

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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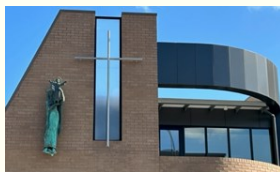
OUR PARISH

As a Parish Community we value Inclusion, Hospitality, Service and Mission.



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.

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 Chapel (after 9.15am Mass)

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

1st Friday each month

Following 9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve:



5.00pm Mass
at St. Bernadette's

6.30pm Christmas Carols
at Mary Immaculate

7.00pm Sung Mass
at Mary Immaculate

11.00pm Midnight Mass
at Mary Immaculate

Christmas Day: 10.00am Mass
at Mary Immaculate

Special Collection:

After all Christmas Masses there will be a special collection to support the work of Bethlehem University and the Catholic Parish of the Holy Family in Gaza.



The Crib at Mary Immaculate: Jesus is born again amidst the destruction and violence of war, injustice, terrorism and oppression

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 14 December (*St John of the Cross*)

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

Sunday 15 December (*Third Sunday of Advent*)

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

Monday 16 December (*Advent FERIA*)

7.30pm Choir Rehearsals (Church)

Tuesday 17 December (*Advent FERIA*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)

Wednesday 18 December (*Advent FERIA*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
7.30pm Choir Rehearsals (Church)

Thursday 19 December (*Advent FERIA*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
9.45am Gospel Discussion Group (Meeting Room 1)
1.00pm Mass at Bluecross
2.00pm Earthcare Group Meeting (Mtg Rm 1)

Friday 20 December (*Advent FERIA*)

9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's
1.00pm Closure of Office and Chapel

Saturday 21 December (*Advent FERIA*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
9.45am Reconciliation (Lady Chapel)
10.30am Baptism Preparation Session
5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate

Sunday 22 December (*Fourth Sunday of Advent*)

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

LOOKING FORWARD

Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve:

5.00pm Mass at St. Bernadette's
6.30pm Carols at Mary Immaculate Church
7.00pm Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
11.00pm Midnight Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day:

10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 14 / 15 December	NEXT WEEKEND 21 / 22 December
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Special Minister 2 Special Minister 3 Multimedia	E. Ballao M. Gratton A. Rahme S. Moorhen M. Gratton T. Gleeson E. Ballao A. Rizzo F. Callinan	E. Ballao S. Moorhen T. Bui L. Kempen Sienna / Iona A. Rizzo T. Bui J. Gray P. Mahon
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	D. Landsberg M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg	C. Dixon C. Dixon 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	Team 5 E. Ballao M. Lindner L. Dal Pozzo N. Merlin D. Todaro B. Connors G Crawford T. Barker J. Chiera J. Blundy R. Sylvester	Team 1 E. Mount I. Richards B. Connor T. Barker K. Ziino P. Boutsakis T. De Luise B. Connor G. Shamieh <i>No Children's Liturgy</i>

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Fr. Reece Beltrame, Brad Antrim, Emily & Aladin Bautista, Sara Collodetti, David Brett, Anne-Maree Hone, Jaena Catingub, Keiran Flanagan, Andrea Burns, Elise Giffin, Dean Facchinei, Marnie Power, John Purcell, Tony Nibali, George Stefanidis, Robert Erbacher, Lisa De Silva, Julia

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Valentin Vukic, Svetka Vukic, Felix Hernandez, Adelina Carfi, Phyllis Montagna, Ralph De Lucia, Concettina Sciarretta, Kerry Carroll

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.

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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,473

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,456

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

i. WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

(contact Parish Office)

ii. EFTPOS FACILITY

Just Tap and Go!

Terminal located at the entrance
to the Church in the Narthex



iii. USE THIS QR CODE

with your Credit/Debit Card

iv. WEBSITE: DONATE

with your Credit/Debit Card



100th BIRTHDAY

May God Bless Bernadette Milesi
on her 100th Birthday.



PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP

It was St. John Paul II who, in 2001, first mentioned ecological conversion in the Catholic Church. Since Laudato Si, in 2015, Pope Francis calls each of us to this ecological conversion, a profound interior conversion of our hearts and minds, learning a much deeper love for our earth. At this time of year, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, his coming from our Creator God to earth. It's a good time to gift yourself with learning a deeper love for our earth and to move along your process of ecological conversion.

