

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH



Parish Centre & Mary Immaculate Church
Cnr Waverley Ave & Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

St Bernadette's Church
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As a Parish Community we value Inclusion, Hospitality, Service and Mission

BOOKINGS: Parish Office: 9926 2310 for use of facilities, sacramental enrolments or appointments for Marriage etc.
OUR PARISH is 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.

OUR NEW PARISH CENTRE CHAPEL

DEDICATED TO THE MOTHER OF GOD IS OPEN FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER
DURING OFFICE HOURS TUE - FRI 9AM - 2PM
PLEASE ENTER THE CHAPEL VIA THE PARISH OFFICE
ON UPPER HEIDELBERG RD

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 Lady Chapel (except when there is a school Mass). Please enter the chapel via the Parish Office on Upper Heidelberg Rd.

Tuesday	9.15am	Mary Immaculate
Wednesday	9.15am	Mary Immaculate
Thursday	9.15am	Mary Immaculate
Friday	9.15am	St. Bernadette's
Saturday	9.15am	Mary Immaculate

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at Mary Immaculate
9.45am in the Chapel (after 9.15am Mass)

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

1st Wednesday each month
(except school holidays)
12 Noon Mass at Mary Immaculate
followed by luncheon

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

1st Friday each month
Following 9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's

THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR HAMAS' BARBARIC VIOLENCE, BUT IT'S NOT WITHOUT CAUSE!

*The Hamas-Israel war
and the reflections of a Catholic bishop living in a Muslim world.
By Jean-Paul Vesco OP, Archbishop of Alger*

The absolutely Machiavellian barbarity staged by Hamas in its surprise attack on the Israeli population has shocked the Western world. It immediately and obviously provoked an outpouring of unanimous condemnation.

My own shock and condemnation blocked me from maintaining a minimum of distance and the space of inner freedom we need to reflect. This is the trap set by Hamas, and we have largely fallen into it.

I do not wish to paint the belligerents with a broad brush without any nuance. We can also see that the military response it provoked has offered Israel the perfect opportunity, not only to try to put an end once and for all to Hamas, but also to further reduce Gaza's already limited autonomy. The Israeli prime minister has even called Gaza "the city of evil that must be destroyed" like Sodom. But are there not fifty, or forty, or thirty, or twenty or even ten righteous people left in Gaza (Genesis 18, 22-33)?

Abandoned

Unfortunately, although there's no excuse whatsoever for Hamas' barbaric violence, it is not without cause. I've experienced some of the injustice and humiliation that are the daily lot of Palestinians in Gaza and elsewhere, in territories that the Israeli government's savage colonization has methodically fragmented to the point of making sovereign territorial unity, however modest, impossible. Historical and daily injustice, the use of

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IVANHOE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Bernadette's Primary School

Principal: Vivienne Armarego
53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe West 3079
Phone: 9499 3914

Mary Immaculate Primary School

Principal: Veronica Antrim
9 Rockbeare Grove, Ivanhoe 3079
Phone: 9497 1827

As a Catholic Community we respect the Wurrundjeri 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.



PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 21 October (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.45am Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
 10.30am - 2.00pm Parish Centre Community Open Day
 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate

Sunday 22 October (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate

Monday 23 October (Feria)

Tuesday 24 October (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 4.15am Meditation Group at Parish Centre

Wednesday 25 October (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (in Church) with our school children Grades 1 & 2

Thursday 26 October (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel & Coffee Discussion in Parish Centre

Friday 27 October (Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's (with Grade 3/4)

Saturday 28 October (Saints Simon & Jude)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.45am Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate

Sunday 29 October (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 1 November (All Saints Day)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MI Church)
 12noon Anointing Mass & Luncheon (MI Church)
 7.00pm Contemplative Reading Group - Parish Centre

Thursday 2 November (All Souls' Day)

9.15am Requiem Mass at Mary Immaculate (Church)
 7.00pm Requiem Mass at Mary Immaculate (Church)

Friday 3 November

7.00pm Men's Fellowship Group

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who supported this month's special collection for the Catholic Care. Our total collection \$729.



Join us for Coffee after Mass

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 21/22 October	NEXT WEEKEND 28/29 October
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister Multimedia	J. Gray A. Rizzo S. Moorhen A. Rizzo G. Shamieh	J. Gray L. Dal Pozzo P. Shannon T. Bui F. Callinan
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	E. McCrohan D. Todaro D. Todaro	D. Dixon C. Dixon T. Nibali
10.00am Mary Immaculate Hospitality Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister Multimedia	Team 5 E. Mount A. Pegoraro T. Tee P. Boutsakis K. Bator T. Barker J. Chiera	Team 1 P. Verrocchi A. Rizzo A. Barro A. McKern E. Mount A. Bhaskara R. De Silva

LITURGY ROSTER

A new Ministry Roster has been issued. Volunteers should have received the new roster by email. Hard copies are available at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY ROSTER

