

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH



Mary Immaculate Church
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

St Bernadette's Church
89 Bond St, Ivanhoe



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As a Parish Community we value Inclusion, Hospitality, Service and Mission

BOOKINGS: Parish Office: 9926 2310 for use of facilities, sacramental enrolments or appointments for Marriage etc.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH committed to the safety, wellbeing & dignity of all children. If you wish to report any issues contact our Child Safety Officers: Lucy Dal Pozzo or Marcus Napolitano via the Parish Office.

TEMPORARY MASS TIMES

UNTIL COMPLETION

OF OUR NEW PARISH CENTRE

AND THE REOPENING

OF MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

**ALL MASSES ARE AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
89 BOND STREET IVANHOE**

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm	St. Bernadette's
Sunday	9.30am	St. Bernadette's

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	9.15am	St. Bernadette's
Wednesday	9.15am	St. Bernadette's
Thursday	9.15am	St. Bernadette's
Friday	9.15am	St. Bernadette's
Saturday	9.15am	St. Bernadette's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at St. Bernadette's
9.45am (after 9.15am Mass) & 5.30pm

BAPTISMS AND OTHER SACRAMENTS

See information on our website - BUT advertised dates, times & places for the next few months are redundant and must be confirmed by contacting Fr. Bill.

PARISH REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Progress and disappointment. Works are continuing with the one hundred and one items to be completed advancing well. Many trades are doing the final touches to their work.

It was confirmed at our site meeting this week that we cannot guarantee to have the certificate of occupation in time to prepare for Easter. Therefore Easter will be celebrated at St Bernadette's.

We are planning for the first Mass in the newly restored Mary Immaculate Church to be celebrated on Saturday, 6 May 2023, at 5.30pm. Our occupancy date and details of moving into the parish centre and office will be advised as soon as it is possible.

Pat Kelly: Project Manager



The new entry to the Church and Parish Centre Gathering Space

IVANHOE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Mary Immaculate Primary School
Principal: Veronica Antrim
9 Rockbeare Grove, Ivanhoe 3079
Phone: 9497 1827

St Bernadette's Primary School
Acting Principal: Viv Armarego
53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe 3079
Phone: 9499 3914

As a Catholic Community we respect the Wurrundjeri 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.



PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 11 March (Lenten Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's
 9.45am Reconciliation at St Bernadette's
 5.30pm Reconciliation at St Bernadette's
 6.00pm Mass at St Bernadette's

Sunday 12 March (Third Sunday of Lent)

9.30am Mass at St Bernadette's

Monday 13 February (Lenten Feria)

Tuesday 14 February (Lenten Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's
 4.15pm Meditation Group at St. Bernadette's

Wednesday 15 March (Lenten Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's
 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council at St Bernadette's

Thursday 16 March (Lenten Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's
 9.45am Lenten Gospel Discussion Group at SB
 1.30pm Mass at BlueCross

Friday 17 March (St Patrick)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's (1/2Y & 1/2C Students)
 9.45am Stations of the Cross at St Bernadette's
 7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Bernadette's

Saturday 18 March (Lenten Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's
 9.45am Reconciliation at St Bernadette's
 5.30pm Reconciliation at St Bernadette's
 6.00pm Mass at St Bernadette's

Sunday 12 March (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

9.30am Mass at St Bernadette's

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 26 March

2.00pm Meeting for all going on the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the Cunningham Centre at St Bernadette's

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 11/12 March	NEXT WEEKEND 18/19 March
6pm St Bernadette's Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Lector Special Minister Multimedia	J. Gray C. Dixon D. Dixon D. Landsberg J. Gray G. Shamieh	J. Gray K. Gillespie J. Gray S. Moorhen T. Nibali F. Callinan
9.30am St Bernadette's Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister Multimedia	E. Mount A. McKern P. Nguyen M. Sibillin D. Todaro B. Connor H. Nguyen	P. Verrocchi M. Lindner A. Pegoraro E. Ballao M-R. Auguste D. Jones J. Chiera

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Kate, Dal Bellio, Fr Reece Beltrame, Gabrielle Grasso, Stefanie Cremasco, John Hyson, Chris Saines, John Ryan, Giovannina Pesavento

RECENT DEATHS: Mile Begovic

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: William Barry Gilbo, Alison Brister, Carmela Nibali

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well is significant in a number of ways. By talking to this woman Jesus breaks through strong ethnic (Jews and Samaritans) and social (man talking in public to a woman not of his family) barriers. After much discussion the woman undergoes a profound conversion and becomes a missionary to her people.