There are four basic steps of ecological conversion.

1. Recognizing that we have harmed creation, eg, learning about the scientific findings on climate change and the ecological crisis.
2. Repenting the harm we've done and turning to the Creator, eg, praying, receiving penance, making restitution.
3. Committing to change and becoming good stewards of Creation, eg, living Laudato Si in your everyday life, changing your lifestyle, cultivating Laudato Si virtues and attitudes.
4. Working for community conversion, eg, working to transform your community (not just yourself) to live Laudato Si.

You may be inspired by reading a little more about ecological conversion - google 'Laudato Si Movement, ecological conversion'. But another option is to watch the five minute video 'What is an ecological conversion' at <https://eco-catholic.com/ecological-conversion/>

It's a very good time to take these messages to heart - avoid excessive consumerism over Christmas.



NEW ENVELOPES FOR 2025

For those using Thanksgiving envelopes for your weekly offerings to the Parish and Presbytery, please collect your new 2025 sets from the Mary Immaculate church foyer. If you attend St Bernadette Church please advise Parish via email and they will ensure envelopes will be there for you to collect next week.

Many thanks to everyone who has continued to support the parish via envelopes, direct debit or credit card during 2024.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Our Parish Vinnies Conference has assisted over 100 families and individuals throughout this year. For many of these families Christmas will be a struggle. Our Conference would like to brighten their Christmas with a hamper and toys for their children. We are asking if you could please help us make this possible by donating food, gift vouchers, or a cash donation. There is a box in the Entry Foyer. Thanking you for your support.

Dear Parishioners,

As has been a tradition for many years, there will be a Choir at the Christmas Eve 2024 Mass 7.00pm which is preceded by Carols Service at 6.30pm.

The choir rehearsals will be held at Mary Immaculate Church at 7.30pm:

Monday 16th December

Wednesday 18th December

If you have any enquiries please contact Isma Chiera
Tel: 0497 970 754 or E: Ivanhoe@cam.org.au

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!
You will be made most welcome!



Christmas Day Lunch

Bellfield Community Hub

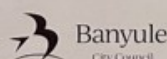
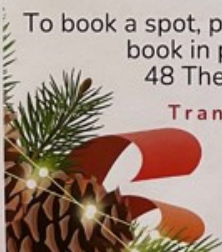
*If you are alone on Christmas Day, come and join us for a **free**, festive lunch and some cheerful company!*

DECEMBER 25, 2024 12.00-3.00pm

Bookings Essential

To book a spot, please contact Shop 48 on 8582 9501 or book in person at The Harmony Centre
48 The Mall, Heidelberg West 3081

Transport options available.



TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1ST READING Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and
Holy One of Israel.**

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R/**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R/**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

R/

2ND READING Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very

near. 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Gospel Reflection

The second and third weeks of Advent this year focus particularly on the role of John the Baptist as the one who prepared the way for Jesus and announced his coming. It continues the theme of preparation that was begun last week, but still, rather than preparing for the birth of Jesus, we are exploring the wider theme of preparation. The gospel writer includes a quote from Isaiah in which the prophet says, 'Prepare a way for the Lord.' The application of this passage to John the Baptist is a logical one. This gospel emphasises that John was preaching 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. Throughout the gospel of Luke, the recognition of sinfulness and the desire to repent and seek forgiveness is the prelude to receiving God's favour.

This gospel makes it clear that one way in which we can prepare a way for the Lord is to recognise our faults and failings and to seek forgiveness. It is only through such repentance that we can make ourselves receptive to the love of God. The only preparation of the way that is necessary for the Lord is a personal preparation to be receptive. We are absolutely assured of God's love. The problem is that we often feel that we are undeserving of that love or are unable to receive it. When we are called to 'Prepare a way for the Lord' it is a call to prepare a way in our own hearts – to break down the barriers that we have put up; to clear the obstacles that we have placed in the path. God's love will find a way! We simply make the way easier for ourselves to recognise God's love if we 'Prepare a way'.
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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: 4th Sunday of Advent - Year C

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45