

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH



St Bernadette's Church
89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

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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

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BOOKINGS: Parish Office: 9926 2310 for use of facilities, sacramental enrolments or appointments for Marriage etc.
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**HONOURING & CLOSURE
OF MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH**

Sunday 4th December at 2.00pm
Mass of Thanksgiving

**OPENING & BLESSING
OF OUR NEW PARISH CENTRE**

Thursday 8th December at 7.00pm
Solemn Mass and Blessing
celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli

PARISH CENTRE COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Saturday 10th December 10.30am - 2.00pm
Public Tours, Displays, Sausage Sizzle
& Refreshments

**PARISH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
- THAT THEY MAY BE ONE**

The 2nd agenda item for our Parish Leadership Group, at its recent meeting to discuss issues relating to our new Parish Centre, was new **MASS TIMES** once we move to our new Parish Centre.

Today's 'multiplication of Masses' is a modern aberration that makes no liturgical or theological sense and little pastoral sense... the early Church would have found the idea of celebrating more than one Mass on a Sunday a totally foreign concept that undermined the very idea of the Eucharistic family gathering as one around the altar.

Rationalizing Mass times should not just be about being realistic about the future, fewer priests or smaller congregations. There is something far more important to consider here – the unity of the Parish Family – one family gathered at the one altar, at the one Eucharist, sharing the one celebration.

Many people have become used to Mass 'around the corner' and 'around the clock', probably because once upon a time we had a surplus of priests and priests were required to offer Mass each Sunday. But should our Mass times be aligned to our convenience or freeing up Sunday for other commitments? What does the notion of convenience say about our obligation to worship and keep holy the Sabbath? Masses of convenience or the 'multiplication of Masses' is the privilege of the few: those who live in first world countries and inner city metropolitan suburbs. It's not the experience of most Catholics.

A 'multiplication of Masses' is not how things should be anyway. In the early Church, there was just one Mass in each community. Local Christians gathered together as a family, united in Christ by the Holy Spirit. More Masses were celebrated only once the

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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

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Phone: 9499 3914

Mary Immaculate Primary School

Principal: Veronica Antrim

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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 13 August (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 14 August (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Monday 15 August (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)



7.00pm Mass at Mother of God followed by a glass of champagne

Tuesday 16 August (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God
4.15pm Meditation Group at Mother of God

Wednesday 17 August (Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's
11.00am Funeral Mass for Anna Bona at MOG

Thursday 18 August (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God
9.45am Gospel & Coffee Discussion Group at MOG
11.30am Funeral Mass for Joan Pinkney at MOG
1.45pm Mass at BlueCross

Friday 19 August (Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's

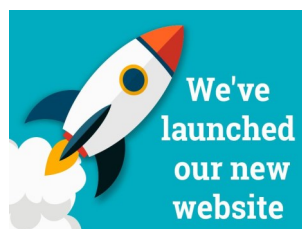
Saturday 20 August (St Bernard)

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 21 August (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9.00am Mass at Mother of God
10.30am Mass at Mother of God
12noon Baptism at Mother of God
2.30pm Anniversary Mass for Carmel Garonzi

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Please note our new Parish Website is now up and running - make sure you use our new website address and record it in your favourites - our new site is mobile phone friendly and easily accessed on all your devices.

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 13 / 14 August	NEXT WEEKEND 20 / 21 August
6pm St Bernadette's Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Special Minister Multimedia	J. Gray E. McCrohan S. Moorhen T. Gleeson L. Gleeson S. Moorhen	J. Gray K. Gillespie J. Gray J. Gray T. Gleeson M. Napolitano
9.00am Mother of God Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Special Minister Multimedia	A. Bhaskara E. Ballao A. Barro M. Gilbo A. Rizzo K. Bator	E. Ballao M. Chiu S. Kelly M. McIntosh M. Ryan E. Ballao
10.30am Mother of God Flowers Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Special Minister Multimedia	P. Caddy E. Mount B. Janus S. Janus Volunteer R. Beltrame J. Chiera	I. Chiera B. Janus A. Pegoraro T. Tee A. Tosolini G. Crawford R. De Silva

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Dal Bellio, Maria Kontos, Svetka & Michael Vukic, Jill Russell, Bozena Michalowska-Goetz, Patricia Robb, Tom Ryan, Sonja Sever, John O'Brien, Tony Bell, Elizabeth Craven, Robyn Anderson, Mary Gilbo

RECENT DEATHS: Anna Bona, Maureen McLeod, Joan Pinkney

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Concetta Scaturchio, Josephine Lee, Domenico Galano, Sebastiano Pepi, Heather Gauci, Jean Grainger, Kath Trotter, Dorothy Coldwell

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.

PARISH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

It's time to prepare for COP27!

