

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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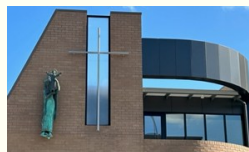
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

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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

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Easter Saturday 11 April *(in Easter Octave)*

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

Sunday 12 April *(Divine Mercy Sunday)*

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

Monday 13 April *(Easter Feria)*

1.00pm U3A Cards Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 14 April *(Easter Feria)*

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
4.15pm Meditation Group (Meeting Room)

Wednesday 15 April *(Easter Feria)*

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
1.30pm Mass at Ivanhoe Grand AgeCare

Thursday 16 April *(Easter Feria)*

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
2.00pm Parish Earthcare Group (Meeting Room)
6.30pm Zumba Fitness Class (Gathering Space)

Friday 17 April *(Easter Feria)*

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church

Saturday 18 April *(Easter 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 19 April *(Third Sunday of Easter)*

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
11.30am Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church
4.00pm Vietnamese Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed by refreshments

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday 3 May Community Family Day
10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed by BBQ lunch. All welcome

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



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 11 / 12 April	NEXT WEEKEND 18 / 19 April
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Kempen K. Gillespie L. Dal Pozzo T. Barker E. Vandenhoven M. Gratton F. Callinan	L. Michael L. McCrohan A. Rahme K. Gillespie Gerard Raper T. Bui E. Vandenhoven
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	D. Landsberg M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg	M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg 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 1 E. Mount I. Richards A. Rizzo E. Mount N. & M. Merlin T. De Luise A. Rizzo A. Bhaskara J. Chiera No Children's Liturgy Group Three	Team 2 P. Verrocchi B. Janus M. Lindner T. De Luise D. Todaro P. Boutsakis J. Chiera I. Richards K. Ziino No Children's Liturgy Group Four

LITURGY & MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR 14/3 TO 17/5/26

Collect copies of Rosters from the church foyer.

If you cannot attend when rostered, please arrange your own swap.

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, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn & Patrick Kennealy, Marylou Galliot, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver, Ranganie Wickremesinge; Anges McManamon, Ruth Villiani, Sr Francis Baum, Julia Foster

Names on list remain for 9 wks (a Novena) unless otherwise advised

RECENT DEATHS: Paul Timmins

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Svetka Vukic, Jack Stanton, Laurence Vincent Gleeson, Lina Barro, Patricia Larsen, Jacques Fievez

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 \$3,297

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$2,352

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**



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 EARTHCARE
GROUP**



FOSSIL FUEL TREATY

Most parishioners would know that our use of fossil fuels - coal, oil and gas, is the major cause of the climate and ecological crises threatening life on our planet Earth, our common home. To care for our Earth and for the poor, in *Laudato Si* in 2015, Pope Francis told us that we need to transition away from fossil fuels. Eight years later, in *Laudate Deum*, he bemoaned the lack of progress that has been made.

In a few weeks in Colombia, the first conference will be held to progress a worldwide Fossil Fuel Treaty similar to previous treaties or agreements, for example, to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and to protect the ozone layer.

Catholic Earthcare, Caritas Australia has endorsed this Fossil Fuel Treaty initiative to support a "fast, fair and fully funded transition away from oil, gas and coal." They have also publicised a new document, *A Catholic Theological Reflection on the Proposal for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty*, saying it offers a clear moral framework for facing the ecological crises and explains why limiting fossil fuel production is consistent with Church teaching on justice, peace, prudence and the protection of life.

There is a global online multi-faith letter in support of the Fossil Fuel Treaty. You can add your name, denoting your Catholic faith if you wish. Please go to <https://www.arrcc.org.au/fossil-fuel-treaty> to sign the letter through the ARRCC website (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change). Parishioners who are on Facebook can look at the inspiring Catholic Earthcare Australia page. There's also the Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative page or its website.



Happy 100th Birthday

Myriam Simpson, a long time parishioner (St. Bernadette) celebrated her 100th Birthday on Holy Thursday. Myriam and her sister Monique receives Holy Communion every Friday and both say their prayers in both English and French. Myriam loves to sing.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who supported last week's special collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land. Our total collection \$1,696.



PARISH LIBRARY

The library holds 243 books.

Check out our books through the borrowing registry at the Parish Centre Meeting Room 2 (Tuesday & Thursday 9am to 3pm). Visit the collection via our website: www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe.

Project Compassion 2026



Please return all Project Compassion contributions by **26 April**.

If a receipt is required, fill in details on box lids or on back of envelopes before their return.

PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Wednesday 4th June 12noon Mary Immaculate Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Every Sunday (except during school holidays) in conjunction with 10am Mass Resumes 26th April

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

LIVING WELL WITH LOSS - Bereavement Ministry Once a month at 5pm Friday, next 24th April 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 1st May in Gathering Space.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm, next 16th April in Parish Centre Mtg Room

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

1ST READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R/**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

R/

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R/**

2ND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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 Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35