

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH

MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

2-6 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe



ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH

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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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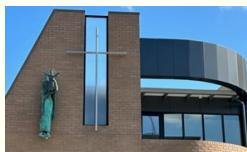
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

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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

On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement.

Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner's final comment in the parable, 'the last will be first, and the first, last', is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus' kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted.

Greg Sunter,
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 19 September (Feria)

9am to 5pm Catholic Care - Marriage Workshop (GS)
 9.00am Lauds Morning 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

Monday 21 September (St Matthew)

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

Tuesday 22 September (Feria)

9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)
 10.00am Mahjong Game Group (MR2)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
 7.00pm Furlan Choir Rehearsal (GS)
 7.30pm Bible Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 23 September (St Pius of Pietrelcina)

9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)
 10.30am to 3.30pm Clergy Life & Ministry Workshop (GS)
 1.00pm Mass at Ivanhoe Grand Age Care

Thursday 24 September (Feria)

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

Friday 25 September (Feria)

(Parish Office closed - public holiday)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church

Saturday 26 September (Feria)

9.00am Lauds Morning Prayer at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel) followed by morning tea
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 27 September (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
 followed by Morning Tea with Furlan Italian Choir

LOOKING FORWARD

October Safeguarding Training for all Volunteers
 (dates to be confirmed)

December Sunday 13th 10am Mass at MI Church the
 Installation Mass for Fr Thanh Tran by Bishop Thinh



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 19 / 20 September	NEXT WEEKEND 26/27 September
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Ballao F Machado G. Machado E. Vandenhoven Thomas Levin M. Gratton G. Shamieh	E. Vandenhoven L. McCrohan M. Harty K. Gillespie L. Kempen B. Harty G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg T. Nibali	D. Landsberg M-R. Auguste 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 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	Team 5 P. Kelly F. Fernandez L. Dal Pozzo T. Gleeson T. De Luise A. Palazzolo I. Richards T. Barker K. Ziino <i>No Children's Liturgy</i> Group Two

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: Alfio Nibali, Fred Solomon, Vincenza
 Calvisi, Mary Thrum, Vincenzo Ginevra, Concetta
 Valente, Mary Butler, Catherine Mullens, Marian
 Willmore, Liliana Omizzolo, Colette Bontemps,
 Jo McCormack, Nguyen Tuan Duc

NAMES OF THE SICK & THE DEAD for inclusion in newsletter
 must be sent to the parish office by Thursday 10am.

PARISH NEWSLETTER Go to our website on home page
 scroll down and click Newsletter to view

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,387

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,424

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



Social Services Sunday



Join • Connect • Act • Pray

This Sunday, 20 September 2026, we give thanks for the thousands of staff and volunteers across Catholic social services who accompany people experiencing poverty, disadvantage and marginalisation throughout Victoria.

As we celebrate Social Services Sunday, we recognise the need for encounter. Passion for connection and meeting others creates the kinship that is imperative in times of hardship and for building strong communities. Through these encounters, we recognise the dignity of every person and stand alongside those who may otherwise go unheard. Catholic social services put this call into practice every day through accompaniment, advocacy, and practical support.

We are invited not only to give thanks for this work, but to consider our own contribution: Who is experiencing hardship around us? Who is already walking beside them? How might we strengthen and support that work?

HANDCRAFTED OLIVEWOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS



Next weekend there will be a display of handcrafted olive wood religious items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the Catholic families there. Your purchase helps support these families and supports preserving the Holy Sites in Bethlehem. Over 600 families rely on this work as their main source of income, but with the ongoing conflict, hardly any pilgrims are visiting Bethlehem. By purchasing these items, you are offering

much-needed support to the Christian community in Bethlehem and helping to keep the faith in the Holy Land.

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, 2 September, beginning as usual with prayer and holding close in heart the intentions of our parish community, especially those unwell and devastation in Nepal.

- The council reflected on the recent celebration of the Confirmation sacrament and how wonderful it was to have the church so full, with standing room all the way in the Narthex. If only, we saw these families more regularly! How do we tackle this issue? This prompted further discussion about how we can help families build lasting connections with our Parish and feel welcome to participate more regularly in its life.
- The council discussed the progress of the ALPHA program due to conclude at the end of September.
- It was disappointing to hear we had very low participation in the reflection workshops for the Diocesan Synod. We thanked Chris Dixon, Carlo Beltrame and Maxwell Gratton for facilitating the workshops. It is hoped that Merle Gilbo be accepted as our nominated representation at the Synod consultation session in December.
- Regarding our Vision and Goals.
Goal A – Develop a Christ- centered parish life. In connection with this the council appreciated how blessed we were with wonderful volunteers in the parish who have been so generous with their time and talent for many years and the need for succession plans should the need arise.
- Finally, the council talked about an Installation Mass for Fr Thanh, scheduled for 13 December. Please diaries this very special event and look out for updates as planning kicks off.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP



His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

(excerpt) Message

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees
27th September 2026

For this 112th World Day, the theme, “*Even just one of these children*,” draws our attention to the minors directly involved in the experience of migration and flight, to the care owed to them, and to the Lord’s promise that “whoever receives one such child in my name receives me” (Mk 9:37)

Minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration. They are faces, who have unique stories, and call on our conscience. Every year, millions of children and adolescents are forced to leave their homeland because of war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters and other tragedies. The economic, political and military consequences of this disaster are immense. The suffering of migrant children does not end with their relocation. There are very young children who have lost family and friends, and have witnessed unspeakable acts of violence.

“*Even just one of these children*” calls each one of us, in our personal lives, to open our eyes and heart to a profound listening to his or her story, fears and dreams, overcoming that detachment which reduces the human person to a statistic that does not directly concern us. It is an invitation to recognize the dignity of each child even before considering the condition of being a “migrant,” and to safeguard his or her fundamental rights: the right to life, education and a standard of living that enables full physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social developments.

Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (acmro.catholic.org.au)

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

1ST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;

for my thoughts are not your

thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R/**

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

2ND READING

Philippians 1:20-24.27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do

not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

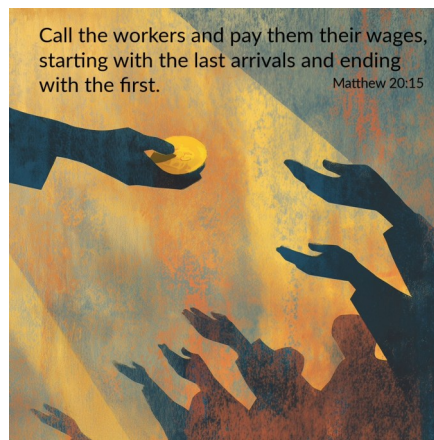
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening,

the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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: 26th Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32