

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH



MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

2-6 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH

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BOOKINGS Visit, phone or email the Parish Office for use of our parish facilities, sacramental enrolments or appointments for Marriage etc.

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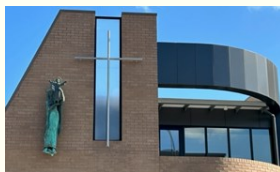
OUR PARISH

As a Parish Community we value Inclusion, Hospitality, Service and Mission.

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.



We are 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.



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 Chapel (except when there is a school Mass and on some feast days). 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



15 September 2024

Catholic Social Services
Victoria

Social Services Sunday

What does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your God

- Micah 6:8



Watch the video

Sunday 15 September 2024 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people. At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 14 September (*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (Lady Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.45am Reconciliation (Lady Chapel)
 10.30am Baptism Preparation Session
 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate

Sunday 15 September (*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate with Children's Liturgy
 5.30pm Servers' rehearsal for the Confirmation Mass
 6.00pm Mass and the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mary Immaculate Church

Monday 16 September (*Sts Cornelius & Cyprian*)

11.30am Funeral Mass for Fr. Des Magennis at St. Mary's Castlemaine

Tuesday 17 September (*Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 12.30pm Staff Meeting (Meeting Room 1)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (Meeting Room 1)

Wednesday 18 September (*Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)

Thursday 19 September (*Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group (Meeting Room 1)
 1.45pm Mass at BlueCross
 2.00pm Parish Earthcare Group (Meeting Room 1)

Friday 20 September

(*Sts Andrew Tae-Gön, Paul Ha-Sang & Companions*)

9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's

Saturday 21 September (*Saint Matthew*)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (Lady Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.45am Reconciliation (Lady Chapel)
 11.00am Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church
 5.30pm Mass at Mary Immaculate

Sunday 22 September (*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)

8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate (NO Children's Liturgy)

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday 6 October

10.00am Mass & Parish BBQ Luncheon to celebrate the 1st Anniversary of the Blessing of our new Parish Centre by the Archbishop



Join us for Tea & Coffee
after the 10am Sunday Mass
& the 9.15am Masses
on Tuesdays & Saturdays

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 14/15 SEPT	NEXT WEEKEND 21/22 SEPT
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister Multimedia	J. Gray M. Gratton L. McCrohan K. Gillespie C. Dixon A. Rizzo G. Shamieh	E. Ballao P. Murphy R. Murphy M. Gratton A. Coonan T. Gleeson G. Shamieh/P. Mahon
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	D. Landsberg P. Shannon T. Nibali	D. Dixon C. Dixon T. Nibali
10.00am Mary Immaculate Hospitality Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister Multimedia Children's Liturgy Leader Children's Liturgy Assistant	Team 2 P. Verrocchi A. Barro C. Beltrame N. Merlin N. Merlin D. Todaro P. Boutsakis S. Meehan N. Kajkic	Team 3 P. Kelly B. Connor S. McInerney L. Dal Pozzo A. McKern D. Jones N. Merlin <i>No Children's Liturgy Program</i>

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Fr Reece Beltrame, Brad Antrim, Cindy Tong, Karen Bell, Michael Zarew, Emily & Aladin Bautista, Sara Collodetti, John Ryan, David Brett, Anne-Maree Hone, Jaena Catingub, Nicola Ramsay, Fr. Len Thomas, Keiran Flanagan, Andrea Burns, Julia

RECENT DEATHS: Jim Lalor, John Stanton, Beverley McMahon

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Onorina Djakovic, Lawrence Thrum, Alfio Nibali, Segundo Aguda, Bernard Healy, Fred Solomon, Mary Thrum, Vincenzo Ginevra, Concetta Valente, Fr. Faye Assaf

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.

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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$1,238

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,167

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

i. WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES
 (contact Parish Office)

ii. EFTPOS FACILITY
 Just Tap and Go!
 Terminal located
 at the entrance
 to the Church
 in the Narthex



iii. USE THIS QR CODE
 with your Credit/Debit Card

iv. DIRECT DEBIT
 Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe
 Parish Offering: BSB. 083 347
 Account: 59005 4163
 Presbytery Offering: BSB. 083 347
 Account: 46806 0279



LETTING GOD BE GOD - FR. RICHARD ROHR

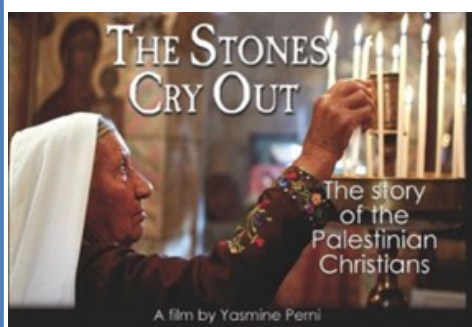
"It takes a long time for us to allow God to be who God really is. Our natural egocentricity wants to make God into who we want or need God to be. It is the role of the prophet to keep people free for God. But at the same time, it is the responsibility of the prophet to keep God free for people. This is also the role of good theology, and why we still need good theology even though it sometimes gets heady. If God is always mystery, then God is always on some level the unfamiliar, beyond what we are used to, beyond our comfort zone, beyond what we can explain or understand...."

