

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.

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 Mary Immaculate

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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



OUR LENTEN PROGRAM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



- EACH FRIDAY IN LENT

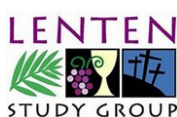
9.45am St. Bernadette's after 9.15am Mass

7.00pm Alternates between

Mary Immaculate Church - March 6, 20

St. George's Anglican Church - February 27, March 13, 27

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS



Share together and discuss the Sunday Lenten Readings. There will be evening and morning groups.

Both groups will meet in the Meeting Room.

Tuesdays at 7.30pm

Thursdays after the 9.15am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Each Saturday following the 9.15am Mass at

Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)



MASS & ANOINTING of the Sick & Aged

Wednesday 4th March at 12noon
Mary Immaculate Church

followed by shared luncheon (Please bring a plate to share)

Invite those you know to be sick or housebound who might like to attend and offer them a ride to Mass and Lunch

An initiative of our Parish Outreach Group

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 21 February (Lenten Feria)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
 followed by shared dinner & fellowship

Sunday 22 February (First Sunday of Lent)

8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church
 10am Mass at MI Church with Children's Liturgy

Monday 23 February (Lenten Feria)

1.30pm U3A Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 24 February (Lenten Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 4.15pm Mediation Group (Meeting Room)
 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Room)

Wednesday 25 February (Lenten Feria)

9.15am Mass at MI Church with Year 1 & 2 students
 7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Mtg Room)

Thursday 26 February (Lenten Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 9.45am Lenten Discussion Group (Meeting Room)
 6.00pm Zumba Fitness Class (Gathering Space)

Friday 27 February (Lenten Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette Church with Year 1 & 2 students, followed by Stations of the Cross
 1.30pm U3A Class (Gathering Space)
 5.00pm Bereavement Ministry Gathering (GS)
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St George's Anglican Church

Saturday 28 February (Lenten Feria)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
 4.45pm Reconciliation Catechist Class
 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 29 February (Second Sunday of Lent)

8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church
 10am Mass at MI Church with Children's Liturgy

LOOKING FORWARD

Wednesday 4 March

12noon Anointing Mass of the Sick & Aged (see page 1)

Friday 6 March

2.00pm World Day of Prayer at St James' Anglican Church



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 21 / 22 February	NEXT WEEKEND 28 Feb / 1 Mar
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	C. Bryce T. Bui M. Gratton M. Harty S. Bui-Rahme A. Rizzo G. Shamieh	L. Michael L. Michael K. Gillespie S. Moorhen Thomas Levin P. Mahon F. Callinan
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	J. Gray J. Gray D. Landsberg	D. Dixon C. Dixon 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 5 B. Janus S. McInerney L. Michael P. Boutsakis T. Barker T. De Luise P. Boutsakis T. Gleeson N. Merlin R. Sylvester Naomi V Group Two	Team 1 P. Kelly P. Nguyen A. Pegoraro J. Blundy E. Blundy J. Chiera B. Connor A. Bhaskara N. Nguyen M. Pittie Paul S. Group Three

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Kerry Freney, Julia Foster, Paul Flanagan, Christine Lane, Shaun Armstrong, Catherine Williams, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Anica Dragovic, Christine Exton, Branka, Fr Reece Beltrame

*Names on sick list remain for 9 weeks (a Novena)
 unless otherwise advised via email.*

RECENTLY DECEASED:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Pidutti, Crescenza Gigli, Violet Frilay, Thomas William Talbot, Fred Cullen, Nellie Stankiewicz, Emila Garonzi, Mary Ryan, John Duffy, Anne Inverarity, Mariangela Capomolla

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.

JAGAJAGA 2026 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS A parishioner has nominated our **Parish Earthcare Group** and **Parish Co-Ordinator** for the Jagajaga Community Volunteer Awards. Awards are given to dedicated and commitment to creating a positive impact that has not gone unnoticed. To be held on Saturday 28th March 2026 @ 10am to 2pm at Viewbank College Performing Arts Centre 1 Warren Road Viewbank.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH THANKSGIVING COLLECTION \$2,295

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,371

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



Parish Pastoral Council – Meeting Summary

At the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting on the 4th of February, several reports were tabled, and additional items discussed.

- How best to utilise the church and surrounding site at St. Bernadette. The current usage and maintenance expense is not sustainable.
- Introduction of the Alpha Christian evangelisation program, specifically aiming at younger people.
- Engaging children through the encouragement of a children's choir.
- The Christmas carols and masses were very well attended. Attendances were up on the previous year and mostly positive feedback from the congregations.
- In regard to the establishment of a Social Justice Action Group, one obvious involvement would be to be more supportive of St. Vinnies, and offer help to the many parishioners who, individually, are already offering care and support to the less fortunate.
- A parish retreat is planned for March, to be led by Br. Tony Clark.

The PPC thanks you for your support and welcomes any feedback and suggestions.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP



A Plastic and Petrol Fast

Have you started a carbon fast after reading last week's Earthcare item? Here are more ways to lessen your carbon footprint this Lent.

- Prepare and beware when food shopping. Buy or make netting bags for fruit and vegie purchases.
- Try not to buy berries in plastic boxes. Impossible? – Aldi have strawberries packed in cardboard. You can help create demand by requesting better packaging from your fruiterer.
- Refuse to buy plastic-packed cucumbers, carrots, celery etc.
- Meat, fish and bread are a challenge, but some merchants will fill your own containers if asked.
- Try Sage plastic-free bulk store in Ivanhoe – it has beautiful nuts and dried fruits.
- Petrol is a carbon catastrophe so don't let your fruit sprout wings! Check the miles your fruit travels – buying navel oranges from the US might appeal but local Valencias are fresher, travel far fewer miles and their sale benefits our local farmers. Of course, you can cut down your petrol by walking more, driving less.

Hopefully, all our small sacrifices will help our children suffer less from the ravages of climate change. What's to lose – fitter today, healthier tomorrow?



World Day of Prayer 2026 - Nigeria

"I will give you rest: Come"

Friday 6 March at 2.00pm

followed by afternoon tea

Venue:

St James' Anglican Church,
252 Upper Heidelberg Road,
Ivanhoe



Project Compassion 2026

Shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling: 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.



PARISH GROUPS

ANointing MASS & SHARED LUNCHEON Wednesday 4th March 12noon Mary Immaculate Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Every Sunday (*except during school holidays*) in conjunction with 10am Mass at MI Church

GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP & COFFEE Every Tuesday 7.30pm and Thursday after the 9.15am Mass in the Parish Centre Meeting Room

LIVING WELL WITH LOSS - Bereavement Ministry Once a month at 5pm Friday, next 27th February in GS

MEDITATION GROUP Every Tuesday at 4.15pm in Parish Centre Meeting Room

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP Once a month at 7.00pm Friday, next 6th March in Gathering Space.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm Thursday, next 19th March in the Parish Centre Mtg Room

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

1ST READING

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ Be merciful, O Lord,
for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and

more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R/**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R/**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R/**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R/**

2ND READING

Romans 5:12, 17-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into

loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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: Second Sunday of lent

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9