COP27 is to take place in Egypt in November 2022. Australia has an opportunity to truly take on the responsibility of fulfilling the Paris agreement of 2015, a responsibility shirked at COP26. Pope Francis urges us on to "Listen to the voice of creation" which is the theme of this year's Season of Creation. He talks of a dissonance between the "sweet song" of praise for the Creator sung by the beauty of the earth and all its creatures, and the "anguished" song in which the earth cries out in lament, because species are driven to extinction; the poorest are most affected by the ravages of climate change; native people suffer from degradation of ancestral lands; our children are begging for their future to be safeguarded.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH Collection	Envelopes: \$932	PRESBYTERY Collection	Envelopes: \$727
	Loose: \$255		Loose: \$254
	EFT: \$1,306		EFT: \$369
Total (Parish Account)	\$2,493	Total (Presbytery Account)	\$1,350

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buildings were too small for the whole assembly, or when Christian communities were a very long way from the main church.

We need to explore afresh this ancient tradition, not simply to make it easier for fewer priests to serve smaller or scattered parishes, but also to build a greater sense of the one parish family, the one community of faith. The ideal remains a single celebration of Mass for each parish family. The reason for a reduction in the number of Masses cannot just be for practical reasons of fewer priests or smaller congregations, but because a 'multiplication of Masses' in a parish fragments the community rather than helps it become a community with purpose, a community with a mission, a community that is a single unit, a family. When judging how many Masses there should be in a parish, need rather than want should be the key.

Are we prepared to sacrifice convenience and personal preference for what is best for the whole parish and its communal life – to gather as one family, making that extra effort that all families should make to be together for meals and special occasions? Together as one people, one body, one spirit in Christ.

The near unanimous view of the gathered Leadership Group supported the following **NEW WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE:**

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5.30PM AT MARY IMMACULATE

SUNDAY 10.00AM MASS AT MARY IMMACULATE

A NEW **WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE** was not discussed at the meeting but the new schedule may look like this:

Tuesday 9.15am at new Parish Centre Chapel

Wednesday 12 Noon at new Parish Centre Chapel

Thursday 9.15am at new Parish Centre Chapel

Friday 9.15am at St. Bernadette's

Saturday 9.15am at new Parish Centre Chapel

Points from the discussion included:

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:

- St. Bernadette's Mass goers would appreciate the warmth in winter and the cool in summer of the newly restored Mary Immaculate Church and they should be able to share fully in its new facilities.
- The move to an earlier time (many supported 5.00pm others 5.30pm) would assist young families.
- St. Bernadette's School Reps strongly supported the move to Mary Immaculate for the Saturday night Mass and the earlier start so that the new facilities could be used for pre-Mass and after-Mass activities wrapped

around school Family Masses and a renewed Children's Sacramental and Catechetical Program.

- As a caring community, if this change is introduced, we must establish a proper "Transport to Mass" program which ensures that those who walk to Mass and are without transport are driven to Mass by fellow parishioners. This program must also operate in the Ivanhoe East area and throughout the Parish.

SUNDAY MASS:

- Uniting the two Sunday congregations at one Mass would help unite the parish.
- Coming together as one community would increase resources for our music and choir, and further enhance our liturgical celebration.
- One Mass would enrich our parish values of inclusion and hospitality and allow for coffee and socializing after every Sunday Mass in our new Gathering Space.
- A united, larger community sharing both the Mass and hospitality afterwards is an important part of our mission and would draw others into our parish family.

While many find change difficult, St. John Henry Newman reminds us *"that to grow is to change and to become perfect is to have changed often"*. Let us all pray that we will discern what God is calling us to do and be as the People of God in this Parish.....not for ourselves but for those we are called to serve in the wider community.

PARISH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- WHO SHOULD WE INVITE?

Do you know past parishioners who should be invited to any of the celebrations surrounding the closing of Mother of God Church and the Blessing of our new Parish Centre? Please send names, details and contact address (preferably email address) to the Parish Office.

PARISH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH ARTEFACTS

In recognition of the parishioners who developed and supported the former Mother of God Parish, the Stations of the Cross, altars, tabernacle, memorial plaques and other items are being incorporated into the new Parish Centre.

So that the builders may install the items, some will be removed from the church over the coming weeks, eg. the large Crucifix behind the altar, the Stations of the Cross and the memorial plaques. Other items will be relocated closer to completion of the project or after the final Mass.

Should you wish further information, please contact me through the parish office.

Pat Kelly
Project Manager

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TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R/**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **R/**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R/**

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! **R/**

2ND READING Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything

that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

This week's short and sharp gospel brings to mind two popular sayings (sometimes regarded as blessings, and sometimes regarded as curses). The first is fictitiously ascribed as an ancient Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times!' The inference of the blessing/curse is that 'interesting times' equate to disturbing, tumultuous times or times of rapid change. Some people thrive on such

change and upheaval, while others dread the thought of change.

The second blessing/curse is, 'May the peace of Christ disturb you!' It occasionally turns up around Christmas or Easter and is sometimes provocatively used by those who advocate for justice and peace. The saying cuts to the heart of what Jesus says in today's gospel: the message he brings is not a cosy, complacent peace, but rather a message that confronts and challenges, even turning loved ones against each other.

Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members. It's a challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting.

What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom 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.*



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Next Week: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30