To assist in preparing the Christmas roster there is a sign up sheet in the church foyer - please sign up for the Christmas Masses you are able to assist at.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Dal Bellio, Fr Reece Beltrame, Stefanie Cremasco, Svetka & Michael Vukic, Debbie Hainsworth, Asja Jaksic, Anthony Clifford, David Butler, Bernie Jowett, Betty Dolzan, Lyn Blackbourn, Pat Lane, Julia

RECENT DEATHS: Enza Cacciola

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Concetta Valente, Rita Ioannou, Ugo Dolzan, Vernon Edebohls, Nora Healy, Mary Sheedy, Theresa Nathen, Lucena Ejcs, Bruno Bortolin

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

Names on sick list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena) unless otherwise advised. For privacy reasons people must give their permission before their names can be included.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH Collection Envelopes: \$705
 Loose: \$407
 Direct Debit & Credit Cards: \$1,306
Total (Parish Account) \$2,418

PRESBYTERY Collection Envelopes: \$615
 Loose: \$407
 Direct Debit & Credit Cards: \$369
Total (Presbytery Account) \$1,391

THREE WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- Use our Weekly Offering Envelopes (contact the Parish Office)
- Online via your Credit Card: go to our website www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe click on **Donate**
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disproportionate balance of power and permanent humiliation are the bedrock of a violence that is not blind. But we struggle to see this.

Before this latest bolt out of the blue, who cared about the abandoned peace process that had definitively ruined the hope of a viable Palestinian state? And today, are we outraged by the words of the Israeli minister of defense, when he says *"we are faced with animals and we must treat them like animals"* to justify depriving an entire population of water, food, gas and electricity, thus presenting a war crime in the eyes of the world?

Are we outraged to see men, women and children drowned under a deluge of bombs, taken hostage both by Hamas and by Israeli vengeance with unlimited military means? These men, women and children are not Hamas. For the most part, they too are victims.

A conflict that touches us all from within

I live in a Muslim world, where indignation to the point of unspeakability and sometimes to the point of excess has been focused entirely on the plight of the Palestinians for decades. The rift with the Western world on this and other issues is staggering, and it continues to grow.

There are many other conflict situations that are more or less ignored, but this one is a hotbed of infection for the whole world. It touches us all from within, because it touches Jerusalem, city of peace always at war, city of the Divine Presence, city of the three inextricably intertwined monotheistic religions.

In this conflict, geopolitics and religions, sacred history and the imperatives of justice are intertwined, and it is as concrete as the despoiling and destruction of olive groves to build a wall that is supposed to enclose some and protect others. Not forgetting, of course, the weight of the tragic memory of the Shoah.

How can I keep myself between the equal dangers of falling into indifference or prejudice, for which I'm sure I'll be criticized? Certainly by being aware of our powerlessness to influence a conflict that is holding the world hostage, and at the same time being aware of our ability to take concrete action to prevent this evil from spreading. There are two ways: prayer and relationships. Words are the bulwark against violence.

Finally, I am convinced that lasting peace cannot be won by chaos. It can only be built on justice. *"Love and truth meet, justice and peace embrace"*, says the psalmist (Psalm 84). And again, *"Peace on Jerusalem, peace to those who love you"* (Psalm 121).

PARISH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

**APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, LAUDATE DEUM
OF THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS**

TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Pope Francis released this new document two weeks ago. It is an unprecedented call to all of us to take urgent action for our planet. He says: "Eight years have passed since I published *Laudato Si'* when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realised that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point."

He says "in recent years some have chosen to deride the facts." but "despite all (these) attempts to deny, conceal (or) gloss over the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident. I feel obliged to make clarifications because of certain dismissive and scarcely reasonable opinions that I encounter even within the Catholic Church. Some effects of the climate crisis are already irreversible."

This is a critical moment in all of our lives, a critical moment in human history. Have you read the booklet, *Our Common Home*, distributed after Masses a few weeks ago. Are you progressing with the action suggestions? Some of the first suggestions are: buy renewable energy, divest from fossil fuels, advocate for climate justice - raise our voices to ensure decision makers hear our concerns. We must urgently act to protect God's creation and the world we leave for our children and future generations.

CONTEMPLATIVE READING GROUP

St Teresa of Calcutta says *"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer."* Join us on Wednesday 1st of November to explore the theme of listening within the contemplative tradition. 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Enter via Parish Office in Upper Heidelberg Rd. All welcome.



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

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TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

1ST READING Isaiah 45:1,4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R/**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R/**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R/**

Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R/**

2ND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, sisters and brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to

Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

REFLECTION

- WHAT BELONGS TO GOD?

Religion and politics – always a volatile brew! Today's Gospel shows that this is not a modern dilemma but one faced by Jesus and his first disciples. While we try to live out the values of God's kingdom, we are not divorced from the realities of this world, in fact it is this world that we are missioned to, and living in this world demands that we are political – that is, we are part of the society we live in. Vatican II expressed it like this, *'The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age ... are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.'*

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: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40