

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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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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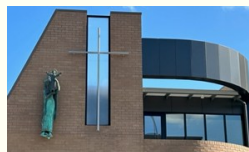
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is *Chametz*, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 18 July (Feria)

- 9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
- 12.30pm Wellness Workshop (GS)
- 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Confirmation Enrolment students followed by Share Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday 19 July (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Monday 20 July (Feria)

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

Tuesday 21 July (Feria)

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

Wednesday 22 July (St Mary Magdalene)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate in Church with Year 1 & 2 students
- 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting (MR1)

Thursday 23 July (Feria)

- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
- 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)
- 12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (GS)

Friday 24 July (Feria)

- 9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
- 1.00pm U3A Reading Aloud (GS)

Saturday 25 July (St James)

- 9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
- 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
- 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with First Holy Communion children

Sunday 26 July (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
- 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church including Commissioning of New Parish Council Members and Thanking outgoing members

LOOKING FORWARD

Thursday 6th August

- 7 - 9pm Start to ALPHA Program (see details on Page 3)

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 18 / 19 July	NEXT WEEKEND 25 / 26 July
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Ballao L. Michael A. Rahme P. Mahon Sienna Bui-Rahme E. Ballao S. Moorhen	E. Vandenhoven L. McCrohan F. Machado K. Gillespie L. Kempen T. Barker G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R. Auguste P. Shannon T. Nibali	D. Landsberg M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg
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 5 P. Verrocchi A. Pegoraro M. Lindner I. Richards M. Sibillin G. Crawford D. Todaro A. Rizzo H. Nguyen M. Pirrie Lissa P Group One	Team 1 B. Janus F. Fernandez L. Dal Pozzo T. De Luise A. McKern A. Palazzolo I. Richards G. Crawford K. Ziino M. Browning N. Kajkic Group Three

LITURGY & MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR 24/7 TO 30/9/26

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, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn Kennealy, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver, Julia Foster, Sean Mullins, Myriam Simpson, Bernard Beriman, Pauline Cullen, Fr Paul Gurry, Robert Erbacher

Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS: Shane Darcy, Dean Facchinei

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Vincent Machado, Geoff McLean, Kevin Patrick Ryan, Salvatore Iuculano, Jong Aguda, Anna Paron, Barbara Webster, Gregory Hilder, Madeline Moloney, Joseph Lau, Peter Murphy, Bui Thi Luu, Rogelio Aguda, Marian Janus, Gabrielle Bufalo

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 \$2,513

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,470

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



ALPHA

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that create a safe and honest space, where people can explore life, faith and meaning.

Alpha creates space for people to ask questions, share stories, and explore the Christian faith together.

Whether you're curious about life and meaning, or helping others explore it, **Alpha is a place for everyone.**

It is a place to pause,
think and talk about what really matters: who we are,
why we're here, and where faith fits in.

When: Starts 7.00pm Thursday 6th August 2026.
For 8 weeks (6,13,20,27 Aug & 3,10,17 Sept & 8 Oct)

Where: MMC Parish Gathering Space.

Duration: Each evening Session will be approx. 2 hrs

Small groups will facilitate discussion each evening hosted by one of our dedicated team:

Emma, Jacqueline, Charmaine & Cheryl.

A full day retreat is scheduled for Saturday 12th Sept.

If you are interested please sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex and take an information flyer and scan the QR code located on the noticeboard.

More Information: <https://alpha.org.au/>
[Alpha Australia - Explore life, meaning & the Christian faith](#)

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
GROUP**

EARTHCARE



PLASTIC: NOT SO FANTASTIC

How are you going this July, in choosing a low-plastic lifestyle?

It is made from crude oil and natural gas i.e. fossil fuels, a major cause of climate change. Europe is sweltering in unprecedented heat, 35-40-degree days at a time which many mistakenly believe to be a natural phenomenon. Furthermore, the El Nino effect expected here could well bring higher temperatures to us this summer!



Plastic pollution is choking our rivers and oceans, killing wildlife and entering our bodies through the food and water we consume. Perhaps we could consider:

- Buying paper wrapped soap rather than using pump bottles
- Eliminate plastic wrap, so often used once then binned
- Ask retailers to weigh your meat, fish and deli items into your own clean containers, avoiding goods on non-recyclable trays.
- Protest against plastic stickers on fruits by taking them off in store.
- At least for (plastic free July) pay a little more for individual fruit and vegetables rather than pre-packed items.

**Lord, open our eyes to the impacts of everyday choices,
may we have courage to tread more gently. Amen**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Go to our website www.melbocatholic.org/ivanhoe, on home page scroll down and click Newsletter to view

MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE SYNOD 2026

If you are interested in participating in MMC parish discussions on the selected themes of the Synod 2026, please refer to the Synod link on our website. This will direct you to the papers prepared and equip you with background information that you can bring to the table at times to be announced in the next week.

Community to focus on three key themes for the Synod:

1. Young Discipleship

2. Missionary Leadership

3. Formation and Participation

Website Synod link: MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 or <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

1ST READING

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R/**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R/**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R/**

2ND READING

Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

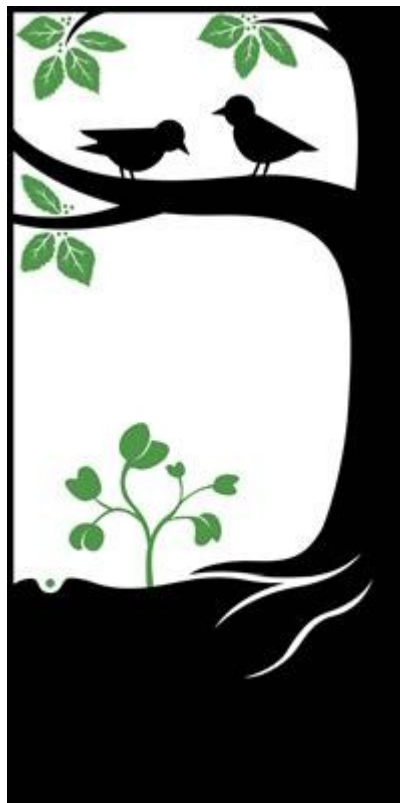
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**



THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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: Seventeenth Sunday in OT

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46