

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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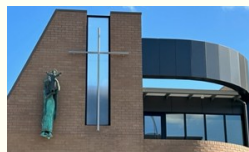
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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



MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE SYNOD 2026

Parish Discussions Groups 16 August after 10am Mass

Purpose of the Synod is to help shape the evangelical and missionary priorities for the Archdiocese of Melbourne for the years ahead.

The suggested process is a "Conversation in the Spirit" or a Spiritual Conversation. It is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and listen. It is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Parish discussions groups will focus on three key themes for the Synod

1. Young Discipleship
2. Missionary Leadership
3. Formation and Participation

Join us after 10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church.

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 15 August *(The Assumption of the BVM)*

- 9.00am Laud's Prayer in MI Church
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed by morning tea
 12noon Wellness Workshop (GS)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed by Shared Dinner

Sunday 16 August *(Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

- 8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Children's Liturgy
 After Mass Synod Parish Discussion Groups
 11.30am Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church

Monday 17 August *(Feria)*

- 10.00am U3A Self Defense Class (GS)
 1.00pm U3A Card Class (GS)

Tuesday 18 August *(Feria)*

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 10.00am Mahjong Game Group (MR2)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
 7.30pm Bible Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 19 August *(Feria)*

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 1.00pm Mass at Ivanhoe Grand AgeCare

Thursday 20 August *(St Bernard)*

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
 12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (GS)
 2.00pm Parish Earthcare Group (MR1)
 7 - 9pm ALPHA Program (GS)

Friday 21 August *(St Pius X)*

- 9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 1.30pm U3A Reading Aloud Class (GS)

Saturday 22 August *(The Queenship of the BVM)*

- 9am to 5pm Catholic Care Marriage Workshop (GS)
 9.00am Laud's Prayer at MI (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel) followed by morning tea
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 23 August *(21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

- 8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Children's Liturgy

LOOKING FORWARD

Change of Date: Anointing Mass & Shared Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday 25th August 2026 @ 12noon**



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 15 / 16 August	NEXT WEEKEND 22 / 23 August
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Ballao K. Gillespie L. Dal Pozzo E. Vandenhoven M. Harty T. Bui G. Shamieh	L. Kempen M. Harty A. Rahme C. Dixon P. Mahon D. Dixon S. Moorhen
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	D. Landsberg J. Gray D. Landsberg	J. Gray M-R. Auguste T. Nibali
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 E. Mount B. Janus A. Barro J. De Mel J & E Blundy I. Richards A. Rizzo D. Jones K. Ziino S. Meehan Lissa P. Group One	Team 5 B. Janus L. Michael M. Lindner D. Todaro D. Todaro P. Boutsakis T. Gleeson A. Palazzolo N. Merlin M. Pirrie Jacob L. Group Two

LITURGY & MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR 24/7 TO 21/9/26

Available on website or hardcopy at the back of church.
 If you cannot attend when rostered, please arrange your own swap.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Pat Lane, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Julia Foster, Bernard Beriman, Pauline Cullen, Fr Paul Gurry, Robert Erbacher, Jacques, Gui Michaud, Renee Van Beelen, Domenic Masserotti, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung
Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS: Daphne Scammel

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Josephine Lee, Rita Wain, Chiara & Eliseo Buso, Giuseppe Rocco, Domenico Galano, Heather Gauci, Jean Grainger, Kath Trotter Dorothy Coldwell, John Dolzan, Eugenia Peruzzo, Omizzolo Liliana

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.

PARISH NEWSLETTER Go to our website on home page scroll down and click Newsletter to view

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,369

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,391

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

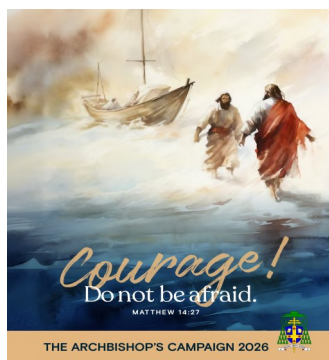
iv. **USE THIS QR CODE**



2026 Archbishop's Campaign

Is underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation.

Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. Details are also on Ivanhoe website.

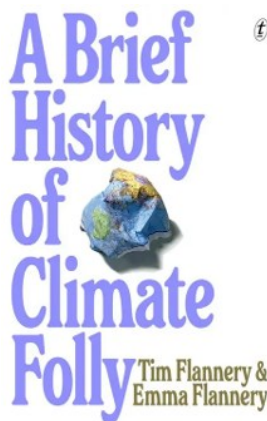


PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP



Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth

Pope Francis in his 2015 encyclical, said, "We have come to see ourselves as... (Earth's) lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will."



Australian palaeontologist and conservationist, Tim Flannery, said recently at a Climate Council Webinar, that we know the climate problems, we know the solutions and now, we have the technology to truly start countering the damage. Like Pope Francis, however, he sees the big obstacle as the view of those still committed to plundering Earth.

The quickest, most economical way to curb the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere, he says, is to stop pollution. Australia has made many environmental advances but is among the worst nations at plundering Earth for fossil fuels that cause pollution. No meekness here! You might enjoy reading Flannery's latest book, *A Brief History of Climate Folly*, apparently a humorous view of humanity's attempts to control weather.

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel – the Jews – and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans – sometimes referred to as 'dogs' to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

Greg Sunter
Liturgy Help

PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Tuesday 25th August 12noon Mary Immaculate Church

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

GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP & COFFEE Every Tuesday 7.30pm & Thursday after 9.15am Mass in the MR1

LIVING WELL WITH LOSS - Bereavement Ministry Once a month at 5pm Friday, next 28th August in MR1

MEDITATION GROUP Every Tuesday at 4.15pm in Parish Centre MR1

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP Once a month at 7.00pm Friday, next 4th September in Gathering Space.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm, next 20th August in Parish Centre MR1

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed
one; one day within your courts is
better than a thousand elsewhere.

1ST READING

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for
justice, act with integrity, for soon my
salvation will come and my integrity
be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached
themselves to the Lord to serve him
and to love his name and be his
servants – all who observe the
sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to
my covenant – these I will bring to my
holy mountain. I will make them
joyful in my house of prayer. Their
holocausts and their sacrifices will be
accepted on my altar, for my house
will be called a house of prayer for all
the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ O God, let all the nations
praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us and
let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon
earth and all nations learn your saving
help. **R/**

Let the nations be glad and exult for
you rule the world with justice. With
fairness you rule the peoples, you
guide the nations on earth. **R/**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let
all the peoples praise you. May God
still give us his blessing till the ends of
the earth revere him. **R/**

2ND READING

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have
been sent to the pagans as their
apostle, and I am proud of being sent,
but the purpose of it is to make my
own people envious of you, and in
this way save some of them. Since
their rejection meant the
reconciliation of the world, do you
know what their admission will
mean? Nothing less than a
resurrection from the dead! God
never takes back his gifts or revokes
his choice.

Just as you changed from being
disobedient to God, and now enjoy
mercy because of their disobedience,
so those who are disobedient now –
and only because of the mercy shown
to you – will also enjoy mercy
eventually. God has imprisoned all
men in their own disobedience only
to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the
kingdom and healed all who were
sick. **Alleluia!**



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew
to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then
out came a Canaanite woman from
that district and started shouting, 'Sir,
Son of David, take pity on me. My
daughter is tormented by a devil.' But
he answered her not a word. And his
disciples went and pleaded with him.
'Give her what she wants,' they said
'because she is shouting after us.' He
said in reply, 'I was sent only to the
lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But
the woman had come up and was
kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said
'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to
take the children's food and throw it
to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah
yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat
the scraps that fall from their
master's table.' Then Jesus answered
her, 'Woman, you have great faith.
Let your wish be granted.' And from
that moment her daughter was well
again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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: 21st Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20