

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

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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.
WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH committed to the safety, wellbeing & dignity of all children. If you wish to report any issues contact our Child Safety Officers: Lucy Dal Pozzo or Marcus Napolitano via the Parish Office.

NOTE NEXT WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 3rd December
6.00pm Mass at St. Bernadette's

Sunday 4th December
9.00am Mass at Mother of God

NOTE - No 10.30am Mass

2.00pm Farewell & Mass of Thanksgiving
Mother of God Church

Parish Redevelopment Project Update

- November 2022



Work is proceeding on the redevelopment project but has been hampered by the availability of sub-contractors, a shortage of glass, the fire control system and the weather. Progress in the presbytery is good with flooring and joinery installed and the area painted. Internal ceilings and walls for the chapel, gathering space and the new sacristies are complete. The levelling of the carpark and access to the garage is near complete. Compaction of the ground and kerbing in preparation for the driveway concreting has commenced.

Sub-contractor resources are constrained as the overall construction activity has increased. The delay in obtaining glass has had a significant impact on the project. Sub-contractors scheduled for various works have not been able to access the site and have diverted to other projects. Having them return to the site is a significant challenge. All builders are in the same position as our builders, Raysett Construction.

The window and glass installation is now progressing well, but is not yet complete.

The fire indicator panel is an issue due to component availability. The shortage of electronic components is an international issue. The panel should be available in four weeks but it may be delayed.

External works have been hindered by the wet weather. The installation of the new water main is complete. Some drainage

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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

53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe West 3079

Phone: 9499 3914

Mary Immaculate Primary School

Principal: Veronica Antrim

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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 26 November (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 27 November (First Sunday of Advent)

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

Monday 28 November (Advent Feria)

Tuesday 29 November (Advent Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God
4.15am Meditation Group at MOG
7.30pm Choir Practice for Farewell Mass at MOG

Wednesday 30 November (St Andrew)

9.15am Mass at St. Bernadette's

Thursday 1 December (Advent Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God
9.45am Gospel & Coffee Discussion Group at MOG

Friday 2 December (Advent Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's (with 1/2 & 3/4 students)
9.45am Exposition & Benediction at St Bernadette's
7.00pm Men's Fellowship Group at MOG

Saturday 3 December (St Francis Xavier)

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 4 December (Second Sunday of Advent)

9.00am Mass at Mother of God
10.30am NOTE: There is no 10.30am Mass today
2.00pm Farewell & Mass of Thanksgiving at MOG
Followed by Afternoon Tea

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 13 December (St Lucy)

10.30am Mass & the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick & Aged followed by morning tea at Mother of God.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Open invite to the men of the parish to share drinks, food and fellowship. BYO drinks + \$10. 7.00pm on Friday 2nd December at Mother of God.



MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 26 / 27 November	NEXT WEEKEND 3 / 4 December
6pm St Bernadette's Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Special Minister Multimedia	J. Gray S. Moorhen J. Zhou J. Gray T. Nibali S. Moorhen	J. Gray C. Dixon D. Dixon M. Gratton T. Bui G. Shamieh
9.00am Mother of God Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Special Minister Multimedia	E. Ballao A. McKern A. Rizzo K. Bator E. Ballao M. Gilbo	A. McKern M. Sibillin
10.30am Mother of God Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Special Minister Multimedia	A. Patterson B. Janus S. Janus A. Tosolini S. Janus E. Mount	No 10.30am Mass There is a special roster for the 2.00pm Mass

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Dal Bellio, Svetka & Michael Vukic, Jill Russell, Bozena Michalowska-Gozdz, Patricia Robb, John O'Brien, Robyn Anderson, Freda Higgins, Fr Reece Beltrame, Frank Ryan, Concetta Valente

RECENT DEATHS: George Fantauzzo, Pamela Salamanca, Fran Millar

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Doyle, Pamela Anthony, Barry Townsin, Mary Powell, Virginio Sibillin, Theodora Mara Van Lint

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.

NEW LAY MINISTER ROSTERS

New Lay Minister Rosters for December 2022 to February 2023 have been sent via email or hard copy available at front foyer of Churches.

