

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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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

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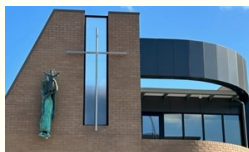
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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



OUR LENTEN PROGRAM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- EACH FRIDAY IN LENT

9.45am St. Bernadette's after 9.15am Mass

7.00pm Mary Immaculate Church - March 6, 20

St. George's Anglican Church - March 13, 27



LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

STUDY GROUP

Both groups will meet in the Meeting Room.

Tuesdays at 7.30pm & Thursdays after the 9.15am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Each Saturday after 9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT DAY

'Finding Light Within The Darkness!'

— "I will put my spirit within you." (Ezekiel 36:27)

Join us for a grace-filled day of renewal and reflection. This retreat offers a precious opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and gently reconnect with God. Together, we will listen for Jesus' invitation to deeper relationship, healing, and a fuller experience of his light.

The day will include short inspirational reflections, quiet time for personal prayer, meaningful dialogue, adoration, and will conclude with a beautiful Reconciliation service.

Come and be refreshed, encouraged, and strengthened in spirit. All are welcome.

DATE: SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH 2026

TIME: Beginning at 10.30 am & concluding at 5.00 pm

LOCATION: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Centre, Ivanhoe.

CATERING: Coffee & tea & a simple lunch will be provided.

LEADER: Br Tony Clark FMS

To **REGISTER:** Sign up sheet at back of church or email parish

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 28 February (*Lenten Feria*)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 4.45pm Reconciliation Catechist Class
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 1 March (*Second Sunday of Lent*)

8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church
 10am Mass at MI Church with Children's Liturgy

Monday 2 March (*Lenten Feria*)

1.30pm U3A Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 3 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 4.15pm Mediation Group (Meeting Room)
 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Room)

Wednesday 4 March (*Lenten Feria*)

No morning 9.15am Mass

12noon Anointing Mass of the Sick & Aged (see page 3)
 followed by share luncheon

Thursday 5 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Lenten Discussion Group (Meeting Room)
 6.00pm Zumba Fitness Class (Gathering Space)

Friday 6 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette Church with Year 5/6T students, followed by Stations of the Cross
 1.30pm U3A Class (Gathering Space)
 2.00pm World Day of Prayer at St James' Anglican Church
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at MI Church
 7.00pm Men's Fellowship Group (Gathering Space)

Saturday 7 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.00am Rosary (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 8 March (*Third Sunday of Lent*)

8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church
 10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 28 Feb / 1 Mar	NEXT WEEKEND 7 / 8 March
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Michael L. Michael K. Gillespie S. Moorhen Thomas Levin P. Mahon F. Callinan	E. Ballao D. Dixon A. Rahme P. Mahon C. Dixon D. Dixon S. Moorhen
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	D. Dixon C. Dixon J. Gray	M-R. Auguste P. Shannon D. Landsberg
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 1 P. Kelly P. Nguyen A. Pegoraro J. Blundy E. Blundy J. Chiera B. Connor A. Bhaskara H. Nguyen M. Pirrie Paul S. Group Three	Team 2 E. Mount A. Barro I. Richards I. Richards M. Sibillin G. Crawford D. Todaro A. Rizzo J. Chiera <i>No Children's Liturgy Group Four</i>

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Kerry Freney, Julia Foster, Paul Flanagan, Christine Lane, Shaun Armstrong, Catherine Williams, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Anica Dragovic, Christine Exton, Branka, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn Kennealy, Joan Ryan, Oliver

*Names on sick list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)
 unless otherwise advised via email.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: David Curry

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Nicolina Calabrese, Mariangela Capomolla, Margaret Beriman, Sylvie Bethelot, Mary Anthony, Carmel Howse, Betty Dolzan, Len Ryan, Joyce Margaret O'Brien, Maria Ryan, Mary Ryan, Robert Vianello, Victor Caddy, Mary Hilder

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

JAGAJAGA 2026 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS

A parishioner has nominated our **Parish Earthcare Group** and **Parish Co-Ordinator** for the Jagajaga Community Volunteer Awards. Awards are given to dedicated and commitment to creating a positive impact that has not gone unnoticed. To be held on Saturday 28th March 2026 @ 10am to 2pm at Viewbank College Performing Arts Centre 1 Warren Road Viewbank.

PARISH NEWSLETTER will not be sent via email

Due to change of system by our website administrator

Go to our website www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe, on home page scroll down and click Newsletter to view

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,400

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,502

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



Note from Fr Bill Edebohls

Dear friends, my sisters and brothers in Christ.

On January 1st I offered my resignation as parish priest of Ivanhoe to the Archbishop of Melbourne. On 24th February I have received his acceptance of my resignation.

While this has been a difficult decision, and one full of sadness, I believe that after an absence of more than twelve months, it is time for the parish to move on. I owe the parish family the opportunity for closure and the space to create stability and certainty in priestly and pastoral ministry so that you can move forward in your mission as a parish community, building up the kingdom of God in Ivanhoe.

It has been a great privilege to have been a part of the parish community for the past nine years. You have been 'family' to both Robyn and myself and we sincerely thank you for your constant support, prayers, love and friendship.

Throughout the past 15 months I have been thankful that Fr. Thanh has been faithfully ministering within our parish community in challenging circumstances. I hope that as the parish moves forward you may continue to grow in faith, hope and love, so that the Gospel of Christ may be proclaimed and shared, human needs may be responded to with mercy and compassion, and your voice may ring out for justice for the oppressed, the despised and the outcast.

Please keep Robyn and me in your prayers - you will always be in ours.

Mary Mother of the Church, Pray for us.
With my love and blessings.

Fr. Bill

**PARISH EARTH CARE
GROUP**



Return To Your Heart This Lent

Russian novelist, Dostoyevsky, in *The Brothers Karamazov* (1880) said: *Love all God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love the animals, love the plants; love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.* (quoted in *The Living Water* blog by Pirriall Clift).

Some 145 years later we need this radical change of heart, urgently. If only we would take such joy-filled steps towards love, we could not possibly keep destroying our planet - could we?

This week let's work on loving Earth, our home. We will need to practice each day, perceiving through each of our senses, the divine mystery in all things. Good times to begin: sunrise, sunset, mealtime, now!

Pope Leo XIV says: *It is only by returning to the heart that a true ecological conversion can take place.*



MASS & ANOINTING of the Sick & Aged

Wednesday 4th March at 12noon
Mary Immaculate Church

followed by shared luncheon (Please bring a plate to share)

Invite those you know to be sick or housebound who might like to attend and offer them a ride

An initiative of our Parish Outreach Group

Project Compassion 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or online at:

www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling: 1800 024 413.



World Day of Prayer 2026 - Nigeria "I will give you rest: Come"

Friday 6 March at 2.00pm

followed by afternoon tea

Venue:

St James' Anglican Church,
252 Upper Heidelberg Road,
Ivanhoe



PARISH GROUPS

ANOINTING MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Wednesday 4th March 12noon Mary Immaculate Church

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

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

LIVING WELL WITH LOSS - Bereavement Ministry Once a month at 5pm Friday, next 27th March in GS

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

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

PARISH EARTH CARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm Thursday, next 19th March in the Parish Centre Mtg 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 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R/**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R/**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R/**

2ND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had

already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and

Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

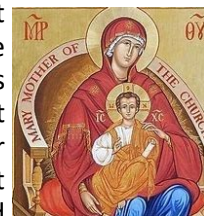
(When there is no Communion Hymn)

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

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42