

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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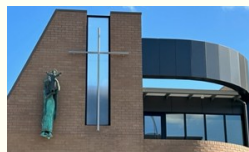
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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



Easter Message 2026

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia!

My dear friends in Christ,

As we celebrate Easter Sunday, we stand at the threshold of the empty tomb and hear the angel's words: "He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would" (Matthew 28:6). Christ is truly risen, and that changes everything—not only the course of history, but the way you and I are called to live today.

Easter proclaims that no sin, no fear, no failure, no wound, and no worldly power has the final word in our lives. If Christ had not been raised, our faith would be empty; but because he is risen, our wounds can be healed, our past forgiven, and our future filled with hope. The Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ together stand as the great sign of God's merciful love: Jesus has entered into the very depths of human suffering so that no one need ever feel abandoned there.

This mystery has very concrete implications for our Christian living. To celebrate Easter is to invite the light of the Risen Lord into our personal "tombs," into those places of discouragement, resentment, doubt, fear, addiction, or grief that we often prefer to keep closed. It is to allow his mercy to touch our whole being—body, mind, and spirit. It is to bring Easter hope into our homes, our parish, and our society by choosing forgiveness instead of holding grudges, gentleness instead of harsh words, trust instead of doubt, and generous service instead of selfishness. It is to live consciously as sons and daughters of the Father, standing tall in our Christian dignity, knowing that we are loved, and extending that same love to those who feel forgotten, isolated, or on the margins.

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

HOLY SATURDAY 4 APRIL

No morning 9.15 Mass

7.30pm Solemn Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter at Mary Immaculate Church
followed by refreshments in Gathering Space.
Please bring a plate to share



EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL

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

Easter Monday 6 April (in Easter Octave)

1.00pm U3A Cards Class (Gathering Space)

Easter Tuesday 7 April (in Easter Octave)

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 4.15pm Meditation Group (Meeting Room)
 7.00pm Furlan Choir Rehearsal (Gathering Space)
 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Room)

Easter Wednesday 8 April (in Easter Octave)

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)

Easter Thursday 9 April (in Easter Octave)

9.15am Communion Service at MI (MOG Chapel)
 6.30pm Zumba Fitness Class (Gathering Space)

Easter Friday 10 April (in Easter Octave)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church

Easter Saturday 11 April (in Easter Octave)

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 April (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 4 / 5 April	NEXT WEEKEND 11 / 12 April
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	<i>Please refer to your roster for the Easter Triduum</i>	L. Kempen K. Gillespie L. Dal Pozzo T. Barker E. Vandenhoven M. Gratton F. Callinan
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	<i>Please refer to your roster for the Easter Triduum</i>	D. Landsberg M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg
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	<i>Please refer to your roster for the Easter Triduum</i>	Team 1 E. Mount C. Beltrame A. Rizzo E. Mount N. & M. Merlin T. De Luise A. Rizzo A. Bhaskara J. Chiera No Children's Liturgy Group Three

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Christine & Pat Lane, Shaun Armstrong, Catherine Williams, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Anica Dragovic, Christine Exton, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn & Patrick Kennealy, Marylou Galliot, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver, Ranganie Wickremesinge; Anges McManamon, Ruth Villiani, Sr Francis Baum, Julia Foster

*Names on list remain for 9 wks (a Novena)
 unless otherwise advised*

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Nadia Gasior, Maria Gargaro, Imelia Pettruci, A. Anthony, Damian Iapozzuto, William Thomas Gilbo, John Moloney, Berta Colja, Gloria Sorbara, Licia Di Pietro

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 will not be sent via email

Due to change of systems and cyber security by our website administrator

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 \$2,765

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,582

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES** (contact Parish Office)
- EFTPOS FACILITY** with your Credit/Debit Card **Just Tap and Go!**
Terminal located at the entrance to the Church in the Narthex
- WEBSITE: DONATE** with your Credit/Debit Card
- USE THIS QR CODE**



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The stone was rolled away not merely to let Jesus out of the tomb, but to invite us in: to see, to believe, and then to go forth as witnesses. Pope Benedict XVI once remarked that Easter is the moment when God pronounces a great “yes” over our life—over our work, our struggles, our vocation, our youth, and our old age. The Risen Jesus desires to walk with us in the ordinary rhythm of our everyday life: in our homes, our workplaces, our classrooms, and in every aspect of our lives. Fr Richard Rohr, OFM, rightly puts, “Resurrection happens in us every time we allow God to do something new.”

