

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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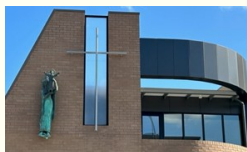
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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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Thursday 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

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

Greg Sunter,
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 10 October (Feria)

9.00am Rosary at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 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

Monday 12 October (Feria)

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

Tuesday 13 October (Feria)

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

Wednesday 14 October (Feria)

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

Thursday 15 October (St Teresa of Jesus)

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
 12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (GS)
 2.00pm Parish Earthcare Group Meeting (MR1)
 6.30pm Ramblers Walking Club Meeting (GS)

Friday 16 October (Feria)

9.15am Communion Service at St Bernadette's
 9.30am U3A Committee Meeting (MR1)
 10.30am Funeral for Margaret Kascamanidis at MI
 followed by refreshments in Gathering Space
 1.00pm U3A - Reading Aloud Class (MR1)

Saturday 17 October (St Ignatius of Antioch)

9 to 5pm Catholic Care Marriage Workshop (GS)
 9.00am Rosary at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
 with Fr Arnold Heredia Followed by Shared Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday 18 October (29th 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 10 / 11 October	NEXT WEEKEND 17 / 18 October
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Vandenhoven F. Machado D. Dixon S. Moorhen L. Kempen E. Vandenhoven F. Callinan	L. Kempen L. McCrohan L. Dal Pozzo T. Barker M. Gratton T. Bui G. Machado
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 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	Team 2 P. Kelly L. Michael M. Lindner J. De Mel E. Mount I. Richards A. Rizzo D. Jones K. Ziino L. Parsons S. Meehan Group Five

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, Pauline Cullen, Robert Erbacher, Brian Butler, Esmaeil Vakili, Grant Parsons, Allan Ferrari, Rino Conte

Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS: Margaret Kascamanidis,

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Hector Pidutti, Nicola Maselli, Concetta Stramandinoli, Mirella Pascolo, Donna Wells, Fr John Rogan, Caterina D'Amico, Eileen Duffy, Lucrezi Frizza, Vera Rahme, Alessandro Brunato, Geoff Smith, Anna Beltrame, Carmelo Nastasi, John Guarrella, Anita Vetrone

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 \$2,483

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,500

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





THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

after each Mass is to support the Good Samaritan Inn.
You can donate via website: www.givenow.com.au/gsi-donations
or via QR code. (Receipt will be issued when your donation is processed).



Reflection Alpha from one of our participants



We recently had the opportunity for Faith based growth with the Alpha course run at Mary Mother of the Church by Eugene and the Team of dedicated, experienced and skilled group facilitators who so generously gave their knowledge and time to cook and organise each week of the course, including the Retreat day, where we learned and laughed and had that precious gift of skilled leaders, informing Faith reflection, with and through each other.

Through the course of videos, and supported structured group discussions, both Faith and friendships were enabled, developed and grown. The Alpha course addressed the core Christian Faith values and meaning, we shared a meal at the weekly course meetings and our Church community engagement and spiritual growth has flourished.

A huge thank you to all involved in giving us this wonderful opportunity.

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

What to do after completing the above module

After completing 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.

Parish Safeguarding Group Training Session

Two sessions will be held on:

Thursday 22nd October 2026

at **11am or 7.30pm** in Gathering Space

Please register on sign-in sheets at back of Church
(only need to attend one session)

For this Training session you require

- **Working With Children Card** number
- **Email address.**

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP



HEROES OF INTEGRAL ECOLOGY

Recently, *The Age Good Weekend* and *Gardening Australia* each featured a doctor who realises good landcare and a healthy future are integrally related. Retired obstetrician, Dr Susan Downes, is regenerating her property in WA to re-establish the "incredible diversity that [once] sustained unique birds and animals." She also maintains strong links with local Aboriginal women. Meanwhile, Dr Mark De Souza, emergency physician, is planting native trees and grasses at Darwin Hospital to provide some respite from Darwin's heat. It's working: temperatures have fallen; patients are served by cooler, calmer staff who are more connected to nature; and birds are populating the trees!

Both doctors involve volunteers who hand-plant thousands of trees, joining what *The Age* calls a "mass movement of people caring for nature." Our challenge is to find our own ways of joining this inspiring movement.

Mary Oliver says "The farthest star and the mud at our feet are a family.... we are at risk together, or we are on our way to a sustainable world together. We are each other's destiny."

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you
is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

1ST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts
will prepare for all people a banquet
of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained
wines.

On this mountain he will remove the
mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all
nations, he will destroy Death for
ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears
from every cheek; he will take away
his people's shame everywhere on
earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is
our God in whom we hoped for
salvation; the Lord is the one in
whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has
saved us; for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ I shall live in the house of the
Lord all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want. Fresh and green
are the pastures where he gives me
repose. Near restful waters he leads
me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**

He guides me along the right path; he
is true to his name. If I should walk in
the valley of darkness no evil would I
fear. You are there with your crook
and your staff; with these you give
me comfort. **R/**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes. My head you
have anointed with oil; my cup is
overflowing. **R/**

Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me all the days of my life. In
the Lord's own house shall I dwell for
ever and ever. **R/**

2ND READING

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians

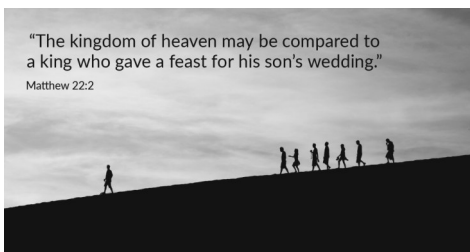
I know how to be poor and I know
how to be rich too. I have been
through my initiation and now I am
ready for anything anywhere: full
stomach or empty stomach, poverty
or plenty. There is nothing I cannot
master with the help of the One who
gives me strength. All the same, it
was good of you to share with me in
my hardships. In return my God will
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to
God, our Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the
eyes of our heart that we might see
how great is the hope to which we
are called. **Alleluia!**



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and
elders of the people: 'The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a feast for his son's
wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they
would not come. Next he sent some
more servants. "Tell those who have
been invited" he said "that I have my
banquet all prepared, my oxen and
fattened cattle have been
slaughtered, everything is ready.
Come to the wedding." But they were

not interested: one went off to his
farm, another to his business, and the
rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was
furious. He dispatched his troops,
destroyed those murderers and burnt
their town. Then he said to his
servants, "The wedding is ready; but
as those who were invited proved to
be unworthy, go to the crossroads in
the town and invite everyone you can
find to the wedding." So these
servants went out onto the roads and
collected together everyone they
could find, bad and good alike; and
the wedding hall was filled with
guests. When the king came in to
look at the guests he noticed one
man who was not wearing a wedding
garment, and said to him, "How did
you get in here, my friend, without a
wedding garment?" And the man was
silent. Then the king said to the
attendants, "Bind him hand and foot
and throw him out into the dark,
where there will be weeping and
grinding of teeth." For many are
called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing.

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: 29th Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21