"The First Commandment says that we are not supposed to make any images of God or to worship them. At first glance, we may think this deals only with handmade likenesses of God. But it mostly refers to images of God that we hold in our heads. God created human beings in God's own image, and we have returned the compliment, so to speak creating God in our image. In the end we produced what was typically a tribal God. In America, God looks like Uncle Sam or Santa Claus, or in any case a white Anglo-Saxon male, even though it says in Genesis 1:27 that "God created humankind in God's own image; male and female God created them." That clearly says that God cannot be strictly or merely masculine.

"Normally we find it very difficult to let God be a God who is greater than our culture, our immediate needs, and our projections. The human ego wants to keep things firmly in its grasp; and so, we have created a God who fits into our small systems and our understanding of God.

"Thus, we have required a God who likes to play war just as much as we do, and a domineering God because we like to dominate.

"We have almost completely forgotten and ignored what Jesus revealed about the nature of the God he knew. If Jesus is the 'image of the invisible God' (Colossians 1:15) then God is nothing like we expected. Jesus is in no sense a potentate or a patriarch, but the very opposite, one whom John the Baptist calls 'a lamb of a God.' (John 1:29)."



Faith Engaging the World

**Come together
to share in
a Video,
Pizza, Wine
& Discussion**

'The Stones Cry Out' is the story of Palestinian Christians with a follow up talk by Bishop George Browning.

Friday 18 October at 6.30pm
\$10 entry donation to cover Pizza & Wine

The Gathering Space
Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Parish Centre
For catering purposes please book via the sign up sheets in the church foyer or sending an email to our Parish Office
Ivanhoe@cam.org.au or phoning 9926 2310



**PARISH
EARTHCARE
GROUP**

TO RESTORE SACRED CREATION WE WELCOME RENEWABLES

Speaking as people of conscience from many different faiths, ARCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change) proclaims: *"We love this shared home we call Earth. For many people of faith, it is sacred. And we want to hand it on to our kids in all its beauty and wonder, and for them to be safe...."*

This prayer appeared in the Season of Creation Celebration Guide:

"God of truth and justice, fill us with your spirit of compassion so we may live and act in solidarity with Creation. Guide us...to tread softly on the land and sail gently on the sea. Give us wisdom and courage to recognize our role in the evil of systemic exploitation and extraction and to speak truth to power. Give us strength...to be agents of the ecological conversion the world so desperately needs."

To speak truth to power it's time to endorse the Fossil Fuel Treaty. Simply google those 3 words. Our local Council is not listed among those who have signed. Let us ask them to sign and mention it to any aspiring candidates for election. Another way is to gather outside St Paul's Anglican Cathedral at 10am this Tuesday for the multi-faith service calling for stronger climate action.

To be true to ourselves, we need to be agents for renewables with our own sustainable living practices. It may cost us time, energy and money (in the short term) to install solar, to drive our petrol cars less often, to give up plastic bags, to eat less red meat etc. but the safety of our brothers and sisters in poorer nations depends on it. All the beauty, wonder and diversity of our world and the safety of our very own children and grandchildren depends on it.

AVAILABLE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe

Please remember the many resources that are available on our Parish Website. Some of the resources include:

- **Parish Newsletters** (Uploaded every Friday)
- **Fr. Bill's Sunday Homily** (Uploaded every Tuesday)
- **Children's Liturgy at home** (Uploaded every Friday)
- **Mass Schedule including times for Confession**
- **Calendar of Events**

Fr. Bill will be on Annual Leave - 24 Sept to 4 Oct

While Fr. Bill is away Communion Services will replace the weekday 9.15am Mass (except for Fridays when Fr. Youn will say Mass for us at St. Bernadette's).

The Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses (28/29 Sept) will be celebrated by Fr. Barry Caldwell.

There will be no Confessions on Saturday 28 Sept.

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

1ST READING

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R/**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R/**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me! **R/**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

R/

2ND READING

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers and sisters, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that

they have faith. Will that faith save them? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who

wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

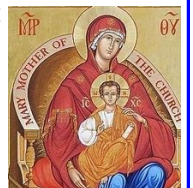
- 'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?'

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

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: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20

2nd Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37