

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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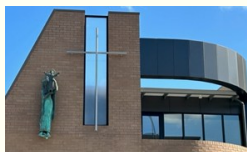
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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



THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY: 2 APRIL

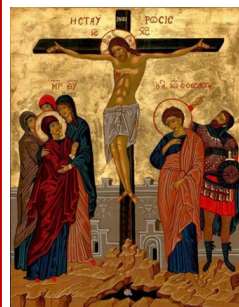


7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

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

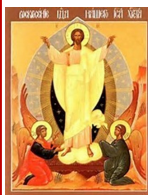
starting outside St. James' Anglican and ending at Mary Immaculate Church

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the

Passion of the Lord

at 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

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 28 March (*Lenten Feria*)

- 9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MI Church)
- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
- 10.30am Parish Lenten Retreat
- 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

Monday 30 March (*Holy Week*)

- 2.00pm Funeral for Joan Ryan at MI Church

Tuesday 31 March (*Holy Week*)

- 9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
- 10.00am Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral
- 4.15pm Mediation Group (Meeting Room)
- 7.15pm Choir Rehearsal for the Easter Triduum at MI
- 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Room)

Wednesday 1 April (*Holy Week*)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)

HOLY THURSDAY 2 APRIL

No morning 9.15 Mass

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

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

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL

No morning 9.15 Mass, MOG Chapel open for silent prayer

- 10.00am Stations of the Cross at St. Bernadette's
- 12noon Ecumenical Walk of Witness
*starting outside St James' Anglican Church,
ending at Mary Immaculate Church*
- 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
at Mary Immaculate Church

HOLY SATURDAY 4 APRIL

No morning 9.15 Mass

- 7.30pm Solemn Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
at Mary Immaculate Church
*followed by refreshments in Gathering Space.
Please bring a plate to share*

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL

- 8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church
- 10.00am 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 / 29 March	NEXT WEEKEND 4 / 5 April
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	<i>Please refer to your roster for the Easter Triduum</i>
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	J. Gray P. Shannon J. Gray	<i>Please refer to your roster for the Easter Triduum</i>
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	<i>Please refer to your roster for the Easter Triduum</i>

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: Joan Ryan, Damayanthi Perera

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Joe & Rosina Franzè, Concetta Rizzo, Kevin Duffy, Michael Skinner, William John O'Brien, Gaetano Calabro, Jean Aver, Cecil Daley, Nancy Dalle Molle, Noelle Raimbert

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 \$2,649

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,696

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 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Parish Finance Committee reports that the parish currently has sufficient financial resources to meet its ongoing commitments and continue supporting the parish community.

Parish income is derived from several sources, most notably the generous contributions made by parishioners through the Thanksgiving Collection. Additional income is received through the lease agreement with the Education Department for the use of the former Mother of God School facilities, donations from organisations that utilise our gathering space, and interest earned from parish investments.

These income sources enable the Parish to support our Parish Priest, employ and remunerate office staff, maintain and repair parish buildings, and meet the costs associated with ongoing operational expenses and bills."

We thank our generous parishioners for their ongoing support, however, over recent years our thanksgiving collections have progressively fallen. We take this opportunity to appeal to all, including new parishioners, to contribute where you can assure our Parish can fully deliver its ministries support.

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.

THANK YOU There's only a few words to be said. **THANK YOU**
to all who celebrated my 95th birthday with me. Merle

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP

Ethical Chocolate and Waste Management

Along with the primary Christian meaning of Easter, it is a time of celebrating. The tradition of Easter eggs and chocolate is often part of those celebrations. Before you do the Easter egg shopping two issues come to mind. Will you buy ethical chocolate? and how to deal with the waste of foil and packaging.

To assist you in this, **AFTER MASS TODAY WE WILL PROVIDE HANDOUTS ON BUYING CHOCOLATE THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE SLAVE LABOUR BY WOMEN OR CHILDREN. PLEASE TAKE A HANDOUT.**

Regarding the waste of Easter, Banyule Council Greenwrap provides the following advice.

Before you hop to it and toss everything in one bin, take a moment to recycle the right way.

Crack into our egg-cellent recycling tips this Easter:

- **Foil wrappers** from chocolate eggs are recyclable — just scrunch them together into a tennis-ball-sized bundle before placing them in your recycling bin. Hosting an Easter feast? Aluminium baking and roasting trays can be recycled too.
- **Egg boxes** aren't just for eggs! Cardboard packaging and hard plastic Easter egg containers can go straight into the recycling bin once empty.
- **Did your chocolate hot cross bun turn out to be filled with fruit?** Any food waste can go straight into **your** FOGO bin. This turns your stale hot cross buns into a product to grow more food!
- **What doesn't make the cut?** Small toys, ribbons, bows, bells and cellophane that come with Easter treats should be popped into general rubbish bin.

With a little sorting, we can keep Easter sweet without creating a mess.

Project Compassion 2026

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.



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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 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 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

BLESSING OF PALMS & PROCESSION

The congregation, holding their branches, gather outside the church (if circumstances permit) in preparation for the Solemn Entrance & Procession.

ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING OF BRANCHES

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

The priest introduces the liturgy and blesses the branches.

THE PALM GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PROCESSION

Dear brothers and sisters, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem: Let us go forth in peace.

✠ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (GA 309)

**R/ All glory, praise and honour
To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and blessed One. **R/**

The company of angels
are praising you on high,
And mortals, joined with all things
created, make reply. **R/**

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before you we present. **R/**

To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. **R/**

Their praises you accepted,
accept the prayers we bring,
Great source of love and goodness,
our Saviour and our King. **R/**

THE MASS OF PALM SUNDAY

The Mass begins with the Collect which is immediately followed by the Liturgy of the Word.

1ST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R/**

Many dogs have surrounded me; a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R/**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R/**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R/**

2ND READING Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. **R/**

READING OF THE SACRED PASSION

*At the death of Our
Lord, in the reading of
the Passion, all kneel
for a period of silence.*



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Next Week: Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9