

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

2-6 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

Entry is on Upper Heidelberg Rd

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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.

MARY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Vivienne Armarego 9499 3914

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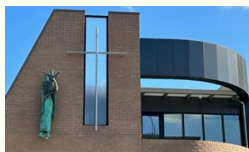
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Inspired by Mary, Our Mother, we strive to be a Christ-centered community, welcoming, growing in faith, and engaging with purpose.

We respect the Wurundjeri 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 MOG Chapel (after 9.15am Mass)

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

1st Friday each month Following 9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's

Gospel Reflection

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

Greg Sunter,
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 17 October *(St Ignatius of Antioch)*

9 to 5pm Catholic Care Marriage Workshop (GS)
 9.00am Rosary at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
 with Fr Arnold Heredia Followed by Shared Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday 18 October *(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

Celebrant for both Masses is Fr Arnold Heredia
 8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
followed by Morning Tea

Monday 19 October *(Feria)*

10.00am U3A Self Defence Class (GS)
 1.00pm U3A Card Playing Class (GS)

Tuesday 20 October *(Feria)*

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 10.00am Mahjong Game Group (MR2)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
 7.00pm Furlan Choir Rehearsals (GS)
 7.30pm Bible & Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 21 October *(Feria)*

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 1.00pm U3A Bridge Playing Class (GS)
 1.15pm Communion Service at Ivanhoe Grand Agecare

Thursday 22 October *(Feria)*

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
 11.00am Safeguarding Group Training Session (GS)
 12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (MR1)
 7.30pm Safeguarding Group Training Session (GS)

Friday 23 October *(Feria)*

9.15am Communion Service at St Bernadette's
 1.00pm U3A - Reading Aloud Class (MR1)

Saturday 24 October *(Feria)*

9.00am Rosary at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
 with Fr Arnold Heredia

Sunday 25 October *(30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

Celebrant for both Masses is Fr Arnold Heredia
 8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
followed by Morning Tea

LOOKING FORWARD

December Sunday 13th 10am Mass at MI Church the
 Installation Mass for Fr Thanh Tran by Bishop Thinh



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 17 / 18 October	NEXT WEEKEND 24 / 25 October
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Kempen L. McCrohan L. Dal Pozzo T. Barker M. Gratton T. Bui G. Machado	L. Kempen M. Harty A. Rahme C. Dixon P. Mahon D. Dixon S. Moorhen
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	D. Landsberg D. Landsberg D. Landsberg	J. Gray M-R. Auguste 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 Counters	Team 2 P. Kelly L. Michael M. Lindner J. De Mel E. Mount I. Richards A. Rizzo D. Jones K. Ziino L. Parsons S. Meehan Group Five	Team 4 E. Mount P. Nguyen D. Curtain I. Richards D. Todaro T. De Luise A. Palazzolo J. Chiera H. Nguyen M. Pirrie J. Blundy Group One

LITURGY & MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR 21 SEPT TO 22 NOV 26

Available on website or hardcopy at the back of church.
 If you cannot attend when rostered, please arrange your own swap.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Pope Leo XIV, Pat Lane, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Julia Foster, Pauline Cullen, Robert Erbacher, Brian Butler, Esmaeil Vakili, Allan Ferrari, Rino Conte, Lisa Cosma, Andrew Hodson, Renee Van Beelen, Domenic Masserotti

Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS: Jean Mander, Michael Chiera,

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Williams, Joseph Murnane, Josie Fletcher, Raffaella Danza, Francesco Santangelo, Vincenza Cacciola, Jeremiah Lynch, Josie Tobin, Cynthia Anthony, Brian Overton

NAMES OF THE SICK & THE DEAD for inclusion in newsletter must be sent to the parish office by Thursday 10am.
 For privacy reasons people must give their permission before their names can be included.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,506

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,448

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

i. **WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES** (contact Parish Office)

ii. **EFTPOS FACILITY** with your Credit/Debit Card **Just Tap and Go!**
Terminal located at the entrance to the Church in the Narthex

iii. **WEBSITE: DONATE** with your Credit/Debit Card

iv. **USE THIS QR CODE**



Parish Safeguarding Group Training Session

Two sessions will be held on:

Thursday 22nd October 2026

at **11am or 7.30pm** in Gathering Space

Please register on sign-in sheets at back of Church
(only need to attend one session)

For this Training session you require

- **Working With Children Card** number
- **Email address.**

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIAL TRAINING and CODE OF CONDUCT

Safeguarding Essentials Training and re-signing the Code of Conduct, is required to be completed every 3 years for all volunteers.

Training must be completed by end of October 2026.

Safeguarding Essentials Training you can the module online via this link:

[Safeguarding Essentials training module / Melbourne Catholic](#)

or at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>.

To complete the above module online you will require:

- The Registration Token when registering is:
SAFEGUARDING.
- Your **Work With Children Card** number
- **Email Address**

Through this module you will also sign the Code of Conduct

What to do after completing the above module

After completing you will receive your Certificates of completion via email.

These Certificates must be sent to Parish Office via email: ivanhoe@cam.org.au who will record details.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who supported last week's special collection for the Good Samaritan Inn. Our total collection \$853.00.

PARISH NEWSLETTER Go to our website on home page scroll down and click Newsletter to view

PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Tuesday 25th November 12noon Mary Immaculate Church

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

GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP & COFFEE Every Tuesday 7.30pm & Thursday after 9.15am Mass in the MR1

LIVING WELL WITH LOSS - Bereavement Ministry Once a month at 5pm Friday, next 30th October in GS

MEDITATION GROUP Every Tuesday at 4.15pm in Parish Centre MR1

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP Once a month at 7.00pm Friday, next 6th November in Gathering Space.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm, next 19th November in Parish Centre MR1

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP



"LIVING WELL ON EARTH: A FILM INVITATION"

What can nature teach us about living well on Earth?

October is a wonderful time to notice and celebrate the birds and other wildlife around us, especially during National Bird Week. It's also an opportunity to reflect on our call to care for God's creation.

On Thursday 22 October, Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia's *Being with God in Nature* ministry is hosting a **free** online screening of *How to Live on Earth*, narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch. This inspiring documentary explores how working with nature, rather than against it, can help create a healthier, more hopeful future for people and the planet.

Why not take a little time to be inspired?

- **When:** Thursday 22 October, 6–8 pm AEDT
- **Cost:** Free (online screening)

Register:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1658031>

Watch the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Be4Y2gJONSO>

Find out more: <https://jisa.org.au/being-with-god-in-nature/>

You could access the links above easily by going to the parish web addresses below and navigating to the Bulletin.

Parish bulletins: melbatholic.org/ivanhoe

Or you could go straight to the bulletin list, use the full link:

melbatholic.org/ivanhoe/documents?category=parish-bulletin

Prayer for the Synod

(Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

1ST READING

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R/**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R/**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R/**

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R/**

2ND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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: 30th Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40