

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH



St Bernadette's Church
89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

Inclusiveness

Mother of God Church
56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East

Hospitality

Mary Immaculate Church
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

Service

Mission



Please note that during the redevelopment of our new Parish Centre on the Mary Immaculate site Mary Immaculate Church is temporarily closed and our Parish Office is operating out of Mother of God Church

PARISH PRIEST
Fr. Bill Edebohls

161 Banksia St, Ivanhoe
(PO Box 319, Ivanhoe 3079)

0427 879 733

Bill.Edebohls@cam.org.au

PARISH OFFICE & ADMINISTRATOR
Rosa Botoulas

Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9am to 2pm
56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East
(PO Box 319, Ivanhoe 3079)

03 9926 2310

ivanhoe@cam.org.au

www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe

KOREAN CHAPLAIN
Fr. Joseph Youn

St. Bernadette's Church
89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

03 9440 9515

kccmel@gmail.com

kccmelbourne.org.au

BOOKINGS: Parish Office: 9926 2310 for use of facilities, sacramental enrolments or appointments for Marriage etc.
WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH committed to the safety, wellbeing & dignity of all children. If you wish to report any issues contact our Child Safety Officers: Lucy Dal Pozzo or Marcus Napolitano via the Parish Office.

SOME PRE-CHRISTMAS PARISH ACTIVITY



Morning tea after our Anointing of the sick & aged Mass



Christmas Mass at BlueCross Aged Care

Our Vinnies packing Christmas Hampers



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm St. Bernadette's
Sunday 9.00am Mother of God
10.30am Mother of God

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 9.15am Mother of God
Wednesday 9.15am St. Bernadette's
Thursday 9.15am Mother of God
Friday 9.15am St. Bernadette's
Saturday 9.15am Mother of God

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday

- ◆ 9.45am at Mother of God (after 9.15am Mass)
- ◆ 5.30pm at St. Bernadette's

IVANHOE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Bernadette's Primary School

Principal: Kathryn Lowe

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 December (Advent FERIA)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God
9.45am Reconciliation at Mother of God
5.30pm Reconciliation at St. Bernadette's
6.00pm Mass at St Bernadette's

Sunday 18 December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9.00am Mass at Mother of God
10.30am Mass at Mother of God

Monday 19 December (Advent FERIA)

Tuesday 20 December (Advent FERIA)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God
7.30pm Choir rehearsal for Christmas at MOG

Wednesday 21 December (Advent FERIA)

9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's

Thursday 22 December (Advent FERIA)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God
1.45pm Carol Service at Blue Cross

Friday 23 December (Advent FERIA)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's

Saturday 24 December (Advent FERIA)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God
9.45am Reconciliation at Mother of God

CHRISTMAS MASSES



SPECIAL COLLECTION After all Christmas Masses there will be a special collection to support the work of Bethlehem University.

PLEASE NOTE Everyone is strongly encouraged to wear a face mask in church at all Christmas Masses.

Saturday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

5.00pm Mass at St. Bernadette's
6.30pm Christmas Carols at Mother of God
7.00pm Mass at Mother of God
8.00pm Korean Mass at St Bernadette's
11.30pm Midnight Mass at Mother of God

Sunday 25 December (Christmas Day)

9.00am Mass at Mother of God
10.30am Mass at Mother of God
11.00am Korean Mass at St Bernadette's

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 17 / 18 December	NEXT WEEKEND 24 December
6pm St Bernadette's Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Special Minister Multimedia	J. Gray M. Gratton D. Landsberg S. Moorhen J. Gray G. Shamieh	5pm St Bernadette's D. Landsberg J. Zhou M. Napolitano T. Bui, T Nibali T. Gleeson F. Callinan
9.00am Mother of God Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Special Minister Multimedia	M. Gilbo R. Villani E. Ballao E. Ballao P. Boutsakis N. Merlin	7pm Mother of God S. Kelly A. Rizzo L. Dal Pozzo A. Moloney, A. Rizzo J. Chiera
10.30am Mother of God Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Special Minister Multimedia	R. Erbacher R. Beltrame B. Connor L. Dal Pozzo F. Tosolini J. Chiera	11.30pm Mother of God C. Dixon J. Gray C. Dixon J. Gray S. Moorhen
MASS ROSTER	25 December at Mother of God	
	9am	10.30am
Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Special Minister Multimedia	R. Erbacher P. Nguyen M. Gilbo R. Villani H. Nguyen	B. Janus T. Tee S. Janus B. Janus J. Chiera

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Dal Bellio, Svetka & Michael Vukic, Jill Russell, Bozena Michalowska-Gozdz, Patricia Robb, Robyn Anderson, Freda Higgins, Fr Reece Beltrame, Frank Ryan, John Curry

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Phyllis Montagna, Mazza Nicholas, Thomas Inverarity, Nino Bufalo

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.

