

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH



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

St Bernadette's Church
89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

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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.



ANNUAL LENTEN MCKINNEY LECTURE

*"What is happening
to asylum seekers in
Australia these days?"*

Guest Speaker: Sr. Brigid Arthur CSB, AO

Tuesday 27 February 7.30pm

St. George's Anglican Church

Warncliffe Rd Ivanhoe



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world.

They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet Memory from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.



Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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

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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

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 17 February (Lenten Feria)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.45am Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
 4.45pm 1st Reconciliation Catechist Class in the Gathering Space
 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate followed by the interment of the ashes of Joan Pidutti in the Memorial Garden

Sunday 18 February (First Sunday of Lent)

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

Monday 19 February (Lenten Feria)

Tuesday 20 February (Lenten Feria)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 11.00am Funeral Prayers for Suzanne Wall at MI
 4.15pm Meditation Group (Meeting Room 1)

Wednesday 21 February (Lenten Feria)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group (Meeting Room 1)
 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee (Meeting Room 3)

Thursday 22 February (The Chair of St Peter)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.45am Lenten Discussion Group (Meeting Room 1)

Friday 23 February (Lenten Feria)

- 9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's followed by Stations of the Cross
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St George's Anglican Church East Ivanhoe

Saturday 24 February (Lenten Feria)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.45am Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
 10.30am Baptism Preparation Session
 4.45pm 1st Reconciliation Catechist Class in the Gathering Space
 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate

Sunday 25 February (Second Sunday of Lent)

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



Join us for Tea & Coffee
after the 10am Sunday

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 17/18 February	NEXT WEEKEND 24/25 February
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister Multimedia	J. Gray D. Dixon J. Gray T. Gleeson S. Moorhen	J. Gray M. Gratton S. Moorhen J. Gray G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	D. Landsberg D. Landsberg T. Nibali	D. Dixon C. Dixon D. Landsberg
10.00am Mary Immaculate Hospitality Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister Multimedia	Team 2 A. Bhaskara M. Lindner T. Tee K. Bator P. Boutsakis B. Janus E. Ballao	Team 3 R. Erbacher E. Ballao A. Barro L. Dal Pozzo A. McKern T. Barker K. Bator

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, Brad Antrim, Betty Dolzan, Fr. Paul Gurry, Sara Collodetti, Riva Street, Julia

RECENT DEATHS: Suzanne Wall, Frank Cloney

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Pidutti, Anne & Thomas Talbot, Remo Bui, Stan Hilder, Violet Frilay, Nellie Stankiewicz

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Annual world-wide service of prayer. This year the liturgy has been written by women representing the Christian Churches of Palestine.

Friday 1 March 11.00am
 Mary Immaculate Church



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH Collection
 Envelopes: \$884
 Loose: \$413
 Direct Debit & Credit Cards: \$1,306
Total (Parish Account) \$2,603

PRESBYTERY Collection
 Envelopes: \$648
 Loose: \$413
 Direct Debit & Credit Cards: \$439
Total (Presbytery Account) \$1,500

Please ensure you use 2024 Envelopes and there still a few sets of new envelopes to be collected at the back of MI Church.

THREE WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- Use our Weekly Offering Envelopes (contact Parish Office)
- Online via your Credit Card: go to our website www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe click on **Donate**
- Direct Debit: Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe
 Parish Offering: BSB. 083 347 Ac. 59005 4163 Presbytery Offering: BSB. 083 347 Ac. 46806 0279



PARISH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

- Reflecting on Humility

With a new year commenced and holidays behind us, its often a useful time to review and reflect on the past and what lies ahead. More particularly with Lent upon us we might be interested in giving thought to our spiritual values and actions.

"We need to work together to encourage a widespread culture and shift towards better social practices and sustainable living.

In the words of Leonardo da Vinci, "Simplicity is the highest sophistication". Let us focus on a simple solution, humility. Humility is a virtue that can positively transform lives, and in turn the world. It takes courage to be humble. Humility does not mean meekness, weakness or submissiveness, rather it is an attitude of mindfulness that stems from being aware of our place in the world and our duty to be in harmony with it. It improves one's wellbeing and consequently, the social climate, which directly affects the environment and world.

Humility can help us understand the actions needed to build a more viable society and how we respond to crises such as climate change.

For instance, making intentionally humble choices can motivate us to lower the carbon emissions, reduce wastage and adopt sustainable habits. It also enhances our ability to cope with the effects of global challenges, to better manage stress, adapt to changes out of our control, and stay resilient, which in turn minimises the tendency to react impulsively and negatively to ourselves and our surroundings."

*Author: Thalia Kurniawan
Australian Catholics (magazine)*

From This week's Lenten Discussion Group

Harmony is a discipline.

It has to be won, held, remade, revalued.

At its best, it is built around the joyful play of
difference,

A mutual love and respect,
and a treasuring of other voices and ways.

It builds for a trust and consensus.

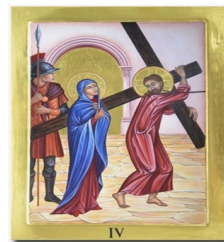
Gerard Moore

Jesus story reminds us that
God is with us in all the hard places
and questioning of our lives.

We can remember and treasure
the times and places

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- EACH FRIDAY IN LENT



9.45am St. Bernadette's
after 9.15am Mass

7.00pm Alternates between
Mary Immaculate &
St. George's Anglican Church

Mary Immaculate Church - March 1, 15

St. George's Anglican Church - Feb 23, March 8, 22

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

Share together and discuss the Sunday Lenten Readings. There will be morning and evening groups. Both groups will meet in the Meeting Room.

Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Thursdays after the 9.15am Mass



PARISH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has made its determination regarding the air conditioning plant for the redevelopment. The determination is in our favour and supports the location of the mechanical plant on the garage roof. Alterations to the design of the plant, which we proposed to ameliorate objections, were accepted by the VCAT determination and those proposed changes now form part of the planning permit. These include changes to the location of some smaller items of plant, provision of additional acoustic attenuation to that originally designed and the softening of the visual amenity with vertical planting.

We are now working with the architects and consultants to finalise the design and construction to comply with the VCAT determination. Thanks to all who have spoken to us and supported Fr Bill and myself on this issue. Obviously, we are still unable to use the air conditioning system in the Church and Gathering Space until the works are complete.

Separately there is a problem with the flooring in the toilets in the Gathering Space which the builder is addressing. Should it be necessary to restrict access, the toilets in the Sacristy Foyer are available. I will keep you advised as the works progress on both items.

Pat Kelly
Project Manager

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TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

1ST READING Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ Your ways, O Lord,
are love and truth to those
who keep your covenant.**

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. 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 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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king of endless glory!**

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.**

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.*



REFLECTION

- Among the Wild Beasts

The story of the temptation is a wonderful portrait of physical and spiritual realities in juxtaposition. On one side is the desert: dry, hot, harsh, and tangible. On the other side is the Spirit, driving Jesus inward to encounter Satan for a contest over authority. In the end, we find Jesus in the company of wild beasts and angels, in perfect harmony, as if heaven and earth were finally made whole. The lion lies down with the lamb, and an angel protects them both.

Jesus struggles over temptations that appeal as much to the body as to the spirit. Both his physical and spiritual natures must be surrendered to God's will, and it is that surrender which marks the beginning and end of his work on earth. "Into your hands I commit my spirit," Jesus whispers from the cross. His body is already committed.

The image of Jesus with beasts and angels reminds us of humanity's ideal: to be at peace with this world and the next. So long as we neglect our responsibilities to one or the other, we won't know lasting peace.

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Next Week: Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10