

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.

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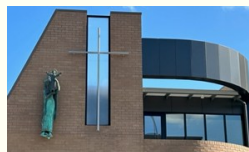
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.

Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.

Greg Sunter
Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 2 May (St Athanasius)

8am to 4.30pm CatholicCare Workshop (GS)
 9.00am Rosary (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 4.45pm First Holy Communion Catechist Class (GS)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 3 May (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Children's Liturgy

**followed by Community Family Day
 including Sausage Sizzle. All welcome**

Monday 4 May (Easter Feria)

1.00pm U3A Card Playing Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 5 May (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 1.00pm Safeguarding Committee Meeting (MR1)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
 7.00pm Furlan Italian Choir Rehearsal (GS)
 7.30pm Bible & Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 6 May (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Year 1&2 students

Thursday 7 May (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Gospel Discussion Group & Coffee (MR1)

Friday 8 May (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 11.00am U3A Art Class (Gathering Space)
 1.30pm U3A Reading Aloud Class (Gathering Space)

Saturday 9 May (Easter Feria)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 1.30pm Wedding at Mary Immaculate Church
 4.45pm First Holy Communion Catechist Class (GS)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 10 May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
 10am 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 2 / 3 May	NEXT WEEKEND 9 / 10 May
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Vandenhoven A. Rizzo M. Gratton M. Gratton Thomas Levin A. Rizzo G. Shamieh	L. Kempen D. Dixon K. Gillespie M. Harty C. Dixon D. Dixon E. Vandenhoven
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R Auguste D. Landsberg D. Landsberg	J. Gray M-R Auguste 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 4 E. Ballao S. McInerney L. Michael P. Boutsakis M. Sibillin T. De Luise D. Todaro A. Bhaskara N. Merlin M. Pirrie Paul S Group One	Team 5 E. Mount P. Nguyen A. Pegoraro I. Richards T. Barker J. Chiera B. Connor T. Gleeson H. Nguyen M. Browning Teresa V Group Two

**Ministry Roster 14 March to 17 May available on website or
 hardcopy at the back of Church**

NEXT MINISTRY ROSTER The next ministry roster will be out shortly. If you are going to be away during 23 May to 2 August 2026 please contact the Parish Office via email ASAP

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Christine & Pat Lane, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn & Patrick Kennealy, Marylou Galliot, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver, Agnes McManamon, Ruth Villani, Sr Francis Baum, Julia Foster, Edelzuita Alves, Sean Mullins

Names on list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)

RECENT DEATHS: Fr Peter F. G. Foley PE

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Matt Kirwan, Kevin Stanton, Frances Barry, Peter Patti, Choo Reutens, Desmond Harty, Sebastiana Platania, Teresa O'Donnell, Onorina Renzella

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 www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe, on home page scroll down and click Newsletter to view

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,515

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,572

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**



This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.

Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope.

You can donate: Using the appeal envelope available

Online - www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Phone - (03) 9967 2515

Scan the QR Code

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

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.

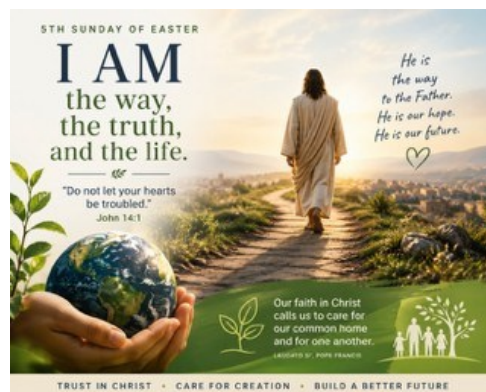
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.

A World in Crisis

We are living in a time where war, climate change, and poverty are no longer distant issues. Ongoing conflicts continue to displace millions with an estimated 673 million people globally still undernourished. Even here in Melbourne, we are reminded through rising costs of living and extreme weather that these global issues touch local lives.

Catholic leaders have warned, we are facing a "merging of mass suffering" where environmental, social, and political breakdowns feed into one another. In today's gospel Jesus says "Do not let your hearts be troubled" Jesus reveals himself as "the way, the truth, and the life". If He is the life, then we are called to protect and nurture life in all its forms.



As Christians, we are not completely helpless. Through prayer, generosity, and simple daily choices, we can bring hope and healing by standing up for the poor, caring for creation, or advocating for peace.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

"Blessed are the peacemakers..." (Matthew 5:9)



PARISH LIBRARY

First Steps in Prayer by Jean-Marie Lustiger (Archbishop of Paris)

Do by all means pinpoint those fairly regular times in your day when your activities change or, at least, change tempo: the beginning and end of the work day, meal times, the commuting to and from work, and so forth. Faithfully set aside these intervals for prayer however brief. But make it a strict obligation, no matter what else happens, to consecrate a prayer to God at the specific time, even if you have no more than thirty seconds or a minute free. (p. 48)

The Library holds 243 books. Check out our books through the borrowing registry at the Parish Centre Meeting Room 2 (Tuesday & Thursday 9am to 3pm). Visit the collection via our website: www.melbatholic.org/ivanhoe.

PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Wednesday 3rd June 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 29th May 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 5th June in Gathering Space.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm, next 21st May in Parish Centre MR1

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

1ST READING

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R/**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R/**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R/**

2ND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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 of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21