

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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Entry is on Upper Heidelberg Rd

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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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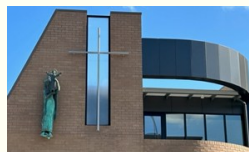
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'

Greg Sunter,
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday 28 September (Feria)

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

Tuesday 29 September (Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)

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 30 September (St Jerome)

9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)
1.00pm U3A Bridge Playing Class (GS)

Thursday 1 October (St Thérèse of the Child Jesus)

9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)
9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (GS)

Friday 2 October (The Holy Guardian Angels)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church followed by Adoration & Benediction
5.00pm Beverages for Bereavement (GS)
7.00pm Men's Fellowship Group (GS)

Saturday 3 October (Feria)

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

Sunday 4 October (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
followed by Morning Tea
11.30am Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church

LOOKING FORWARD

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 26/27 September	NEXT WEEKEND 3 / 4 October
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Vandenhoven L. McCrohan M. Harty K. Gillespie L. Kempen B. Harty G. Shamieh	L. Kempen T. Bui A. Rahme T. Gleeson M. Gratton A. Rizzo S. Moorhen
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R. Auguste M-R. Auguste T. Nibali	M-R. Auguste J. Gray 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 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	Team 1 P. Verrocchi C. Beltrame A. Barro K. Ziino N. Merlin D. Todaro D. Jones G. Crawford J. Chiera <i>No Children's Liturgy</i> Group Four

LITURGY & MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR 21 SEPT TO 22 NOV 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, 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, Grant Parsons
Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS: Barbara Hickey

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Severino De Giacinto, Silvia Simioni, Lois Considine, Len Ryan, Nicola Sgro, Frank Collins, Maisie Gleeson, Carmel Larwood, Bishop Hilton Deakin, Elio Dalla Riva, Frank Mount Snr, John Cornelius Val Lint, Virginia Lat, Gerard Stevenson, Patricia Woolfe, Dympha Reid, Richard McCarthy, Peter Brown

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 \$2,458

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,440

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



HARDCRAFTED OLIVEWOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS



This weekend there will be a display of handcrafted olive wood religious items for sale at MI Church. These items are handcrafted 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.

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIAL TRAINING and CODE OF CONDUCT

Safeguarding Essentials Training and re-signing the Code of Conduct, is required to be completed every 3 years for all volunteers.

Training must be completed by end of October 2026.

Safeguarding Essentials Training you can the module online via this link:

[Safeguarding Essentials training module / Melbourne Catholic](#)

or at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>.

To complete the above module online you will require:

- The Registration Token when registering is:
SAFEGUARDING.
- Your **Work With Children Card** number
- Email Address

Through this module you will also sign the Code of Conduct online.

What to do after completing the training and signing Code of Conduct

After completing the above you will receive your Certificates of completion via email.

These Certificates must be sent to Parish Office via email: ivanhoe@cam.org.au who will record details.

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

What risks are all of we Australians facing because of climate change? The Australian Climate Service published a report in 2025. It details climate risks already occurring and worsening - more frequent and/or intense bushfires, rain-storms, drought, flooding, heatwaves, sea-level rise and tropical cyclones.

Any of these create disruption in our human communities and to all life by resulting in injuries and death, mental health trauma, impossible overload on health services, disruption to agriculture and food supply, damage to infrastructure such as roads and electricity. Climate change is a major ecological and environmental crisis facing us in this 'historical moment'.

Recently the Vatican released a document saying "The historical moment we are living through demands urgent action from everyone, beginning with those responsible for public life, to ensure the sustainability of the planet and the habitability of our common home" for humans beings, future generations and all forms of life. It proposes "understanding ... sin against our common home as a 'sin against creation and against the Creator' insofar as it violates the meaning of creation intended by God the Creator." It gives the powerful message that destroying creation, such as our climate, is not only an environmental problem; it can become a moral and spiritual failure before God. It calls us to 'ecological spirituality' inviting us to live in a mindful way both towards the environment that sustains us and toward others and ourselves.

Parish sub-committee for St Bernadette's site redevelopment

The committee had its second meeting on 16th September. We are still setting down the objectives for the committee and the overall project and good progress was made. We hope to move on soon to consider broad options for the site and will be keeping our minds open. First ideas will be discussed at our next meeting on 12th November.

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 15th October in Parish Centre MR1

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

1ST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R/**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

2ND READING

Philippians 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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: 27th Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43