

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.

OUR PARISH CENTRE CHAPEL

DEDICATED TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

DURING OFFICE HOURS TUE - FRI 9AM - 2PM

PLEASE ENTER THE CHAPEL VIA THE PARISH OFFICE
ON UPPER HEIDELBERG RD

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
Wednesday	9.15am	Mary Immaculate
Thursday	9.15am	Mary Immaculate
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)

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

1st Wednesday each month

(except school holidays)

12 Noon Mass at Mary Immaculate
followed by luncheon

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

1st Friday each month

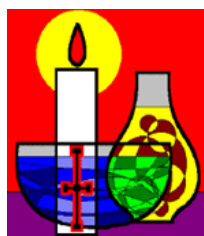
Following 9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's

ADVENT IN ART AND IMAGES

Make sure you stop and take a reflective look at the Advent artwork of our children on display. The students from Mary Immaculate School have a display in the church Narthex and the students from St. Bernadette's School have a display in the Gathering Space. The following text accompanies the MI display in the Narthex.

"Advent is a very special time when we await Jesus' coming with hope, peace, joy and love. Advent is a time to be together. In this Season of Advent, we use the Advent Wreath as a special sign that reminds us, by its evergreen circle, of God's endless love for us and God's life in us. The three purple candles remind us of our waiting, longing and preparation for Jesus coming at Christmas. The rose candle reminds us of the joy that will replace our longing, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas."

We have worked collaboratively in Visual Arts to create this Advent artwork, using many colours and patterns to symbolise the joy and happiness of the Season of Advent."



ADVENT MASS & ANOINTING of the Sick & Aged

Wednesday 6 December at 12noon
Mary Immaculate Church
followed by shared luncheon

Corner Waverley Ave & Upper Heidelberg Rd
Bring a plate of lunch to share

Invite those you know to be sick or housebound who might like to attend and offer them a ride to Mass and Lunch

An initiative of our Parish Outreach Group

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 2 December (Feria)

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

Sunday 3 December (First Sunday of Advent)

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

Monday 4 December (Advent Feria)

Tuesday 5 December (Advent Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 10.30am Funeral Mass for Brendan O'Kane at MI
 4.15am Meditation Group at Parish Centre
 7.30pm Advent McKinney Lecture at Mary Immaculate

Wednesday 6 December (Advent Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 12noon Mass, Anointing of Sick & shared lunch at MI
 7.00pm Contemplative Reading Group - Parish Centre

Thursday 7 December (St Ambrose)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel & Coffee Discussion in Parish Centre
 11.00am Banyule Churches Together in Parish Centre

Friday 8 December (Immaculate Conception)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's
 7.00pm Patronal Festival Mass & Parish BBQ

Saturday 9 December (Advent Feria)

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

Sunday 10 December (Second Sunday of Advent)

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

LOOKING AHEAD - CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: 5.00pm Mass (SB) 6.30pm Carols & 7pm Sung Mass (MI) 11.30pm Midnight Mass (MI)
 Christmas Day: 10am Mass at MI

THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our special collection after each Mass this weekend is the annual collection to support the Church's ministry to the deaf, especially the work of the John Pierce Centre.



Join us for Coffee after Mass

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 2 / 3 December	NEXT WEEKEND 9 / 10 December
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister Multimedia	J. Gray A. Rizzo M. Gratton A. Rizzo S. Moorhen	J. Gray L. Dal Pozzo S. Moorhen A. Coonan G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	K. Gillespie K. Gillespie T. Nibali	E. McCrohan D. Landsberg D. Landsberg
10.00am Mary Immaculate Hospitality Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister Multimedia	Team 2 P. Kelly A. McKern P. Nguyen P. Boutsakis L. Dal Pozzo B. Janus H. Nguyen	Team 1 E. Mount A. Pegoraro A. Rizzo A. McKern N. Merlin D. Jones J. Chiera

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, Sara Collodetti, Betty Dolzan, Merle Gilbo, Julia

RECENT DEATHS: Fr. Gerard Dowling, Brendan O'Kane

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Thi Kim Hoa Le, Jack Scott, Michael Doyle, Theodora Marta Van Lint, Roberta Aguda, John Hall, Lina Bozelle, Bonnie Ryan, Teresa Mercuri

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.



Come along and join our Christmas Choir singing for 6.30pm Carols & 7.00pm Sung Mass on Christmas Eve
 Choir Practices at Mary Immaculate Tuesdays 12 & 19 December at 7.30pm.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH Collection Envelopes: \$810
 Loose: \$336
 Direct Debit & Credit Cards: \$1,306
Total (Parish Account) \$2,452

PRESBYTERY Collection Envelopes: \$675
 Loose: \$337
 Direct Debit & Credit Cards: \$439
Total (Presbytery Account) \$1,451

The parish has changed its donation software system to a more secure and safe platform. As such, the description on your Bank Statements for Direct Debits and Credit Cards may be different. If you have any concerns please contact the parish.

THREE WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- Use our Weekly Offering Envelopes (contact the 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



Advent McKinney Lecture

Christian Hope in our Contemporary World



Guest Lecturer: Cathy Jenkins

Tuesday 5 December at 7.30pm

at Mary Mother of the Church Parish Centre

Bring a plate of supper to share

A public lecture sponsored by Banyule Churches Together

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 8th December



9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's
7.00pm

Patronal Festival Mass
at Mary Immaculate
followed by Parish BBQ
ALL WELCOME

Laudato Deum & COP28 Webinar by Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

What does Pope Francis say about COP28 in his new Apostolic Exhortation, Laudato Deum? Come to this multi faith workshop to find out.

