

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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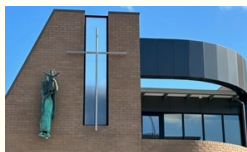
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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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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

Today, when we describe a person as being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It's usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying 'You are to *be* the salt of the earth; you are to *be* the light of the world.' It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them.

Today's first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the gospel passage: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that's used for salting the streets or a lamp that's under a tub.

Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 7 February (Feria)

9.00am Rosary (MOG Chapel)
9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)
5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 8 February (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Monday 9 February (Feria)

1.30pm U3A Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 10 February (St Scholastica)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
1.00pm Safeguarding Committee Meeting (Mtg Room)
4.15pm Mediation Group (Meeting Room)
Bible & Gospel Discussion Group cancelled

Wednesday 11 February (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)

Thursday 12 February (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
9.45am Gospel Discussion Group (Meeting Room)
6.00pm Zumba Fitness Class (Gathering Space)

Friday 13 February (Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette Church
1.30pm U3A Class (Gathering Space)

Saturday 14 February (Saints Cyril & Methodius)

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

Sunday 15 February (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

LOOKING FORWARD

Monday 16 February (Lunar New Year's Eve)

7.00pm Vietnamese Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed by supper

Wednesday 18 February ASH WEDNESDAY

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
12noon Mass at St Bernadette's Church
7.00pm 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 7/8 February	NEXT WEEKEND 14/15 February
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Michael L. McCrohan L. Dal Pozzo C. Dixon M. Gratton T. Barker S. Moorhen	E. Ballao A. Rizzo M. Harty T. Barker L. Kempen T. Gleeson E. Vandenhoven
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R. Auguste P. Shannon D. Landsberg	D. Landsberg D. Landsberg 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 3 E. Mount B. Janus I. Richards T. De Luise D. Todaro P. Boutsakis J. Chiera Patrick G. Shamieh J. Blundy Lissa P Group Five	Team 4 P. Verrocchi B. Connor L Dal Pozzo N. Merlin G. Williams D. Jones A. Rizzo G. Crawford K. Ziino S. Meehan N. Kajkic Group One

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Kerry Freney, Julia Foster, Paul Flanagan, Christine Lane, Shaun Armstrong, Catherine Williams, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Anica Dragovic, Christine Exton, Branka, Fr Reece Beltrame

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nicolina Calabrese

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Francis Booth, Maureen Bedson, Mary Ann Smitt, Kathleen Butler, Mary McEvey, William Barry Gilbo, John Paligaru, Alison Brister

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.

JAGAJAGA 2026 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS A parishioner has nominated our **Parish Earthcare Group** and **Parish Co-Ordinator** for the Jagajaga Community Volunteer Awards. Awards are given to dedicated and commitment to creating a positive impact that has not gone unnoticed. This will be held on Saturday 28th March 2026 @ 10am to 2pm at Viewbank College Performing Arts Centre 1 Warren Road Viewbank.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,580

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,587

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

i. WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES (contact Parish Office)

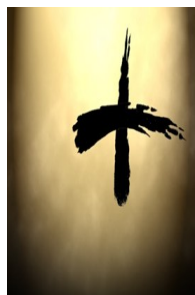
ii. EFTPOS FACILITY with your Credit/Debit Card Just Tap and Go!
Terminal located at the entrance to the Church in the Narthex

iii. WEBSITE: DONATE with your Credit/Debit Card

iv. USE THIS QR CODE



ASH WEDNESDAY - 18 FEBRUARY



9.15am

Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
with school students

12noon

Mass at St. Bernadette's Church
with school students

7.00pm

Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

World Day of Prayer 2026 Nigeria



"I will give you rest: Come"



Friday 6 March at 2.00pm

followed by afternoon tea

Venue: St James' Anglican Church,
252 Upper Heidelberg Road,
Ivanhoe

**PARISH EARTHCARE
GROUP**



2025 – The Highlights of the Parish Earthcare Group

The new year is well underway and we, the Parish Earthcare Group members are planning for our activities for 2026.

We looked back on 2025 and were pleased with our initiatives.

- We, the parish community, participated in worship and prayer during the celebration of Laudato Si' Week and the Season of Creation.
- We sought parishioner involvement and commitment to the CARITAS campaign "Turning Debt into Hope" and were pleased by the number of supportive signatures collected.
- We were delighted with the workshop on Celebrating Earthcare: Doing our best to Buffer Earth's Stress presented by Sally Neaves and attended by 34 participants.
- We campaigned boldly and courageously for Fossil Fuel Phase Out and related divestment and ethical bank switching.

As we move ahead with prayerful discernment, we offer gratitude for the support of Fr Thanh and you, the parishioners.

We pray with hope for your ongoing involvement in our journey with the Laudato Si' Movement and our parish earthcare group.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

With the start of a new school term our Children's Liturgy will resume Sundays in conjunction with the 10am Mass. Children meet for their own liturgy in our Gathering Space and then join their families at Mass during the Offertory Procession.

If your children would like to attend, bring them into the Gathering Space prior to Mass where they will be met by our volunteer parent leaders.

They will return to sit with their families at Mass during the Offertory Hymn.

If you would like further information or would like to volunteer as a Children's Liturgy Leader please email the Parish Office at ivanhoe@cam.org.au

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 February 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 EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm Thursday, next 19th March in the Parish Centre Mtg Room

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

1ST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R/**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R/**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R/**

2ND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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: Sixth Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37