

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH



MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

2-6 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH

89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

PARISH OFFICE & MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL

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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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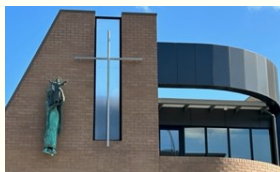
OUR PARISH

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



OUR LENTEN PROGRAM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- EACH FRIDAY IN LENT

9.45am St. Bernadette's after 9.15am Mass

7.00pm Alternates between

Mary Immaculate Church - March 21, April 4

St. George's Anglican Church - March 28, April 11



LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

Share together and discuss the Sunday LENTEN Lenten Readings. There will be morning and evening groups.



Both groups will meet on Thursdays, in the Meeting Room.

After the 9.15am Mass and 7.30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Each Saturday following the 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)

Reconciliation of 2nd Rite Thursday 10th April 7.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church

Holy Thursday 17 April following the 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at MI Church

MCKINNEY LECTURE

"Ryder-Cheshire – for the relief of suffering – in Australia and overseas"

Guest Speaker: Michael Moignard

Tuesday 1st April @ 7.30pm

MMC Gathering Space, Waverley Avenue, Ivanhoe



PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 15 March (*Lenten Feria*)

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

Sunday 16 March (*Second Sunday of Lent*)

8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate with Children's Liturgy
 12noon Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church

Monday 17 March (*St Patrick*)

Tuesday 18 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 11.00am Funeral for Paul Fitt at Mary Immaculate Church
 4.15pm Meditation Group (Parish Meeting Room)
 7.30pm Furlan Choir Rehearsals (Gathering Space)

Wednesday 19 March (*St Joseph*)

9.15am Mass at MI Church (with Grade 3)
 6.30pm Reconciliation School Family Workshop (GS)

Thursday 20 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (Lady Chapel)
 9.30am Reconciliation School Student Retreat Day (GS)
 9.45am Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Room)
 1.00pm Bluecross Mass
 2.00pm Parish Earthcare Group Meeting (Mtg Room)
 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Room)

Friday 21 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's (*with Grade 5/6T*)
 followed by Stations of the Cross
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at MI Church

Saturday 22 March (*Lenten Feria*)

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

Sunday 23 March (*Third Sunday of Lent*)

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



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 15 / 16 March	NEXT WEEKEND 22 / 23 March
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Special Minister 2 Special Minister 3 Multimedia	C. Bryce K. Gillespie A. Rizzo M. Gratton Eoin/Iona T. Barker A. Rizzo T. Bui P. Mahon	E. Ballao M. Gratton A. Rizzo L. Kempen C. Dixon A. Rizzo M. Gratton P. Mahon G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R. Auguste M-R. Auguste J. Gray	D. Landsberg D. Landsberg T. Nibali
10.00am Mary Immaculate Hospitality Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Special Minister 2 Special Minister 3 Multimedia Children's Liturgy Leader Children's Liturgy Assistant	Team 1 P. Verrocchi M. Lindner B. Connor T. De Luise L. Dal Pozzo P. Boutsakis B. Connor D. Todaro K. Ziino N. Kajkic R. Sylvester	Team 2 B. Janus B. Janus A. Pegoraro D. Todaro E. Mount D. Jones T. De Luise T. Barker J. Chiera J. Blundy M. Browning

LITURGY & MINISTRY ROSTERS have been emailed out. Hard copies are available from the church foyer. If you cannot attend when rostered, please arrange your own swap.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Pope Francis, Fr. Reece Beltrame, Brad Antrim, Emily & Aladin Bautista, Sara Collodetti, David Brett, Anne-Maree Hone, Jaena Catingub, Paul Flanagan, Andrea Burns, Elise Giffin, Dean Facchinei, John Purcell, Lisa De Silva, Nella Cerra, Asja Jaksic, Fr Frank Moloney SDB, Norman Lindsay Richards, Julia Foster, Shaun Armstrong, Freda Higgins, Charlie, Hudson

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Fitt

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Mario Renzella, Carmela Nibali, Giuseppe Audino, Mavis Ryan, Joan McNeil, Ray Blackburn, Edmond O'Dea, Bruno Campagnolo

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

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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$1,028

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$938

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. WEBSITE: DONATE

with your Credit/Debit Card



Second Sunday of Lent 15th and 16th of March 2025



Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access

to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at:

caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Bereavement Support

Elderly gentleman is in urgent need of some companionship and/or friendly connection as he craves for bereavement support, after sadly losing his wife last year.

Ideally most requested:

- driving buddy when visiting family in regional Victoria
- a movie buff for watching some classic vintage pics
- sports fan enthusiast who would mutually enjoy various games

If you think you can assist or want to make contact with person, please ring Parish Office Tel: 9926 2310 or Email: Ivanhoe@cam.org.au



Living Well with Bereavement, Grief & Loss

*Are you grieving or
interested in helping others who are grieving*
- please email Parish office at ivanhoe@cam.org.au



**International Day of Forests -
March 21st 2025**



Can you Imagine our world without forests? No towering trees, no lush green canopies, no clean air to breathe !! This day celebrates the role forests play in our lives and in the health of our planet. International forests day reminds us of our collective responsibility to care for our earth so that they may flourish and support life for generations to come.

Here are a few Forest Facts:

-  Forests are the lungs of the Earth and can make rain
-  Forests absorb carbon dioxide and contain more than 25% of the medicine we use.
-  Forests provide a home to 80% of the world's species of animals, plants and insects
-  Forests prevent soil erosion and 1.6 billion people depend on forests for their livelihoods
-  Our food system is one of the biggest drivers of forest loss

Let's consider some ways we can do our bit to save forests:

Dedicate time to thank God for their beauty and ask his guidance and protection.

Use re-usable bags, digital documents and recycle products

Support organisations helping communities that rely on forests for their livelihoods.

<https://edenprojects.org>

<https://onetreeplanted.org>

<https://rainforest-alliance.org>

Pope Francis reminds us that "everything is connected" and he calls us to recognise the sacredness of creation. In Laudato Si he specifically bemoans the loss of forests and woodlands (32-39)

PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Wednesday 4 June at 12noon Mary Immaculate Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Every Sunday (*except during school holidays*) in conjunction with 10am Mass at MI Church

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP & COFFEE Every Thursday after the 9.15am Mass and 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room

MEDITATION GROUP Every Tuesday at 4.15pm in Parish Centre Meeting Room

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP Once a month at 7.00pm Friday, next 4 April at Parish Centre Meeting Room

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm Thursday, next 20 March in the Parish Centre Meeting Room

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

1ST READING Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? **R/**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken:

'Seek his face.' **R/**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R/**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R/**

2ND READING Philippians 3:17- 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain

to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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: Third Sunday of Lent - C

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9