

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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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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ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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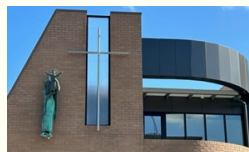
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

The twin parables of today's gospel – the treasure in the field and the pearl of great value – reveal a paradoxical truth about the kingdom of Heaven. Throughout the gospels, Jesus presents the kingdom as 'now but not yet'; as 'present but future'. This paradox is captured in these twin parables. In both cases, the kingdom is likened to something of great value that is discovered but cannot be immediately grasped. In both parables, the finder must go away and sell everything so that they can eventually come to possess the treasure they have discovered.

By comparing this experience with the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus suggests that most of us can only ever catch glimpses of what it means to live in the kingdom. For most of us, only in the future reality of heaven will we ever fully come to understand the kingdom. However, those glimpses that we catch – those moments of inspiration and connection with God and with one another – are like the treasures of the parables. They are enough to inspire us to do what it takes to make sure that we will one day enter into that kingdom reality.

The third parable of this gospel passage reveals yet another truth about the kingdom. The dragnet thrown into the sea is like the message of Jesus – it is flung far and wide and does not discriminate about where it falls or on whom it falls. This parable rounds out the chapter that began with the parable of the sower and the image of casting the net is a neat parallel to the indiscriminate casting of seed. It is not up to the one who casts the net, the seed or the Word. Rather it is up to each individual to determine how they will respond to receiving the Word.

Greg Sunter
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 25 July (St James)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with
 First Holy Communion children

Sunday 26 July (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with
 Children's Liturgy
 Including Commissioning of New Parish Council
 Members and Thanking outgoing members

Monday 27 July (Feria)

10.00am U3A Self Defense Class (GS)
 1.00pm U3A Card Class (GS)

Tuesday 28 July (Feria)

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

Wednesday 29 July (St Martha, Mary & Lazarus)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)

Thursday 30 July (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
 11.00am Banyule Churches Network Mtg (MR1)
 12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (MR2)
 2.00pm Memorial Service for Shane Darcy at MI Church

Friday 31 July (St Ignatius of Loyola)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church with Year 1/2P
 11.00am U3A Art Classes (GS)
 1.00pm U3A Reading Aloud (GS)
 5.00pm Beverages for Bereavement Group (GS)

Saturday 1 August (St Alphonsus Liguori)

9am to 5pm CatholicCare—Marriage Course (GS)
 9.00am Rosary (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 2 August (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

LOOKING FORWARD

Thursday 6th August

7 - 9pm Start to ALPHA Program (see details on Page 3)

Change of Date:

Anointing Mass & Shared Luncheon will be held on
Tuesday 25th August 2026 @ 12noon



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 25 / 26 July	NEXT WEEKEND 1 / 2 August
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Vandenhoven L. McCrohan F. Machado K. Gillespie L. Kempen T. Barker G. Shamieh	L. Kempen T. Bui A. Rahme T. Gleeson M. Gratton G. Machado E. Vandenhoven
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	D. Landsberg M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg	M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg 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 1 B. Janus F. Fernandez L. Dal Pozzo A. McKern T. De Luise A. Palazzolo I. Richards G. Crawford K. Ziino M. Browning N. Kajkic Group Three	Team 2 P. Kelly C. Beltrame A. Rizzo K. Ziino N. Merlin T. Barker D. Jones G. Crawford J. Chiera R. Sylvester N. Kajkic Group Four

LITURGY & MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR 24/7 TO 30/9/26

Available on website or hardcopy at the back of church.
 If you cannot attend when rostered, please arrange your own swap.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Murphy, Michael Curtain, Myrtle Caddy, Marisa Re, Bernie Jowett, Grazia Villani, Vimala Anthony, Bernard Delaney, Betty Stephen, Helen O'Brien, Alice Andrews

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 \$2,559

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,526

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



ALPHA

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that create a safe and honest space, where people can explore life, faith and meaning.

Alpha creates space for people to ask questions, share stories, and explore the Christian faith together.

Whether you're curious about life and meaning, or helping other explore it, **Alpha is a place for everyone.**

It is a place to pause,
think and talk about what really matters: who we are,
why we're here, and where faith fits in.

When: Starts 7.00pm Thursday 6th August 2026.
For 8 weeks (6,13,20,27 Aug & 3,10,17 Sept & 8 Oct)

Where: MMC Parish Gathering Space.