The final scenes describe the success of her mission. As a result of her testimony Jesus reaps a rich 'harvest' among the Samaritans, who come to acknowledge him as 'Saviour of the world' – a hint of universal significance outstripping the confines not only of Israel but Samaria as well.



It seems appropriate then this is the reading for the Sunday following International Women's Day on 8 March.

Jesus' attitude toward women, as exemplified by the Gospel for this Sunday, was not one of hidebound tradition or dismissal. He leads the Samaritan woman to a profound conversion and she, in turn, successfully brings many others to the message of Jesus. Evangelisation recognises no boundaries.

ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION CARMELITE MONASTERY

We cordially invite you to attend our Annual Day of Reflection at the Carmelite Monastery, 94 Stevenson Street Kew, beginning with Mass at 10.30am and concluding with benediction at 2.30pm, on Tuesday 21 March. Bishop Terence Curtin will once again be leading us in prayer and contemplation.

Please RSVP if you will attend this Retreat as soon as you can. BYO sandwiches for lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. To RSVP or for further info contact Pia Boutsakis 0412 933 902 or piaboutsakis@gmail.com

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH Collection
 Envelopes: \$893
 Loose: \$307
 EFT: \$1,306
Total (Parish Account) \$2,506

PRESBYTERY Collection
 Envelopes: \$693
 Loose: \$307
 EFT: \$369
Total (Presbytery Account) \$1,368

PARISH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP REFLECTION AND EXAMEN

It's been eight years since we were called* to respond personally and practically, to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor. In our lenten examen we might ask what personal changes have I made in my action and commitments to

- reduce reliance on fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas) ?
- reduce purchases of plastics and all types of non recyclable materials ?
- recycle and manage waste in all its forms such as food, ewaste, clothing, etc. ?

How have I...

- assisted the poor and marginalised at home, and in the wider community, local, national and international?
- recognised and supported our aboriginal people?

How have I moved towards a simpler and more caring lifestyle?

- less time buying, collecting and consuming things
- more time educating, empowering and supporting people and caring for the environment

These thoughts bring to mind the lyrics of Jewel's song # "Life Uncommon"*"Lend your voices only to sounds of freedom. No longer lend your strength to that which you wish to be free from. Fill your lives with love and bravery and you shall lead a life uncommon....."*

*(Pope Francis' encyclical letter - Laudato Si')

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TzsToihrGc>



CARITAS

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming

skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from the table at the back of the church, by visiting

caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



OUR LENTEN PROGRAM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays during Lent

9.45am St. Bernadette's Church
Each Friday in Lent
after the 9.15am Mass

7.30pm Our Ecumenical Stations
will alternate between St. George's
Anglican Church Ivanhoe East and
St. Bernadette's

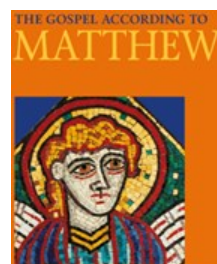
At St. George's: Fridays March 24

At St. Bernadette's: Fridays March 17, 31

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
will be available after Stations on March 31

LENTEN GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Each Thursday in Lent
after the 9.15am Mass
at St. Bernadette's



ANOINTING MASS

for the Sick & Aged
Tuesday 4 April
10.30am at St. Bernadette's Church
followed by Morning Tea

NEWS FOR PARISH NEWSLETTER

All items for the parish newsletter and names for the Prayers of the Community must be submitted to the parish office by 10am on a Thursday to ensure publication.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be holding a Book and Plant Sale, Saturday 18 March

9am – 2pm. 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

PLANT & BOOK SALE



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TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R/**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R/**

2ND READING Romans 5:1-2,5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can

boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

THE GOSPEL John 4:5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some

of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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.*

