

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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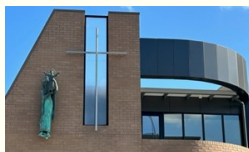
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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 20

St. George's Anglican Church - March 27



LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

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)

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 WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 14 March (*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 15 March (*Fourth Sunday of Lent*)

- 8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church
- 10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Children Liturgy
- 11.30am Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church
- 12.30pm St Patrick's Day Luncheon (Gathering Space)

Monday 16 March (*Lenten Feria*)

- 1.30pm U3A Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 17 March (*St Patrick*)

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

Wednesday 18 March (*Lenten Feria*)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with school students Prep & Year 6
- 1.15pm Mass at The Grand Age Care, Ivanhoe

Thursday 19 March (*St Joseph*)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
- 9.45am Lenten Discussion Group (Meeting Room)
- 2.00pm Parish Earthcare Group Meeting (Mtg Room)
- 6.00pm First Reconciliation for Schools & Candidates
- 7.30pm Zumba Fitness Class (Gathering Space)

Friday 20 March (*Lenten Feria*)

- 9.15am Mass at St Bernadette Church with Year 5/6CB students, followed by Stations of the Cross
- 1.30pm U3A Class (Gathering Space)
- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at MI Church

Saturday 21 March (*Lenten Feria*)

- 9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
- 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed by shared dinner & fellowship

Sunday 22 March (*Fifth Sunday of Lent*)

- 8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church
- 10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Children Liturgy

LOOKING FORWARD

Saturday 28th March PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

10.30am to 5pm including light lunch
(see page 3 for more information)



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 14 / 15 Mar	NEXT WEEKEND 21 / 22 March
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Vandenhoven T. Bui Ad Rahme M. Harty K. Gillespie T. Bui E. Vandenhoven	L. Michael C. Dixon M. Harty T. Gleeson P. Mahon T. Barker S. Moorhen
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	D. Landsberg M-R. Auguste T. Nibali	J. Gray P. Shannon J. Gray
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 3 P. Verrocchi R. Erbacher A. Pegoraro G. Williams D. Todaro T. De Luise P. Boutsakis G. Crawford K. Ziino M. Browning Teresa V Group Five	Team 4 B. Janus S. McInerney A. Rizzo K. Ziino T. De Luise D. Todaro D. Jones J. Chiera P. Boutsakis S. Meehan Lissa P Group One

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Christine & Pat Lane, Shaun Armstrong, Catherine Williams, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Anica Dragovic, Christine Exton, Branka, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn & Patrick Kennealy, Joan Ryan, Marylou Galliot, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver, Ranganie Wickremesinge; Anges McManamon

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Carmela Nibali, Margaret McKinley, Carmel Cullen, Giuseppe Audino, Mavis Ryan, Joan McNeil, Ray Blackburn, Edmond O'Dea

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

PARISH NEWSLETTER will not be sent via email

Due to change of systems and cyber security 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 \$2,636

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,638

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 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: 10.30am & concluding at 5.00 pm
LEADER: Br Tony Clark FMS
LOCATION: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Centre, Ivanhoe.
CATERING: Coffee & tea, simple lunch will be provided.

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

Brother Tony Clark FMS



He has been a Marist Brother since 1978. His qualifications include a Grad Dip Teach ICE Vic (1979), Bachelor of Education. Melbourne Uni (1989), Master of Science - Pastoral Counselling Loyola College US (2000).

Over the years, Brother Tony's ministries have seen him involved in teaching, RE Coordination, RE Curriculum Development, vocations ministry, Marist initial formation, young adult ministry, counselling and spiritual accompaniment, pastoral supervision of priests and pastoral associates,

facilitation of groups, organizations and Religious Congregations, and community development projects in developing countries.

While Brother Tony has worked mostly in Western Australia and Victoria, his ministry has taken him to most Australian States and various parts of the Pacific. In more recent years he served the Marist mission in East Timor (2009-2016), and then South Africa (2018-2022), where he was a member of a Marist International Community serving people in the poor township of Atlantis, Western Cape.

On his return to Australia in 2023, Tony has a part-time role with the Diocese of Sale as the Facilitator of Synodality & Mission and Leader of the Pastoral Life and Mission Team. He is also currently the Pastoral Contact for Marist Brothers' Communities in Victoria for the Star of the Sea Province.

PARISH EARTH CARE GROUP



Laetare Sunday

Latin meaning "rejoice"



We are invited to rejoice. Even in a season of repentance. The Church reminds us that hope is alive.

Lent reminds us that change is possible. Through prayer, fasting, and generosity, **we grow**. God's mercy means we are never beyond renewal.

Renewal includes how we care for our common home and one another.

Today's reality is :

- the earth has warmed by 1.1 deg C
- 3.5 billion people are vulnerable to climate impacts
- 1/3 of all food globally is wasted and millions are still going hungry

Yet Laetare Sunday calls us to joyful action, not despair. Reduce waste, conserve energy and water. This Lent, may our rejoicing be active.

Prayer : Lord, renew the face of the earth and renew our hearts



JAGAJAGA 2026

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS

A parishioner has nominated our **Parish Earthcare Group** and **Parish Co-Ordinator**. 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 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, next 19th March in Parish Centre Mtg Room

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

1ST READING

1 Samuel 16:1.6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R/**

You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R/**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R/**

2ND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

THE GOSPEL

John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in 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*

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Next Week: Fifth Sunday of lent

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45