Wednesday 6 December 7- 8 pm AEDT

To register and to receive the Zoom link and password, please go to <http://www.trybooking.com/CNQPL>

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This month's Men's Group will join with us for our Patronal Festival, sharing in our Parish BBQ rather than their usual monthly get together.

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.

CONTEMPLATIVE READING GROUP

Please join us for the contemplative reading group next Wednesday 6 December at 7pm in the Parish Centre meeting room. We will be exploring the theme of love and as St Teresa of Avila says *'The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love.'*

Enter via Parish Office in Upper Heidelberg Rd. All welcome.

PARISH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

Pope Francis at COP28 30 Nov – 12 Dec

In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis talks of the historic difficulties of countries around the globe in achieving and monitoring much needed goals for international climate and environmental action. He writes of the urgency "to achieve the beginning of a new process marked by three requirements: that it be drastic, intense and count on the commitment of all." He will convey this message in his address at COP28, the 28th UN conference on climate change which is now underway in Dubai. We pray for its marked success.

PRAYER FOR A JUST CLIMATE

God of Creation, you created night and day. You separated the sea from the sky. You gave life to all living creatures and saw that it was good. Help us to reconnect with the majesty of your creation.

God of Love, fill us with your love for all creation. Empty us of apathy, selfishness and fear. Inspire us to live simply and in harmony with creation. Help us to be good stewards, caring for all creation with self-sacrificing and nurturing love.

God of Compassion, breathe into us solidarity with all who suffer now and the future generations who will suffer because of our environmental irresponsibility. Help us to put people before profit and 'being' before 'having'.

God of Justice, empower us to work together as one global community. To find creative and just solutions to protect those most vulnerable in our world, and all of creation for future generations. Move us into action for climate justice and to restore your creation.

Amen.

Caritas Australia and ARRC (Aust. Religious Response to Climate Change)

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TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be
put to shame. Nor let my enemies
exult over me; and let none who
hope in you be put to shame.**

1ST READING *Isa 63:16-17,64:1,3-8*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from
your ways and harden our hearts
against fearing you? Return, for the
sake of your servants, the tribes of
your inheritance. Oh, that you would
tear the heavens open and come
down - at your Presence the
mountains would melt. No ear has
heard, no eye has seen any god but
you act like this for those who trust
him. You guide those who act with
integrity and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were
sinners; we had long been rebels
against you. We were all like one
who is unclean, all that integrity of
ours is like filthy clothing. We have
all withered like leaves and our sins
blew us away like the wind. No one
invoked your name or attempts to
catch hold of you. For you hid your
face from us and gave us up to the
power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you
are our Father; we the clay, you the
potter, we are all the work of your
hand.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face
and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine
forth from your cherubim throne. O
Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord,
come to our help. **R/**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see, Visit
this vine and protect it, the vine your
right hand has planted. **R/**

May your hand be on the one you
have chosen, the one you have given
your strength. And we shall never
forsake you again: give us life that
we may call upon your name. **R/**

2ND READING *1 Cor 1:3-9*

A reading from the first letter of St
Paul to the Corinthians

May God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ send you grace and
peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the
graces you have received through
Jesus Christ. I thank him that you
have been enriched in so many ways,
especially in your teachers and
preachers; the witness to Christ has
indeed been strong among you so
that you will not be without any of
the gifts of the Spirit while you are
waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be
revealed; and he will keep you steady
and without blame until the last day,
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,
because God by calling you has joined
you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God
is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL *Mark 13:33-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your
guard, stay awake, because you never
know when the time will come. It is
like a man travelling abroad: he has
gone from home, and left his servants
in charge, each with his own task; and
he has told the doorkeeper to stay
awake. So stay awake, because you
do not know when the master of the
house is coming, evening, midnight,
cockcrow, dawn; if he comes
unexpectedly, he must not find you
asleep. And what I say to you I say to
all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and
our earth shall yield its increase. .

REFLECTION

Advent is the time when the Church
longs for the coming of the Lord. In
this longing the Church looks in two
directions. Backward to the Lord's

first coming as a child born to Mary in
Bethlehem; forward to his second
coming at the end of time.

What makes the Church focus on the
second coming of the Lord is the keen
sense – arising out of the condition of
our world – that the longed-for
messianic salvation is far from
complete. In the saving events of
Christ's death and resurrection, we
have indeed been reconciled to God.
In this renewed relationship we
already enjoy the essentials of
salvation. But as far as the outward
conditions of present existence go we
still have much to long for. The world
in which we live is a world captive to
forces hostile to God and the
achievement of a decent human
existence for the majority of human
beings alive today.

So, despite our belief that the
Messiah has come and our awareness
of all the gifts we enjoy as a result,
we can identify with the people of
the Old Testament who longed for
the coming of a saviour. We long for
the (second) coming of the Saviour as
they longed for the first. In the words
of the prophets and the psalms, we
can find an expression of our own
longing that the work of salvation is
made complete.

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: Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8