

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.

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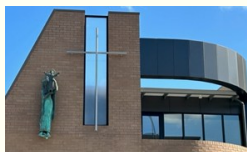
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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



THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY: 2 APRIL



7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Mary Immaculate Church

*followed by a Watch of Prayer at the Altar of
Repose in the MOG Chapel until 10pm*

GOOD FRIDAY: 3 APRIL

10.00am Stations of the Cross

at St. Bernadette's Church

12noon Ecumenical Walk of Witness

*starting outside St. James' Anglican Church
and ending at Mary Immaculate Church*



3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

of the Lord Mary Immaculate Church

HOLY SATURDAY: 4 APRIL



7.30pm Solemn Easter Vigil & First Mass of
Easter at Mary Immaculate Church

*followed by refreshments in Gathering Space
Please bring a plate of supper to share.*

EASTER SUNDAY: 5 APRIL

8.30am Mass of Easter Day at St. Bernadette's Church

10am Mass of Easter Day at Mary Immaculate Church



PALM SUNDAY

**Please bring a small branch
to Mass next weekend
for the Blessing of Palms**

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

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 CL

Monday 23 March (*Lenten Feria*)

1.30pm U3A Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 24 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 25 March (*The Annunciation of the Lord*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)

Thursday 26 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Lenten Discussion Group (Meeting Room)
 11.00am Banyule Church Network Meeting (Mtg Room)
 6.30pm Zumba Fitness Class (Gathering Space)
 7.15pm Choir Rehearsal for the Easter Triduum at MI

Friday 27 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette Church with Year 1/2GP
 students, followed by Stations of the Cross
 5.00pm Grief & Loss Ministry Gathering (GS)
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St George's Anglican
 Church

Saturday 28 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MI Church)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
 10.30am Parish Lenten Retreat (*see page 3*)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 29 March (*Palm Sunday*)

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



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 21 / 22 March	NEXT WEEKEND 28 / 29 March
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Michael C. Dixon M. Harty T. Baker P. Mahon T. Barker S. Moorhen	E. Ballao M. Gratton D. Dixon S. Moorhen M. Harty P. Mahon G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	J. Gray P. Shannon J. Gray	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 4 B. Janus S. McInerney A. Rizzo K. Ziino T. De Luise D. Todaro D. Jones J. Chiera P. Boutsakis J. Blundy Lissa P Group One	Team 5 P. Kelly P. Nguyen A. Barro P. Boutsakis A. McKern D. Todaro I. Richards. T. Barker H. Nguyen S. Meehan N. Kajkic Group Two

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, Joan Ryan, Marylou Galliot, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver, Ranganie Wickremesinge, Anges McManamon, Ruth Villiani, Sr Francis Balim, Julia Foster

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

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Armida & Gildo Pascolo, Frank & Elsie Provera, Gabrielle Grasso, L. Scenna, Ines Brunato, Bruno Campagnolo, Francesca Pepi, Kenny Tee, Leah Sordello

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



CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

All singers are invited to join our Parish Choir for the Easter Triduum celebrations.
 Choir rehearsals will be held:

Thursday 26 March and Tuesday 31 March
Both nights 7.15-9pm at Mary Immaculate Church

Looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces
 For further information contact Isma Chiera on
 0497 970 754 or isma.chiera@gmail.com

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,381

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,528

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, be refreshed, encouraged, & 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, Ivanhoe
CATERING: Coffee & tea, simple lunch will be provided
To REGISTER: Sign up sheet at back of church or email parish

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Fr. Thanh's Report :

- * Mass attendance continues to increase on weekends and weekdays over the past 2-3 months, especially at our 5.30pm mass celebration.
- * The parish is looking for a new catechist to assist with our sacramental programs and potentially support a sacramental Team.
- * Archbishop has convened a Synod for Melbourne.

Parish Coordinator Report :

- * noted that the email distribution of newsletters has been stopped by the Archdiocese.
- * The Easter Roster for Ministries and Volunteers is being developed, parishioners are invited to participate.
- * The Maintenance needs of the Parish are under consideration and will be formally reviewed after Easter.
- * Gardening Group continues to maintain Parish grounds.
- * Parish is looking at ways to better support and integrate with the Korean Community.

Social Justice Activity Group for the Poor:

- * Presentation from St. Vincent de Paul to Parish is being organized, outlining what SVDP does in the community.
- * John Costa from Templestowe Parish will present how they undertake their Social Justice ministry.
- * Looking to organise a guest speaker in October, that'll cover relevant issues affecting those in need.

Parish Vision and Goals:

Ways to make the liturgy more interactive and engaging were discussed. Ideas included:

- * Potentially choir for the Saturday Vigil
- * Exploring live musicians for all Masses
- * Reviewing the music and hymns
- * Encouraging young people to attend Church
- * Reducing the length of the announcements
- * The introduction of the Alpha program
- * The introduction of a Rosary prayer collective
- * Acknowledging new Parishioners
- * Better use of technology, including the new TV screens

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP



Catholic Bishops from around the world recently published:

Manifesto of the churches of the global south for our common home:

Towards peace with creation: an urgent call for a just transition beyond fossil fuels



They refer to the undeniable scientific data on record global warming, worsening climate catastrophe and the threatened collapse of "ecosystems, socioeconomic systems and governance structures, exacerbating the suffering of the most vulnerable."

They "witness that climate change is not only an environmental crisis, but also a consequence of unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and an 'economy that kills'." They say this is "expressed as a social, cultural, and spiritual crisis that threatens human dignity and peace" quoting Popes Francis and Leo XIV.

"The science is clear: the primary cause of this imminent collapse is the large-scale and continuous burning of coal, oil, and gas, which account for 86% of carbon dioxide emissions over the decade 2010-2019." They say "guided by the preferential option for the poor and the care of creation described in Catholic Social Teaching, we declare our unwavering support for a just transition and strongly call on the governments of the world to adopt a treaty to stop proliferation and abandon fossil fuels as a moral and political imperative."

The organisation for a treaty for just transition away from fossil fuels is holding its first global conference in April in Colombia. A global multi-faith campaign is underway to support it. In this fifth week of Lent maybe you could take action for the poor and most vulnerable: have a look at https://www.arrcc.org.au/fossil_fuel_treaty

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

1ST READING

Ezekiel 37:12-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R/**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R/**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak & Israel on the Lord.) **R/**

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R/**

2ND READING

Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to

him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

THE GOSPEL

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from

the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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: Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66