NEWS FOR PARISH NEWSLETTER

All items for the parish newsletter and names for the Prayers of the Community must be submitted to the parish office by 10am on a Thursday to ensure publication.

NEW ENVELOPES FOR 2023

For those using Thanksgiving envelopes for your weekly offerings to the Parish and Presbytery collections, please collect your new 2023 sets from the table. If there are any issues with your envelopes please contact Parish Office.

Many thanks to everyone who has continued to support the parish via envelopes, direct debit or credit card during 2022.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH Collection	Envelopes: \$1815	PRESBYTERY Collection	Envelopes: \$625
	Loose: \$229		Loose: \$230
	EFT: \$1,306		EFT: \$369
Total (Parish Account)	\$3,350	Total (Presbytery Account)	\$1,224

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work is to be completed. Dry weather is required for the completion of the earth works and the concreting and asphaltting.

Raysett Construction is doing all it can to complete the works. The uncertainty of sub-contractor resources and the weather remain major challenges.

We are grateful for the openness, effort and support Raysett Construction, our architects FPPV and our Archdiocesan representatives are providing to us as collectively we endeavour to bring the project to completion. Unfortunately, the completion date remains uncertain.

Pat Kelly
Project Manager

CONSEQUENCES OF THE ABOVE REPORT!

Because the completion date of our new Parish Centre remains uncertain Masses will continue to be celebrated at Mother of God Church at the usual times until further notice.

MARCELLIN ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Marcellin College Champagnat Chapel
Thursday 1 December at 7.30pm
160 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen VIC 310

ADVENT MCKINNEY LECTURE

FR. FRANK BRENNAN SJ

Listen to a summary of Fr. Frank Brennan's McKinney Lecture on 'An Indigenous Voice'.



Fr. Frank's key point was that it is now 15 years since Prime Minister John Howard placed constitutional recognition on the national agenda. For the good of our First Nations peoples, for the good of public administration and for the good of the nation, it is essential that this matter now be brought to timely successful resolution. That cannot be done without the Albanese government now taking the prompt initiative to call the Opposition to the table. To access a sound recording of part of Fr. Frank's remarks go to our Parish Website www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe or <https://soundcloud.com/frank-brennan-6/mckinney-lecture-on-the-voice>



PARISH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

Acknowledging Country makes me understand that a real conversion of thinking and consuming is needed to save our land.

It was my turn to say an acknowledgement of country at our last climate action group meeting. I sought advice from indigenous people so it would be meaningful and not just a formality before the "real" business of the meeting.

The main advice was to make it personal. I wrote:

I have lived in this area of the Wurrundjeri people for my 70+ years. During this time, I have seen a multiplication of buildings, of concrete and of plastics, not to mention an increased use of fossil fuels that drive our cars and warm or cool our homes. Only now is it very clear to most of us that our way is not sustainable. Our "civilization" will not endure for 60,000 years. With this in mind, I pay my respects to our Wurrundjeri friends and neighbours who know how to honour and respect country by living in harmony with it. We need to look to their wisdom so we can preserve this land and all its species, and thus pass it on to all our children.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Vinnies Ivanhoe Conference will be giving Christmas hampers to families in need again this Christmas.

We ask Parishioners to join with us by donating non-perishable

food and toys which can be deposited in the carton at the rear of the church.

or

By giving to the special collection on the weekend 4th/5th December.

THE ADVENT WREATH

One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.

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TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R/**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace! **R/**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R/**

2ND READING Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.'

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

No doubt many would call our times an age of anxiety. The reasons are all too easy to list – Russia's war on Ukraine, the climate emergency, Covid, the cost of living, the decline of the church. No wonder we're anxious. We're more aware than ever of the unpredictability of life and our fragile hold on it.

Jesus seems to fuel our existential anxiety with his warnings about the sudden and unexpected return of the Son of Man. But this is a misperception. It's not anxiety that Jesus is advocating, but alertness, awareness and alacrity.

He's keen for us to live with eyes wide open, ready to respond to the challenges life presents and to make the most of the opportunities for love it provides.

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 11:1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12