

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.

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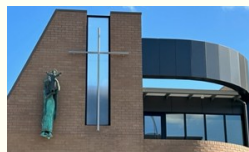
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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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Saturday 9.15am Mary Immaculate

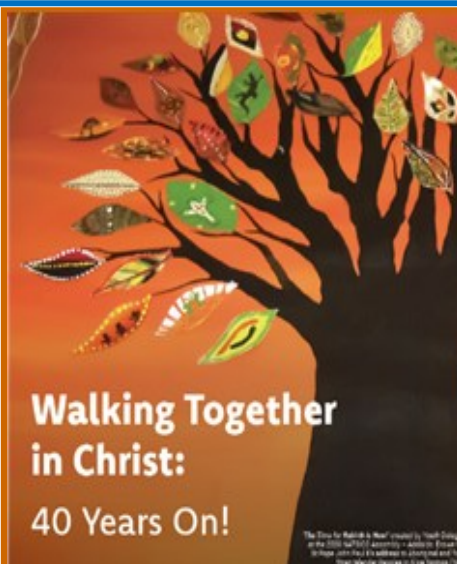
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



Welcome to this year's celebration of

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

As we gather in faith, we do so as a people shaped by story—by the Gospel, by culture, and by the journeys that have brought us to this moment. We gather in the presence of God, who walks with us always, and who calls us into unity as one people.

This year invites us into reflection. We mark 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and we celebrate 40 year of NAIDOC Week. These milestones are more than anniversaries—they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together. At times, it is important to look back. Not to dwell in the past, but to recognize the path that has been travelled—to see the strength, the challenges, and the grace that have carried us forward. In this, we trust in God's Providence, present in very step of our journey. Our theme, Walking Together in Christ: 40 years on!, speaks to this moment. It calls us to continue the journey with humility and hope—listening deeply, and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. Across this land, the Church is enriched by the cultures and voices of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Their spirituality, connection to Country, and deep sense of community continue to shape and strengthen the life of the Church in Australia. As St Pope John Paul II reminded us, the Church is enriched by the many cultures it embraces. This is not something we simply acknowledge—it is something we are called to live. Today's Liturgy is an invitation to listen to, reflect, and to encounter Christ in one another.

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 4 July (Feria)

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

Sunday 5 July (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Monday 6 July (Feria)

1.00pm U3A Card Playing Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 7 July (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)

Wednesday 8 July (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)

Thursday 9 July (Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (GS)

Friday 10 July (Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church

Saturday 11 July (St Benedict)

9am to 5pm Catholic Care - Marriage Workshop (GS)
9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 12 July (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

LOOKING FORWARD

Wednesday 15 July

7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 16 July

2.00pm Parish Earthcare Group Mtg (MR1)

AVAILABLE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe

Some of the resources include:

- * Children's Liturgy to use at home
- * Mass Schedule including times for Confession
- * Calendar of Events
- * Daily Readings
- * Listing of Library Books



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 4 / 5 July	NEXT WEEKEND 11 / 12 July
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Kempen A. Rizzo L. McCrohan P. Mahon M. Gratton A. Rizzo F. Callinan	E. Vandenhoven D. Dixon K. Gillespie T. Barker Thomas Levin E. Vandenhoven G. Shamieh
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	J. Gray M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg	J. Gray D. Landsberg 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 3 P. Kelly S. McInerney F. Fernandez P. Boutsakis G. Williams T. Barker D. Todaro T. Gleeson N. Merlin <i>No Children's Liturgy Group Five</i>	Team 4 E. Mount P. Nguyen A. Barro J. Blundy J & E Blundy J. Chiera B. Connor T. De Luise H. Nguyen <i>No Children's Liturgy Group One</i>

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Christine & Pat Lane, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn Kennealy, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver, Sr Francis Baum, Julia Foster, Sean Mullins, Myriam Simpson, Bernard Beriman

Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Frank & Addie Callinan, Lynette Nelson, Santo Patti, Jill Brophy, Michael Sheedy, Jan Janus, Nicoletta Mascia, Elisabetta Staffa, Elezabeth McCarthy, Frank Ryan, Mary-Lou O'Brien

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who supported last week's special collection for Holy Father Peter's Pence. Our total collection \$653.30.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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 \$2,525

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,532

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



Gospel Reflection

When we hear the term, *yoke*, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder *my* yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus *was* easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 *mitzvot* (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help

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



NAIDOC WEEK -

5 – 12 July, 2026

NAIDOC Week is a soul-deep celebration for Mob - a time to feast on the joy and pride of culture, connect with community, and honour the strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Even in years marked by hardship and upheaval, NAIDOC Week remains a powerful reminder of survival, resilience, and the ongoing achievements of First Nations Peoples.

This year's NAIDOC Week theme is 50 Years of Deadly. In Aboriginal communities, *deadly* is a term of high praise. It describes something or someone as excellent, inspiring, strong, and worthy of celebration. More than a compliment, it is a language of resilience and pride that honours the gifts, leadership, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

So when we celebrate **50 Years of Deadly**, we honour the Elders, advocates, artists, leaders, and communities who have carried this movement forward, and we recognise the many ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to stand strong despite ongoing racism, injustice, violence, and the silencing of their voices.

Quoted from Common Grace Website

REMINDER PLEASE BYO BAGS FOR THE BREAD AFTER WEEKEND MASS

As a step towards being plastic free in the parish, plastic bags are no longer being supplied.

PARISH LIBRARY

The Road to Peace by Henri Nouwen



"How would the world look if all Christians—in Australia, Asia, Europe, Africa, North and South America—were to commit themselves without reservation to peace? How would the world look if all Christians—Protestants, Catholic, Orthodox—were to witness together for him who is the Prince of Peace, Jesus? What would such a consensus in conscience bring about?" (p. 7)

The Library holds 243 books. Visit the collection via our website:
www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe.

PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Wednesday 2nd September 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 31st July in GS

MEDITATION GROUP Every Tuesday at 4.15pm in Parish Centre MR1

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP Once a month at 7.00pm Friday, next 7th August in Gathering Space.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm, next 16th July in Parish Centre MR1

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

1ST READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R/**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R/**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R/**

2ND READING

Romans 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests 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, 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.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in 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: Fifteenth Sunday in OT

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23