

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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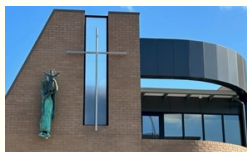
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

Greg Sunter
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 8 August (St Mary of the Cross)

9.00am Laud's Prayer in Mary Immaculate 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

Monday 10 August (St Lawrence)

10th to 14th August Fr Thanh attending Clergy Conference
10.00am U3A Self Defense Class (GS)
1.00pm U3A Card Class (GS)

Tuesday 11 August (St Clare)

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
10.00am Mahjouh Game Group (MR1)
1.00pm Safeguarding Committee Meeting (MR1)
4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
7.00pm Furlan Choir Rehearsal (GS)
7.30pm Bible Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 12 August (Feria)

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)

Thursday 13 August (Feria)

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (GS)
7 - 9pm ALPHA Program (GS)

Friday 14 August (St Maximilian Mary Kolbe)

9.15am Communion Service at St Bernadette's Church
11.0am U3A Art Classes (GS)

Saturday 15 August (The Assumption of the BVM)

9.00am Laud's Prayer in MI Church
9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed by morning tea
12noon Wellness Workshop (GS)
5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed by Shared Dinner

Sunday 16 August (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Children's Liturgy
After Mass Synod Parish Discussion Groups
11.30am Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church

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 8 / 9 August	NEXT WEEKEND 15 / 16 August
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Vandenhoven G. Machado D. Dixon S. Moorhen M. Harty B. Harty F. Callinan	E. Ballao K. Gillespie L. Dal Pozzo E. Vandenhoven P. Mahon T. Bui G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	J. Gray P. Shannon J. Gray	D. Landsberg 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 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	Team 4 E. Mount B. Janus A. Barro J. De Mel J & E Blundy I. Richards A. Rizzo D. Jones K. Ziino S. Meehan Lissa P. Group One

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, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Lorraine Edwards, Julia Foster, Sean Mullins, Myriam Simpson, Bernard Beriman, Pauline Cullen, Fr Paul Gurry, Robert Erbacher, Jacques, Gui Michaud, Renee Van Beelen, Domenic Masserotti

Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Bona, Roberto Cacciola, Claire Kathleen Long, Daisy Gray, Margaret Pinkney, Christian Bontemps, Teresa Patti, Verna Miller, Sebastiano Pepi

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 on home page scroll down and click Newsletter to view

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,528

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,580

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



MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE SYNOD 2026

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 which will be held on 16 August @ Mary Immaculate Church after 10am Mass

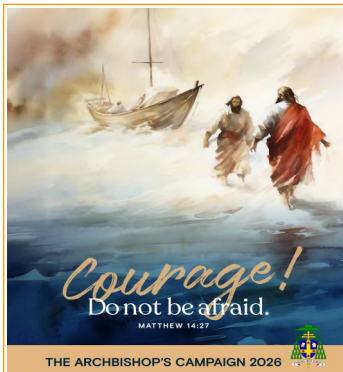
Community to focus on three key themes for the Synod (*hardcopies available at the back of Church*):

1. Young Discipleship

2. Missionary Leadership

3. Formation and Participation

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



The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. Details are also on Ivanhoe website.

Christians & Peace in the Holy Land

The National Council of Churches and Palestinian Christians in Australia have recently sponsored a speaking tour in Australia by **Dr. Yousel Khoury**. He speaks passionately of his Palestinian Christian heritage going back 36 generations in Palestine, the sufferings of Palestinian Christians, and their hope for a just peace in the Holy Land. He offers a three-step roadmap to peace: *Truth Telling, Courage and Justice*. You can watch Dr. Khoury's talk using this link. (Note the final letter is Q) <https://youtube.com/live/mEGjAsF590Q>

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

International Day of World's Indigenous People



Today we **celebrate Indigenous people** around the world. We recognise their cultures, their rights and environmental protection.

Their human rights appear to be regularly violated and they face high levels of marginalization and discrimination.

There are more than 5,000 different Indigenous Peoples around the world comprising 476 million people.

Some Indigenous people live in extreme poverty and have higher rates of landlessness, malnutrition and internal displacement than others.

So, If Jesus Walked Our Streets Today... Who would He Stop for? Refugees, homeless, victims of modern slavery and those affected by climate disasters. The poorest, the indigenous, the homeless are all paying the price for our lifestyle.

Living the Gospel also includes caring for indigenous people around the world.

PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Tuesday 25th August 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 28th August 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 4th September in Gathering Space.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm, next 20th August in Parish Centre MR1

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

1ST READING

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

R/

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R/**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R/**

2ND READING

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

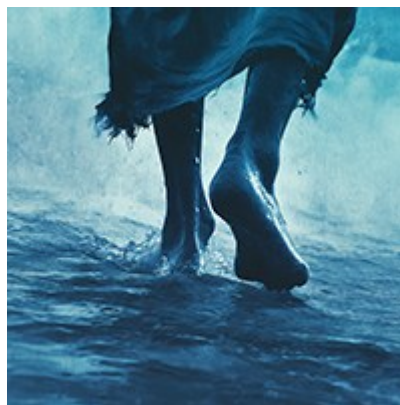
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now

far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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: Twentieth Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1.6-7

2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15.29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28