DON'T BE ON YOUR OWN THIS CHRISTMAS

Join us at the Exodus Community from 12 noon for a free Christmas Day Lunch 273 Liberty Pde. Heidelberg West
Please book: 9457 7593 or harry.prout@marists.org.au

Transport available on request
Supported by Olympic Village Exodus Community,
Banyule City Council and BANSIC
Volunteers to help would be appreciated - contact the number or email as above



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH Collection Envelopes: \$535
Loose: \$217
EFT: \$1,306
Total (Parish Account) \$2,058

PRESBYTERY Collection Envelopes: \$485
Loose: \$218
EFT: \$369
Total (Presbytery Account) \$1,072

A SIMPLER WAY TO ORDER PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF THE CONGREGATION AT THE MOTHER OF GOD FAREWELL THANKSGIVING MASS

If ordering your commemorative photo online is a bit daunting here is another way to order your photo taken of the whole congregation present at the Farewell Thanksgiving Mass at Mother of God.

Place your order through the Parish Office, save on postage, and share in the bulk order discount.

Photo size 8 x 12 inch

Cost \$33

Place your order at the parish office leaving your name, contact number and \$33 cash. If the office is closed place your order in the locked letterbox by the church front door. Your photos can then be collected from the parish office mid January.

Alternatively you can still order online:

[https://kanejarrod.instagram.com/gallery/
#events/1934414](https://kanejarrod.instagram.com/gallery/#events/1934414)

Password: MOG2022

Use your own email address when logging in

This link to the photo gallery can also be accessed from the parish website.

VIDEO REFLECTIONS

If you wish to view the video reflections shown at the end of the Thanksgiving Mass and at the Afternoon Tea please email the Parish Office and we will provide a YouTube link.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All singers are invited to join the Parish Choir and sing at the 6.30pm Carols and 7.00pm Mass at Mother of God on Christmas Eve. There will be a choir rehearsal on Tuesday 20th 7.30pm at MOG.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Our local Vinnies Conference sincerely thanks the Parishioners and the Schools for the magnificent response to this years Christmas Appeal in respect of the donations of food, gifts, money and volunteers for the delivery of the hampers. You made the Christmas of many families a happy one.

NEWS FOR PARISH NEWSLETTER

All items for the parish newsletter and names for the Prayers of the Community must be submitted to the parish office by 10am on a Thursday to ensure publication.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE OF PARISH OFFICE

**The Parish Office will
close**

**at 2.00pm on Friday 23rd December
and reopen on Tuesday 10th January**



SPECIAL COLLECTION - CHRISTMAS MASSES

After each of our Christmas Masses you will have the opportunity to contribute to the work and ministry of Bethlehem University. The University, run by the De La Salle Brothers, not only educates young Christian and Muslim Palestinians but is a real source of hope, peace and justice in Palestine - the Land of Our Lord's birth. Please give generously and support the University's wonderful work.

PARISH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

It is the final Sunday of Advent, that season of hope leading up to Christmas, the birth of the Christ child who brings the promise of salvation. As Christians, we must be hopeful, but we surely must also be responsible stewards of our earth, working with the Creator to preserve the world we have been gifted.

COP15, which focuses on biodiversity is currently in session until December 18, reminding us that extinctions are one of the biggest threats facing humanity. Australia is "the extinction capital of the world" according to Environment Minister, Tanya Plibersek (The Age Dec. 10).

Our iconic animals are threatened species – even koalas after the bushfires in NSW, but also the platypus and pygmy possum, to mention but a few beloved creatures. Warming waters, fires and floods, mining and deforestation, are changing the face of our world so all species, including human beings are under threat. I'm sure you have made many changes in your life for the sake of the environment. Now, however, conversion to a Christian way of life seems to demand a constant turning to a more sustainable lifestyle. That way lies salvation – for the world, ourselves and future generations.

May you have a joyful, hope-filled Christmas and may 2023 see us all work on this continuing conversion that creation is demanding of us.



This newsletter is kindly sponsored by

**LONERGAN - RAVEN
FUNERAL SERVICE**

Caring professional Funeral services at reasonable rates. Secure Pre-paid Funeral Plan available. **Phone: 9489 8711**

Hard to hear or
understand the reader?
Allow Us to Help!

Hear With Me
AUDIOLOGY CARE
For You & Your Loved Ones
Adults Hearing | Kids Hearing
Ear Wax Removal | Hearing Rehab

Bookings
hearwithme.com.au
03 9002 4237
Suite 6.3, 10 Martin St,
Heidelberg

SANDMAN
electrics

Electrician Based in Ivanhoe
Call Simon Dixon
on **9458 5882**

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying human patience without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R/**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The one with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R/**

They shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves them. Such are those who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R/**

2ND READING Romans 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. **Alleluia**



THE GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally.

He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared

to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus 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.*



Our readings are from the Jerusalem Bible © 1966 Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd. & Doubleday & Com. Inc. Used by permission.

Next Week: The Nativity of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14