

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.

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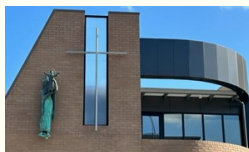
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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



October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

October invites us to return to a prayer cherished by generations of Catholics: the Holy Rosary. Simple enough for a child to learn, it is rich enough to sustain a lifetime of contemplation and keep us close to Christ.

The Rosary is not repetition for its own sake. As we pray, we contemplate the mysteries of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection. Its biblical prayers and gentle rhythm help us ponder the Lord's saving work. Marian in character, the Rosary is profoundly Christ-centred: we pray with Mary, and our gaze rests on her Son.

Mary shows us how to respond to God. At the Annunciation, she received the Word in faith; at the foot of the Cross, she remained beside her Son in sorrow. Pondering God's works in her heart, she trusted his will and served others with love. Her example reminds us that prayer and action belong together. In a world that often measures worth by productivity and achievement, the Rosary invites us to receive life as a gift, bring our joys and sorrows before Christ, and recognise his grace in everyday faithfulness.

My parents taught me the Rosary before I started school, and I have prayed it regularly ever since. As in many Vietnamese Catholic homes, our family prayed it together each day. It nurtured our faith and brought us closer to one another. Many of you may remember praying the Rosary with your families and in your parishes. Such devotions do not replace the liturgy, especially the Eucharist; they can prepare us for worship and help us live what we celebrate.

Our parish is dedicated to Mary, Mother of the Church, and our main church to the Immaculate Conception. Although the church dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, has closed, its name and memory live on in our parish chapel. These titles point us to God's saving work: Mary's divine motherhood proclaims that Jesus is truly God and truly man; her Immaculate Conception reveals Christ's grace at work in her from the first moment of her life; and her motherhood of the Church speaks of her loving care for Christ's disciples.

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday 5 October (Feria)

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

Tuesday 6 October (Feria)

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

Wednesday 7 October (Our Lady of the Rosary)

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

Thursday 8 October (Feria)

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
11.00am Banuyle Churches Together Meeting (MR1)
12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (GS)

Friday 9 October (Feria)

9.15am Communion Service at St Bernadette's
1.00pm U3A - Reading Aloud Class (GS)

Saturday 10 October (Feria)

9.00am Rosary at MI (MOG Chapel)
9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
followed by morning tea
12.30 to 3pm Wellness Workshop (GS)
5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
with Fr Arnold Heredia

Sunday 11 October (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Celebrant for both Masses is Fr Arnold Heredia
8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
followed by Morning Tea

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 3 / 4 October	NEXT WEEKEND 10 / 11 October
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 A. Rizzo S. Moorhen	E. Vandenhoven Fr. Machado D. Dixon S. Moorhen L. Kempen E. Vandenhoven F. Callinan
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R. Auguste J. Gray 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 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	Team 3 E. Mount B. Connor A. Rizzo T. Barker G. William B. Connor T. De Luise P. Boutsakis N. Merlin M. Browning Teresa V. Group Three

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:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Kontos, Giuseppe Farinotto, Pasquale Piermarini, Joe & Rosina Franze, Ignancy Bator, Ling Tee, Jillian Champness, Elvira Rombai, Concetta Stramandinoli, Hector Pidutti

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 \$2,737

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,489

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



October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

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We ask Mary's intercession so that we may follow her Son more faithfully. We honour her especially by imitating her humility, charity, trust, and obedience, with the help of God's grace.

During his recent Apostolic Visit to Lourdes, Pope Leo urged Christians to pray the Rosary "with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict." Let us join him in praying this month for peace and an end to conflict. I encourage you to pray the Rosary at home, in church, or quietly on your own. Our parish will pray it every Saturday morning before Mass or a Communion Service during October, and a small Legion of Mary group will begin in November. Please join us if you can.

May our parish be a spiritual home where all can encounter God's mercy in Jesus Christ and find the peace and joy that only he can give, so that we may share God's love with those around us.

Fr Thanh

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](https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/)

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.

Our First Alpha Course

Our parish's first Alpha course came to a close on 24 September, and taking part in it was a gift. Although I am the parish priest, I joined as a participant for the first time, sitting alongside others to listen, reflect, and share. It was a joy to discover more about one another in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Alpha gave us an opportunity to reflect on the Christian faith and to consider how it speaks to our lives. For me, it was a reminder that faith is not simply something we learn about; it is a relationship with God that can continue to deepen and shape the way we live. The openness of the participants in discussing the questions after each video made these conversations especially meaningful. We listened to one another, shared our thoughts and experiences, and learned together. Another gift of the course was getting to know one another better. As we met and talked, friendships began to grow, and I hope they will continue beyond Alpha.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made the course possible. To our hosts and co-hosts: Emma, Jacqueline, Charmaine, and Cheryl – thank you for the many hours you devoted to preparing for and guiding Alpha. To our MC, Eugene, thank you for coordinating the sessions and leading us through the course.

To our hospitality team: Trudy, Mary, Margaret, Lorraine, Liz, Shyla, Inday, and Sharon – thank you sincerely for your tremendous work. You welcomed participants, prepared the food, set up the space, and cleaned up afterwards. So much of this happened quietly behind the scenes, but it made a real difference. Your generosity and care helped everyone feel at home. As your parish priest, I am deeply grateful for all you gave.

Thank you, too, to every participant for being part of this first Alpha course and helping make it such a warm and meaningful experience. I give thanks to God for what we shared, for the opportunity to deepen our faith, and for the friendships and community that have begun to grow among us.

Fr Thanh

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 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 30th 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 6th November 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)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

1ST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R/**

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the

forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R/**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R/**

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R/**

2ND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

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, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent

some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the Builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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: 28th Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14