

# 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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## ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Vivienne Armarego 9499 3914

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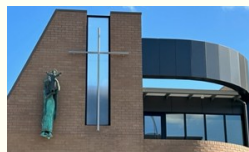
## PARISH VISION STATEMENT

**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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Thursday 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

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Saturday 29 August** *(The Passion of St John the Baptist)*

- 9.00am Laud's Prayer at MI (MOG Chapel)  
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel) followed by morning tea  
 11.00am Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church  
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

### **Sunday 30 August** *(22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

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

### **Monday 31 August** *(Feria)*

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

### **Tuesday 1 September** *(Feria)*

- 9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)  
 10.00am Mahjong Game Group (MR2)  
 4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)  
 7.00pm Furlan Italian Choir Rehearsal (GS)  
 7.30pm Bible Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

### **Wednesday 2 September** *(Feria)*

- 9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)

### **Thursday 3 September** *(St Gregory the Great)*

- 9.00am Confirmation Retreat Day for Parish Schools  
 9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)  
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)  
 12noon MMC Irish Card Group Gathering (GS)  
 7 - 9pm ALPHA Program (GS)

### **Friday 4 September** *(Feria)*

- 9.15am Communion Service at St Bernadette's Church  
 1.30pm U3A Reading Aloud Class (GS)  
 7.00pm Men's Fellowship Group (GS)

### **Saturday 5 September** *(Feria)*

- 9.00am Rosary at MI (MOG Chapel)  
 9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel) followed by morning tea  
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Sacrament of Confirmation for Parish schools. Celebrant: Bishop Thinh

### **Sunday 6 September** *(23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

*Celebrant for both Masses will be Fr Barry Caldwell*

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



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

| MASS ROSTERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | THIS WEEKEND<br>29 / 30 August                                                                                                                                                 | NEXT WEEKEND<br>5 / 6 September                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>5.30pm Mary Immaculate</b><br>Sacristan<br>Welcomer 1<br>Welcomer 2<br>Reader<br>Lector<br>Special Minister 1<br>Multimedia                                                                                                                                      | E. Vandenhoven<br>C. Dixon<br>D. Dixon<br>M. Harty<br>L. Kempen<br>P. Mahon<br>F. Callinan                                                                                     | E. Ballao<br>A. Rizzo<br>T. Bui<br><i>School Children &amp; Teachers</i><br>J. Chiera                                                                                                |
| <b>8.30am St. Bernadette's</b><br>Welcomer<br>Reader / Lector<br>Special Minister                                                                                                                                                                                   | D. Landsberg<br>J. Gray<br>T. Nibali                                                                                                                                           | J. Gray<br>C. Dixon<br>D. Dixon                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>10.00am Mary Immaculate</b><br>Hospitality<br>Sacristan<br>Welcomer 1<br>Welcomer 2<br>Reader<br>Lector<br>Special Minister 1<br>Special Minister 2<br>Special Minister 3<br>Multimedia<br>Children's Liturgy Leader<br>Children's Liturgy Assistant<br>Counters | Team 1<br>P. Kelly<br>L. Michael<br>L. Dal Pozzo<br>K. Ziino<br>G. William<br>D. Jones<br>I. Richards<br>G. Crawford<br>P. Boutsakis<br>M. Browning<br>Teresa V<br>Group Three | Team 2<br>P. Verrochi<br>S. McInerney<br>F. Fernandez<br>P. Boutsakis<br>J. De Mel<br>T. Barker<br>D. Todaro<br>D. Jones<br>G. Shamieh<br>Lissa Parsons<br>M. Browning<br>Group Four |

**NEXT MINISTRY ROSTER** is being prepared If you are going to be away during 26 Sept to 22 Nov 2026 please contact the Parish Office via email ASAP

### **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, Brian Butler

*Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)*

**RECENT DEATHS:** Josefina Quismorio, Patricia Valente, Adelina Febbo, Luciana Stromendo

**RIP ANNIVERSARIES:** John Stanton, Tony Bell, Emanuel Azzopardi, Kelvin & Pam Jones, Elsie West, Marie Ryan, Denis Beltrame, Brian Toomey, Bernard Ryan, Sr Jacquelyn Bender, Franco Paron, David Butler, Girolamo Garonzi, Gino Villani, Fr Des Magennis, Bishop John Hazlewood, Jamie Bernhardt, Virjeana Masters

**NAMES OF THE SICK & THE DEAD** for inclusion in newsletter must be sent to the parish office by Thursday 10am.

### **LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS**

**PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,362**

**PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,409**

### **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**



# St Bernadette's

Dear Parishioners,

With the Parish Centre now well established, we are turning our attention to planning for the future of St Bernadette's Church and its associated buildings.

There are a number of important maintenance and long-term planning matters to consider. I have invited a group of parishioners to assist with this work. Over the coming months, the group will review the issues affecting the future of the church and its buildings and develop an action plan.

We are also in discussion with the Korean Catholic Community to understand their views and requirements for the future.

Please note while the school is involved in the discussions we are not including the school grounds or buildings in our considerations.

Parishioners are welcome to share their thoughts with me or with any member of the group.

The group members are: Chris Dixon, Carlo Beltrame, Geoff Crawford, Alina Rizzo, Sue Moorhen, Vivian Armarego, Matt Pirrie and Pat Kelly.

With every blessing,  
Fr Thanh

## Prayer for the Synod

(Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus)

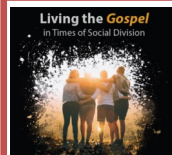
We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

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.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2026 AUGUST STATEMENT

'Living the Gospel' available on our website :  
[www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe](http://www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe)

## PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP



### Thin Green Line Day – Protect Nature's Protectors *Earthcare news from St Bernadette's*

On Thin Green Line Day, students learnt about the important work of Rangers who protect our wildlife, natural environments and wild places. We learnt that Rangers put their lives at risk every day to protect animals and their habitats from threats such as poaching.

Thin Green Line is an environmental charity founded by former St Bernadette's student Sean Willmore. Its purpose is to 'Protect Nature's Protectors' by providing training, resources, equipment and financial support to Rangers, and to their families as well when Rangers are injured or killed while doing their jobs. In 2025, at least 147 Rangers were killed while protecting the world's precious wildlife and environment. Most of these deaths occurred in Asia and Africa, while three Rangers lost their lives in Australia.

During the day, we learnt about our native animals, how we can protect them and how to keep ourselves safe around wildlife. We also learnt about recycling and why reducing, reusing and recycling our waste is important for the environment. We cooked a healthy meal, made Joey Rescue Bags for Wildlife Victoria and rebuilt our Bug Motel with students from Parade College.

We are also helping to support the Thin Green Line through a raffle organised by the SRC. We are proud to do our part to **Protect Nature's Protectors**.

Google: thin green line



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Open invite to the men of the parish to share drinks, food and fellowship. Friday 4th September 7.00pm

BYO drinks + \$15 at the Parish Centre Gathering Space

## PARISH GROUPS

**ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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 4<sup>th</sup> September in Gathering Space.

**PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP** Once a month at 2pm, next 17<sup>th</sup> September in Parish Centre MR1

# TODAY'S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R/**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R/**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R/**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R/**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Romans 12: 1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

**Alleluia!**



## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**✠ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at

the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

## 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: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20