytelling that was popular at the time: parable. A parable is a story with a moral or a lesson. A parable usually involves an extended metaphor and, at its heart, is teaching the listener about how to live or how to behave.

Another feature of parables is that they can be understood at different levels. At one level, there is the literal meaning of a parable – what it says is what it is about. In today's gospel, the parable of the sower can be read or heard as a literal story about sowing seed and the lesson one might take from it is to be careful where you throw the seed when sowing. At another level, parables have a metaphoric meaning. In this instance, Jesus actually explains the symbolism of the parable to his disciples. There is a further, interpretive level of a parable where a modern reader asks, 'What has that story got to say to me here and now?'

In his conversation with the disciples, Jesus makes clear that only some people are open to understanding the depth of the message contained within his parables. Some people will only ever hear the story and never hear the message. Mind you, he still has to explain the parable to the disciples! He has just chastised those who fail to understand and yet walks the disciples through the parable step by step!

Greg Sunter
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 11 July (St Benedict)

9am to 5pm Catholic Care - Marriage Workshop (GS)
 9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 12 July (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Monday 13 July (Feria)

9am—3pm School Staff—Personal Development Day (GS)

Tuesday 14 July (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 10am U3A - Self Defence Classes (GS)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
 7.00pm Furlan Italian Choir Rehearsal (GS)
 7.30pm Bible & Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 15 July (St Bonaventure)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 1.30pm Mass at Ivanhoe Grand AgeCare
 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (MR1)

Thursday 16 July (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
 12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (GS)
 2.00pm Parish Earthcare Group Mtg (MR1)

Friday 17 July (Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 9.30am U3A Committee Meeting (GS)
 11.00am U3A Art Classes (GS)
 1.00pm U3A Reading Aloud (GS)

Saturday 18 July (Feria)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 12.30pm Wellness Workshop (GS)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Confirmation Enrolment students followed by Share Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday 19 July (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday 26th July

Commissioning of New Parish Council Members and thanking outgoing members during 10am Mass



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 11 / 12 July	NEXT WEEKEND 18 / 19 July
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Vandenhoven D. Dixon K. Gillespie T. Barker Thomas Levin E. Vandenhoven G. Shamieh	E. Ballao L. Michael A. Rahme P. Mahon Sienna Bui-Rahme E. Ballao S. Moorhen
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	J. Gray D. Landsberg J. Gray	M-R. Auguste P. Shannon T. Nibali
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 4 E. Mount P. Nguyen A. Barro J. Blundy J & E Blundy D. Jones B. Connor T. De Luise H. Nguyen <i>No Children's Liturgy</i> Group Two	Team 5 P. Verrocchi A. Pegoraro M. Lindner I. Richards M. Sibillin G. Crawford D. Todaro A. Rizzo H. Nguyen M. Browning Lissa P Group One

NEXT MINISTRY ROSTER The next ministry roster will be prepared next week. If you are going to be away during 24 July to 30 September 2026 please contact the Parish Office via email as soon as possible.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Christine & Pat Lane, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn Kennealy, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver, Sr Francis Baum, Julia Foster, Sean Mullins, Myriam Simpson, Bernard Beriman, Pauline Cullen, Fr Paul Gurry

Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS: Fr Tadeusz Ziolkowski

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Wayne Timmins, Maureen Gunn, Barbara Lonergan, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Frank Beltrame, Cath Stevenson, Hong Van Le, Leo Hingston, Brian Brister, Gino Barro, Robert Battisti, Kim Fah Chay

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 \$2,442

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,495

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



Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Priest Appointment

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As our Parish Pastoral Council term concluded at the end of June, some members who had served two continuous terms are no longer eligible for the new term. I offer our parish's heartfelt gratitude to **Sue Moorhen** for her generous and faithful service as Chair, and to **Diane Dixon, Joe Chiera, Phi Nguyen, and Teresa Bui** for their dedication over many years. They exercised leadership during a challenging period marked by Covid restrictions and parish transitions, advising Fr Bill and me on important matters, strengthening the link between parish leadership and the wider community, and contributing significantly to our parish's mission and vision.

With Sue's departure, we now welcome **Chris Dixon** as Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council. Chris previously served in this role and brings valuable experience and renewed energy to our leadership. We also welcome **Jacqueline De Mel, Lucy Dal Pozzo, and Sylvia Ryan** as new members of the Council. With Chris taking up this position, **Pat Kelly** has been appointed Chairperson of the Finance Committee and will also lead our Buildings and Maintenance Committee. We are deeply grateful for their willingness to serve. Let us keep all outgoing and incoming members in our prayers and support them as they work with me to guide our parish's mission.

It is also with joy and gratitude that I share the news of my appointment as Parish Priest of Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Parish, Ivanhoe, for a six-year term by the Most Reverend Peter A. Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, effective 5 July 2026. I have been entrusted with the pastoral care of souls within our parish, with the responsibilities and faculties given by the Church. This appointment is not an employment arrangement, but a continuation of my religious and spiritual commitment to serve the People of God.

I embrace this mission with a pastoral heart, committed to serving you—Mary Mother of the Church Parish Community—and to leading us according to our shared vision: *Inspired by Mary, our Mother, we strive to be a Christ-centred community—welcoming, growing in faith, and engaging with purpose.* Together, we will build on the foundations laid by those who have gone before us so that our parish may continue to grow and flourish.

I warmly invite each of you—individuals, families, ministry groups, school communities, staff, and parish leadership—to collaborate wholeheartedly with me. With God's grace, may we nurture a parish life rich in faith, hope, and charity, becoming a beacon of welcome and hope for all who enter our doors.

I look forward to walking with you in faithfulness to God and in humble service of all. Please keep me in your prayers as I undertake this ministry with joy, and know that you are remembered daily in mine.

With every blessing in Christ,

Fr. Thanh PP

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.

MMC PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE 2026 to 2028

Fr Thanh Tran (*Parish Priest*)

Christ Dixon (*Chairperson*)

Alina Rizzo

Carlo Beltrame

Maxwell Gratton

Mary Harty

Michele Lindner

Lucy Dal Pozzo

Sylvia Ryan

Jacqueline Del Mal

Matt Pirrie

Eugene Ballao (*Parish Co-Ordinator*)

Commissioning of new council and thanking outgoing
members will be held during 10am Mass
on Sunday 26th July 2026

More details on committee members refer to Notice board

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

1ST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R/**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R/**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R/**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R/**

2ND READING

Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory,

as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

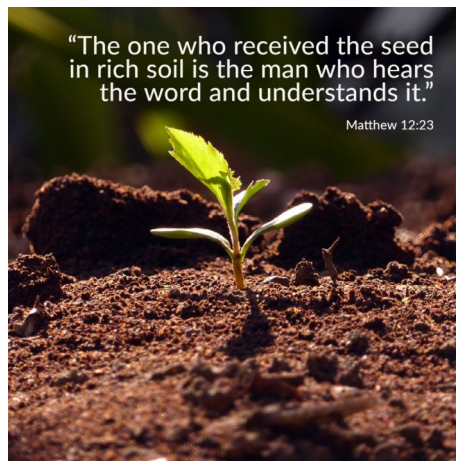
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

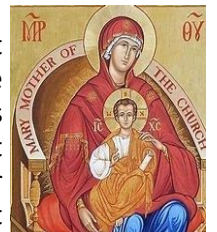
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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: Sixteenth Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13-19

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43