

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

1ST READING

Sirach 27:30-28

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R/**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R/**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R/**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R/**

2ND READING

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow

servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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: 25th Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16



No. 37

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September 2026

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MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

2-6 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe



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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

This gospel passage follows directly from last week's passage. It concludes the whole of Matthew Chapter 18 that deals with sin, forgiveness and reconciliation. Peter's question to Jesus and suggested answer is a reflection of the view that there is a limit to the number of times we should forgive someone. Seven is a significant number in scripture and implies a 'perfect' amount. Even though by his use of seven, Peter is suggesting that he should forgive someone many, many times, Jesus quickly corrects Peter and says not seven, but seventy-seven times (or seventy times seven). Jesus plays on the use of the number seven and multiplies it to indicate that one should forgive as many times as is required – without keeping count; without keeping score.

The story of the unforgiving servant is a familiar one of forgiveness and mercy being shown but not passed on. The sting in the tail of this parable is Jesus' final warning that, 'So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.' This is an unsettling statement, as we believe God's forgiveness to be without measure and without end. Jesus warns that unless we seek to imitate God's forgiveness and forgive others 'from our heart' (with compassion) then we are not going to recognise the forgiveness of God and will cut ourselves off from it.

The whole idea of forgiving from the heart is a powerful contradiction of a popular concept: 'I can forgive, but not forget.' Is it really possible to forgive but refuse to forget? Surely holding on to a memory of hurt is holding on to the hurt itself and does not display that any forgiveness has occurred at all. To forgive but not forget is to keep count. How many times should I forgive the one who has hurt me? As many times as it takes!

Greg Sunter,
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 12 September (Feria)

9.00am Lauds Prayer at MI (MOG Chapel)
9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel) followed by morning tea
10am to 3pm Alpha Retreat at MI (GS)
5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 13 September (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Monday 14 September (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

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

Tuesday 15 September (Our Lady of Sorrows)

9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)
10.00am Mahjong Game Group (MR2)
4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
7.30pm Bible Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 16 September (St Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with MI year 1 & 2 students

Thursday 17 September (Feria)

9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)
9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
11am St Bernadette's Show Choir Performance (GS)
12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (MR2)
2.00pm Parish Earthcare Group Meeting (MR1)
7 - 9pm ALPHA Program (GS)

Friday 18 September (Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church with whole school students
1.30pm U3A Reading Aloud Class (GS)

Saturday 19 September (Feria)

9am to 5pm Catholic Care - Marriage Workshop (GS)
9.00am Lauds Prayer at MI (MOG Chapel)
9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel) followed by morning tea
5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed by Shared Dinner

Sunday 20 September (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Children's Liturgy
11.30am Baptism at MI Church



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 12 / 13 September	NEXT WEEKEND 19 / 20 Sept
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Kempen L. McCrohan K. Gillespie T. Barker S. Bui-Rahme T. Gleeson E. Vandenhoven	E. Ballao F. Machado G. Machado E. Vandenhoven Thomas Levin M. Gratton G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	J. Gray P. Shannon J. Gray	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 3 E. Mount P. Nguyen D. Curtain N. Merlin N & M Merlin E. Ballao B. Connor T. De Luise H. Nguyen S. Meehan L. Parsons Group Five	Team 4 L. Michael M. Lindner I. Richards M. Browning Ava Pirrie G. Crawford D. Todaro A. Rizzo J. Chiera J. Blundy L. Parsons Group One

NEXT MINISTRY ROSTER is being prepared. If you are going to be away during 26 Sept to 22 Nov 2026 please contact the Parish Office via email ASAP

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Pat Lane, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Julia Foster, Bernard Beriman, Pauline Cullen, Fr Paul Gurry, Robert Erbacher, Jacques, Gui Michaud, Renee Van Beelen, Domenic Masserotti, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Brian Butler, Esmaeil Vakili

Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Maria Bona, Winifred O'Keefe, Lawrence Thrum, Alfio Nibali, Fr Fayez Assaf, Segundo Aguda, Bernard Healy

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



Show Choir

Dear students, parents and carers,
It's finally time! Show Choir is back and ready to perform for you!

Thursday 17 September at 11am
in MI Parish Gathering Space,
2-4 Waverley Av Ivanhoe

St Bernadette's Primary School

We hope to see you there!

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.

Confirmation 2026



PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Catholic Earthcare Caritas Australia

Hope in Living Water in this Season of Creation

The prophet, Ezekiel, wrote of water flowing from the Temple just before the Babylonians began to destroy Judah around 597 BC. Despite the destruction, his prophecy of life-giving water became a symbol of hope. In this Season of Creation, we celebrate living water precisely when terrible destruction and suffering in Nepal have shown what can happen if God's sacred gift of water is desecrated by global warming. The bitter irony is that the Nepalese live simple lives that don't create massive pollution. Australia does create global warming by our addiction to fossil fuels as our Pacific neighbours told us at the recent forum in Palao.

Jesus gave hope, promising "living water" that will become in us "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (John 4:4). Let us pray for those in Nepal who have suffered so badly and who struggle to find hope. Unless we also pray for, and work towards a radical lessening of Australian dependence on fossil fuels, however, our words seem hollow and hope seems distant.

Invitation:- To a Presentation and Discussion on

Modern Slavery

Where: Sycamore Tree Café—185 Burgundy St. Heidelberg

When: 7.30pm Friday 18th September. 2026

Organised by : Scots Uniting Church (Café of Dangerous Ideas)

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,521.50 PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,583.50

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PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Tuesday 25th November 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 2nd October 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 2nd October in Gathering Space.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm, next 17th September in Parish Centre MR1