Today, let us ask the Risen Lord with humble faith: “Jesus, where do you wish to bring your Resurrection more deeply into my life?” Then let us give him permission to act—perhaps by returning more faithfully to the Sunday Mass and the sacraments, seeking reconciliation with someone from whom we are estranged, deepening our daily life of prayer, or offering concrete service to a person in need. If we take this step together as a parish community, our parish will become an ever clearer sign that Christ is alive and at work in our midst.

On behalf of the Parish Leadership, I wish each of you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter. May the Risen Lord renew your hearts, your homes, and our entire parish, and may Mary, Mother of our Risen Lord, keep you always under her loving care.

In the Risen Christ,
Fr. Thanh

EASTER THANKS

Many thanks to all who assisted with our Holy Week, Easter Liturgies, especially our Director of Music (Isma Chiera), Organist (Margaret Di Silva), Flower Arrangements (Phi), Parish Choir, & everyone else - too numerous to name - from palm branch suppliers, altar servers, all assisting on ministry rosters and those serving drinks after our Easter Vigil Mass.

Project Compassion 2026

Please return all Project Compassion contributions by **26 April**. If a receipt is required, fill in details on box lids or on back of envelopes before their return.



Building the Synodal Way Together

As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and

walks together. The *Synodal Way* calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- **Listening with an open heart** to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
- **Engaging in meaningful conversation**, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
- **Strengthening our sense of communion**, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.

Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time. Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email:

Synod2026@cam.org.au

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 GROUPS

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Every Sunday (except during school holidays) in conjunction with 10am Mass Resumes 26th April

GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP & COFFEE Every Tuesday 7.30pm & Thursday after 9.15am Mass in the Mtg Rm

LIVING WELL WITH LOSS - Bereavement Ministry Once a month at 5pm Friday, next 24th April 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 1st May in Gathering Space.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP Once a month at 2pm, next 16th April in Parish Centre Mtg Room

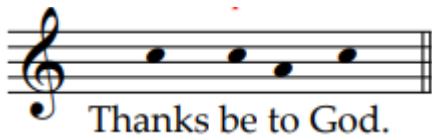
EASTER VIGIL MASS

SERVICE OF LIGHT

The priest briefly introduces the Vigil. He blesses the new fire. He marks on the Easter Candle a cross, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and the numerals of the current year.

The procession enters the church, halting three times: at the entrance, the nave, and the sanctuary, as the priest bearing the candle raises it and sings:

The Light of Christ.
each time all respond:



The people's candles are lit from the Easter Candle.

The people stand holding their candles while the Exultet is sung.

THE EXULTET

During the Exultet the people join in with:
The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The church lights are turned on and the priest introduces the Liturgy of the Word, then all sit, and the readings, telling how God has saved his people throughout history, and sent his Son as our Redeemer, follow.

The people extinguish their candles

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

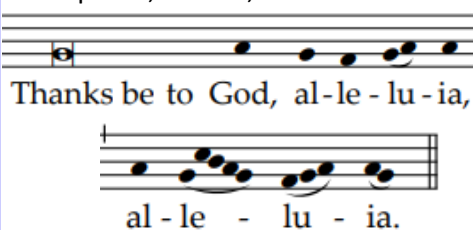
The priest blesses the water after which the baptized faithful, holding their lighted candles renew their Baptismal Promises.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar and the First Mass of the Resurrection is consummated in our Easter Communion.

EASTER DISMISSAL

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.



**Please join us in the Gathering
Space for refreshments after Mass**



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 Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

EASTER DAY MASSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

1ST READING

Acts 10:34,37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R/**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R/**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R/**



2ND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

EASTER DISMISSAL

Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!