

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

Principal: Geraldine Crowe 9497 1827

9 Rockbeare Grove, Ivanhoe 3079

ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Vivienne Armarego 9499 3914

53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe 3079

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

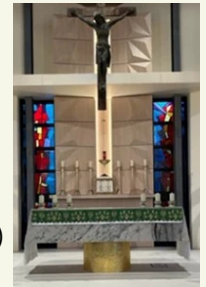
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments went, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

Greg Sunter,
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

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
 10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Monday 26 October (Feria)

10am U3A Self Defence Class (GS)
 1.00pm U3A Card Class (GS)

Tuesday 27 October (Feria)

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 10am Mahjong Game Group (MR2)
 11am Funeral Mass for Jean Manders at St Bernadette's
 1.00pm Safeguarding Committee Meeting (MR1)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
 7.30pm Bible Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 28 October (St Simon & Jude)

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

Thursday 29 October (Feria)

9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
 12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (GS)

Friday 30 October (Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 11am U3A - Art Class (GS)
 1.00pm U3A - Reading Aloud Class
 5.00pm Beverages for Bereavement (GS)

Saturday 31 October (Feria)

9.00am Rosary at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel) followed by morning tea
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 1 November (ALL SAINTS)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
 followed by Morning Tea

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday 13 December

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 26/27 September	NEXT WEEKEND 31 Oct / 1 Nov
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Kempen M. Harty A. Rahme C. Dixon P. Mahon D. Dixon S. Moorhen	E. Vandenhoven C. Dixon D. Dixon M. Harty L. Kempen P. Mahon F. Callinan
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	J. Gray M-R. Auguste T. Nibali	D. Landsberg J. Gray T. Nibali
10am 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 Counters	Team 4 E. Mount P. Nguyen D. Curtain I. Richards G. William T. De Luise A. Palazzolo J. Chiera H. Nguyen M. Pirrie J. Blundy Group One	Team 5 P. Verrocchi C. Beltrame L. Dal Pozzo K. Ziino N & M Merlin T. Gleeson T. Barker G. Crawford P. Boutsakis <i>No children's</i> <i>Liturgy</i> Group Two

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 Val Beelen, Domenic Masserotti
Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS: Jean Manders

RIP Anniversaries: Kit Noack, Theresa Nathen, Rita Ioannou, Ugo Dolzan, Vernon Edebohls, Danielle Nilder, Rushan Jashar, Pat O'Neill, Luigi Danza, Nora Healy, Mary Sheedy, Lucena Ejcs, Bruno Bortolin, Anneliese Baum, Marcelo Bacarissas, Win 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 \$2,385

Presbytery Collection \$1,372

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



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 online.

What to do after completing the training and signing Code of Conduct

After completing the above 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.



Will you let Christ form you?

INTRODUCTORY RETREAT
SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026
CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE, EAST MELBOURNE

Come and experience a deeper way of being formed in Christ.
Learn more or register: melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway
Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au



Parish Earthcare Group



MODERN SLAVERY

Excerpts from a presentation by Mark Zirnsak of the Uniting Church Australia.

International and Australian businesses and conglomerates are complicit in unethical work practices including significant under payment and exploitation of employees which amount to modern slavery. It is widespread in manufacturing industries such as clothing sourced overseas, food chains e.g. meat and fish suppliers, chocolate, palm oil, coffee, etc.

While the Australian Government has regulations governing wages and working conditions and has enacted the Australian Modern Slavery Act 2018, it is extremely difficult to audit and uncover unethical practices and to prosecute or make significant changes where cases are exposed. The complexity of international sourcing of components of manufacture, often relating to multiple and varied international inputs is a huge hurdle. Often in investigative cases, evidence and transparency is not readily forthcoming.

As consumers, we need to think twice or thrice before making purchases especially in areas such as cheap clothing, and imported products. While "Australian Made" does not guarantee a totally ethical manufacturing process, it may be a good starting point.

Also, advertisements for products at the cheapest price may cause one to reflect on whether cheapest is best considering where and how the goods are produced.

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.

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

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

1st Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R/**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! raised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R/**

2nd Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and

the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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