Duration: Each evening Session will be approx. 2 hrs

Small groups will facilitate discussion each evening hosted by one of our dedicated team:

Emma, Jacqueline, Charmaine & Cheryl.

A full day retreat is scheduled for Saturday 12th Sept.

If you are interested please sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex and take an information flyer and scan the QR code located on the noticeboard.

More Information: <https://alpha.org.au/>
[Alpha Australia - Explore life, meaning & the Christian faith](#)

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 Pastoral Council met on Wednesday, 15 July, beginning with prayer and holding close in heart the intentions of our parish community, especially those experiencing ill health. The council warmly welcomed its new members and Chris Dixon as Chair.

Members introduced themselves and shared the many gifts and experiences they bring from fields including architecture, law, social work, psychology, accounting, management consulting, engineering, executive leadership, procurement and policy.

The council also discussed upcoming community workshops, which will provide an opportunity for parishioners to share their reflections for the Diocesan Synod, and noted the need to nominate two representatives for the Eastern District sessions on 8 August. The Synod will focus on Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, and Formation and Participation. In this spirit, the council is pleased to support the launch of a local ALPHA program on 6 August, led by four trained parishioners and Father Thanh, offered as a welcoming opportunity for faith, conversation and community in addition to our Faith Engaging the World programs planned for later in the year.

The council also gave thanks for the progress made over the past year against its vision and goals and reflected on the need to review parish ministries so they continue to be well supported, focused and nourished by the gifts of volunteers over the next 12 months.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP



BREAD, the POOR and the ENVIRONMENT

For a few weeks now, we've stopped supplying plastic bags for the bread that is provided after weekend masses. The changeover to 'BYO bag', with paper bags available for a period, appears to have worked pretty well so far. **THANK YOU and 'good on you'** to the parishioners who have participated. *(Special thank you, too, to the small group who regularly collect unsold bread from the bakery for charitable purposes.)*

The bread and BYO bag 'program' - Our donations go to St. Vincent de Paul. The bread is used rather than thrown out, helping reduce the terrible food waste problem in our country. Avoiding plastic bags helps reduce the excessive amount of plastic in our society and the resulting plastic toxicity in our environment and even in ourselves. It also helps lower the use of fossil fuels for plastic production - fossil fuels which are creating the climate crisis.

These may all seem like small actions. But every small contribution adds up to the whole - a healthier environment for all and all future generations to live in. As Catholics we are called - to care for the earth and the poor, to protect our common home. This is the Laudato Si message from our Popes.

Lord, open our eyes to the impact of our everyday choices. May we have courage to make choices to protect our common home. Amen.

MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE SYNOD 2026

If you are interested in participating in MMC parish discussions on the selected themes of the Synod 2026, please refer to the Synod link on our website. This will direct you to the papers prepared and equip you with background information that you can bring to the discussion table in August (*date to be advised*).

Community to focus on three key themes for the Synod (*hardcopies available at the back of Church*):

1. Young Discipleship
2. Missionary Leadership
3. Formation and Participation

Website Synod link: MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 or <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

1ST READING

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R/**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R/**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R/**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R/**

2ND READING

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

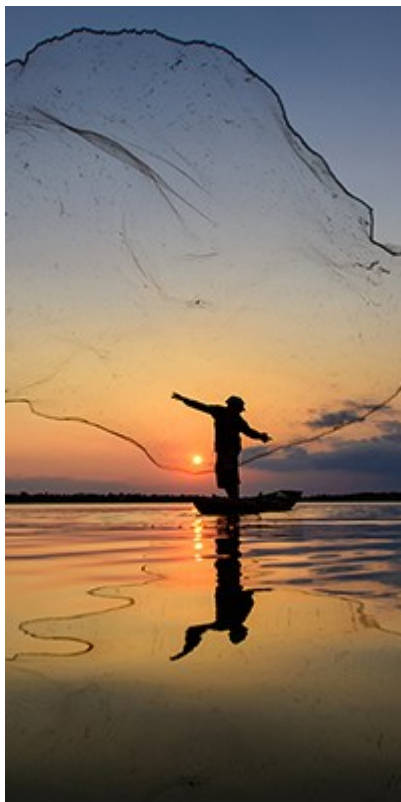
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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: Eighteenth Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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