

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH



St Bernadette's Church
89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church
56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East

Mary Immaculate Church
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe



Inclusiveness

Hospitality

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

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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.

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

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Inverarity, Sheila Mullane, Vincent Ryan, Graeme Hogan John Francis Pruscino, Kerry Carroll

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

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

Welcome
to our Celebration
of the Nativity of Christ

May this Christmas
be a time of joy, peace
and blessing for you and for those
whose lives you will touch during
these sacred days.



PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 10th January

Monday 26 December (St Stephen, Martyr)

Tuesday 27 December (St John, Apostle)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God

Wednesday 28 December (The Holy Innocents)

9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's

Thursday 29 December (5th Day of Christmas)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God

Friday 30 December (The Holy Family)

9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's

Saturday 31 December (7th Day of Christmas)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God

9.45am Reconciliation at Mother of God

11.00am Baptism at St. Bernadette's

5.30pm Reconciliation at St. Bernadette's

6.00pm Mass at St. Bernadette's

Sunday 1 January (Solemnity of Mary Mother of God)

9.00am Mass at Mother of God

10.30am Mass at Mother of God

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

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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 Redevelopment Project – Christmas 2022 Update

There has been good progress with the construction of our redevelopment at the Mary Immaculate site but our objective of being able to use the site for Christmas this year has not been realised. The effects of Covid are still with us.

Work is proceeding but has been hampered by the availability of sub-contractors, a shortage of glass, the fire control system and the weather. The presbytery is nearly complete with bathroom fittings, flooring and joinery installed and the area painted. Internal ceilings and walls for the chapel, gathering space and the new sacristies are complete. The levelling of the carpark and access to the garage is near complete. Preparation of the ground and kerbing for the driveway concreting has commenced.

The heating and cooling system for the church is well advanced. Painting and carpet laying are yet to be completed.

The final form of our redevelopment in Upper Heidelberg Road is now clear. The view includes the office entry, windows of the Lady Chapel and the wall to the memorial garden with the new sacristies adjacent to the gum trees on the corner of Waverley Avenue. The Madonna and Child statue that was previously high on the church wall now stands predominantly above the entrance to the office.

Sub-contractor resources are constrained as the overall construction activity in Victoria has increased. The delay in obtaining glass has had a significant impact on the project. Sub-contractors scheduled for various works have not been able to access the site and have diverted to other projects. Having them return to the site is a significant challenge. All builders are in the same position as our builders, Raysett Construction.

The fire indicator panel is an issue due to component availability. The shortage of electronic components is an international issue. An alternative panel or different technology is being explored.

External works have been hindered by the wet weather. The installation of the new water main is complete. Some drainage work is to be completed. Dry weather is required for the completion of the earth works and the concreting and asphaltting.

Raysett Construction is doing all it can to complete the project and work will continue at the site throughout the Christmas - New Year period. The uncertainty of sub-contractor resources and the weather remain major challenges.

We are grateful for the openness, effort and support Raysett Construction, our architects FPPV and our Archdiocesan



Christmas Last Year



New Sacristies April 2022



Gathering Space August 2022



Gathering Space September 2022

representatives are providing to us as collectively we endeavour to bring the project to completion. Unfortunately, the completion date remains uncertain but there are some dates that are currently being locked in as we enter this final transition stage and prepare to move into our new Parish Centre.

- **January:** Raysett Constructions will remove many of the sacred objects from Mother of God Church so that they can be reinstated in our new Parish Centre.
- **13 February:** No further public worship or access to Mother of God Church.
- **14 February:** All Parish Masses and other services will be celebrated at St. Bernadette's Church for a short interim period until we can move into our new Parish Centre (Interim Mass times will be announced in the New Year).
- **18 February:** Parish working bee to prepare MOG Church for handover.
- **1 March:** MOG Church handed over to new owner.

Pat Kelly
Project Manager
December 2022

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.

HOW TO ORDER A PHOTO OF THE CONGREGATION AT THE MOG FAREWELL THANKSGIVING MASS

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.instaproofs.com/gallery/#events/1934414>

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

Password: MOG2022

Use your own email address when logging in

CHRISTMAS THANKS

Many thanks to all who have assisted in the preparation and celebration of our Christmas Liturgies: those who prepared our Christmas Cribs, the Parish Choir and Organist, Altar Servers, Liturgical Ministers, our Parish Secretary and our Home Communion Ministers who ensured that our sick and housebound received the Blessed Sacrament not just at Christmas but throughout the year.



Statue of Mary from MI Church November 2022



Upper Heidelberg Rd entry to Parish Office
November 2022



Entry to our new Gathering Space
December 2022



Christmas 2022

TODAY'S LITURGY

1ST READING Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shone. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R) Today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth. O
sing to the Lord, bless his name.

(R)

Proclaim his help day by day, tell
among the nations his glory and
his wonders among all the peoples. **(R)**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth
be glad, let the sea and all within
it thunder praise, let the land and
all it bears rejoice, all the trees of
the wood shout for joy at the
presence of the Lord for he
comes, he comes to rule the
earth. **(R)**

With justice he will rule the
world, he will judge the peoples
with his truth. **(R)**

2ND READING Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of Paul
to Titus

The grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation to all, training
us to renounce impiety and worldly
passions, and in the present age
to live lives that are self-
controlled, upright, and godly,
while we wait for the blessed
hope and the manifestation of the
glory of our great God and Sav-
iour, Jesus Christ. He it is who
gave himself for us that he might
redeem us from all iniquity and
purify for himself a people of his
own who are zealous for good
deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all
the world: today is born our Sav-
iour, Christ the Lord. **Alleluia!**



GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

A reading from the holy gospel
according to Luke

✠ **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out
from Emperor Augustus that all
the world should be registered.
This was the first registration and
was taken while Quirinius was
governor of Syria. All went to their
own towns to be registered. Jo-
seph also went from the town of
Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to

the city of David called Bethle-
hem, because he was descended
from the house and family of Da-
vid. He went to be registered with
Mary, to whom he was engaged
and who was expecting a child.
While they were there, the time
came for her to deliver her child.
And she gave birth to her firstborn
son and wrapped him in bands of
cloth, and laid him in a manger,
because there was no place for
them in the inn. In that region
there were shepherds living in the
fields, keeping watch over their
flock by night. Then an angel of
the Lord stood before them, and
the glory of the Lord shone
around them, and they were terri-
fied. But the angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid; for see - I am
bringing you good news of great
joy for all the people: to you is
born this day in the city of David a
Saviour, who is the Messiah, the
Lord. This will be a sign for you:
you will find a child wrapped in
bands of cloth and lying in a man-
ger." And suddenly there was with
the angel a multitude of the heav-
enly host, praising God and say-
ing, "Glory to God in the highest
heaven, and on earth peace
among those whom he favours!"

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 al-
tar, 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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