

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.

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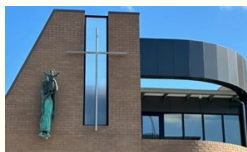
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

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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 response of today's psalm is an excellent summary of the theme that runs throughout today's readings: *The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.* The compassion of God is foremost in these readings – recognising need within the people and responding with an overflowing abundance. In the gospel, the abundant response of God is the miraculous feeding of more than five thousand people with twelve baskets full of leftovers.

As it became late in the day, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to the nearby villages so that they could buy food for themselves. But Jesus is moved with compassion for the people. He knows that as it is now evening they probably won't be allowed to enter any of the local villages and, even if they were, they probably didn't have money with which to buy food. So it is compassionate care that moves Jesus to act. Remember, he had tried to get away from the crowds to spend some private time mourning the death of John the Baptist. He was entitled to be frustrated and angry with them for intruding on his grief. Instead, when they tracked him down, he went ashore and healed them and taught them. When it came to the evening he went one step further in his compassion and made sure that all were fed.

At the time of writing, the gospel writer knew that his audience would be familiar with the Eucharistic meal. The words and actions of Jesus in this miraculous feeding event foreshadow the events of the Last Supper: he *took* the bread and fish, *gave thanks*, *broke* the bread, and *gave* it to the disciples to distribute. This event is a Eucharistic one just as much as the Last Supper.

Greg Sunter
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday 3 August (St Dominic)

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

Tuesday 4 August (St John Vianney)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 10.00am Mahjouh Game Group (MR1)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)

Wednesday 5 August (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate in Church with MI students Prep & Year 6

Thursday 6 August (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
 12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (MR2)
 7 - 9pm Start to ALPHA Program (see details on Page 3)

Friday 7 August (Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church with Year 3/4C following by Adoration and Benediction
 1.00pm U3A Reading Aloud (GS)
 6.00pm Men's Fellowship Group (GS)

Saturday 8 August (St Mary of the Cross)

9.00am Laud's Prayer in MI Church
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 9 August (Nineteenth 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

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 1 / 2 August	NEXT WEEKEND 8 / 9 August
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Kempen T. Bui A. Rahme T. Gleeson M. Gratton G. Machado E. Vandenhoven	E. Vandenhoven G. Machado D. Dixon S. Moorhen M. Harty B. Harty F. Callinan
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg T. Nibali	J. Gray P. Shannon J. Gray
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 2 P. Kelly C. Beltrame A. Rizzo K. Ziino N. Merlin T. Barker D. Jones G. Crawford J. Chiera R. Sylvester Lissa P Group Four	Team 3 P. Verrocchi P. Nguyen D. Curtain T. Barker G. William D. Todaro T. De Luise P. Boutsakis H. Nguyen J. Blundy Teresa V. Group Five

LITURGY & MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR 24/7 TO 21/9/26

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, Jacques, Gui Michaud

Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Raniolo, Dominic Greco, Richard Mac, Paudie Twohig, Saverio Valente, James Ryan, Christine François, Salvatore Ali, Santo Di Liberto, Roberto Cacciola, Thomas Patrick Mullens, Shirley Aguda, Beth Mullens, Mario Barro, Giuseppe Rizzo

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 \$2,519

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,536

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**



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 others 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 (Aug 6,13,20,27, Sept 3,10,17, Oct 8)

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](#)

Australian National Census

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



Catholic
Earthcare
Caritas Australia

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP

Celebrating Landcare Week 3/8 – 9/8
– attending to the Cry of the Earth

Landcare Australia is a national movement caring for land and agriculture across Australia.

Their work includes supporting United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Together with the landcare community, their efforts improve biodiversity, restore landscapes, educate and build resilience in Australia's food and farming systems, and create stronger communities. On their website <https://landcareaustralia.org.au> you can read about the very impressive and important work they undertook in the past year e.g. 979 hectares of weed control; 200,302 trees and plants established; 671 nest boxes installed to support biodiversity; and 72,138 volunteer hours.

Are you interested in getting involved in land care at home, work and/or in your community?

Perhaps you could look into local groups such as: the Ivanhoe community food garden; the Ivanhoe Garden Club; Bellfield community garden (sustainable gardening); a local community garden or Friends of ...group such as Friends of Banyule environmental group or friends of Darebin parkland.

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.

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)

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

1ST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;

though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R/**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **R/**

2ND READING

Romans 8:35-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are

troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large

crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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: Nineteenth Sunday in OT

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-13

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33