

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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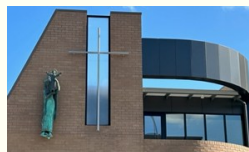
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

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

OUR LENTEN PROGRAM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- EACH FRIDAY IN LENT

9.45am St. Bernadette's after 9.15am Mass

7.00pm Mary Immaculate Church - March 20

St. George's Anglican Church - 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 after 9.15am Mass at MI (MOG Chapel)

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT DAY

'Finding Light Within The Darkness!'

— "I will put my spirit within you." (Ezekiel 36:27)

Join us for a grace-filled day of renewal and reflection. This retreat offers a precious opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and gently reconnect with God. Together, we will listen for Jesus' invitation to deeper relationship, healing, and a fuller experience of his light.

The day will include short inspirational reflections, quiet time for personal prayer, meaningful dialogue, adoration, and will conclude with a beautiful Reconciliation service.

Come and be refreshed, encouraged, and strengthened in spirit. All are welcome.

DATE: SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH 2026

TIME: Beginning at 10.30 am & concluding at 5.00 pm

LOCATION: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Centre, Ivanhoe.

CATERING: Coffee & tea & a simple lunch will be provided.

LEADER: Br Tony Clark FMS

To REGISTER: Sign up sheet at back of church or email parish

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 7 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.00am Rosary (MOG Chapel)
9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 8 March (*Third Sunday of Lent*)

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

Monday 9 March (*Lenten Feria*)

1.30pm U3A Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 10 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
4.15pm Mediation Group (Meeting Room)
6.30pm School Workshop on Reconciliation with Fr Luke
7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group (Mtg Room)

Wednesday 11 March (*Lenten Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with school students Year 3/4 & 4/5
7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Mtg Room)

Thursday 12 March (*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 13 March (*Lenten Feria*)

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

Saturday 14 March (*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 15 March (*Fourth Sunday of Lent*)

8.30am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church
10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church with Children Liturgy
11.30am Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church
12.30pm St Patrick's Day Luncheon (Gathering Space)



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 7 / 8 Mar	NEXT WEEKEND 14 / 15 March
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	E. Ballao D. Dixon A. Rahme P. Mahon C. Dixon D. Dixon S. Moorhen	E. Vandenhoven T. Bui Ad Rahme M. Harty K. Gillespie T. Bui E. Vandenhoven
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R. Auguste P. Shannon D. Landsberg	D. Landsberg M-R. Auguste T. Nibali
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 2 E. Mount A. Barro I. Richards I. Richards M. Sibillin G. Crawford D. Todaro A. Rizzo J. Chiera <i>No Children's Liturgy Group Four</i>	Team 3 P. Verrocchi R. Erbacher A. Pegoraro G. Williams D. Todaro T. De Luise P. Boutsakis G. Crawford K. Ziino M. Browning Teresa V Group Five

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK: Kerry Freney, Julia Foster, Paul Flanagan, Christine & Pat Lane, Shaun Armstrong, Catherine Williams, Tony De Cruz, Albert Leung, Valerie Glenn, Janet Jelleff, Anica Dragovic, Christine Exton, Branka, Fr Reece Beltrame, Marilyn & Patrick Kennealy, Joan Ryan, Marylou Galliot, Lorraine Edwards, Oliver

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Serafina Presta, James Lachlan Millar, Maureen Bedson, Mary Ann Smitt, Kathleen Butler, Mary McEvey, William Barry Gilbo, John Paligaru, Allison Brister

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

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.

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 \$2,487

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,526

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





PASTORAL LETTER

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

My prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

In recent years, the Church throughout the world has entered a time of attentive listening, discernment and renewal through what we have come to call a synodal way of being. Many of you have taken part in important moments of consultation and reflection: for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality, and within our own Archdiocesan journey of renewal, *Take the Way of the Gospel*. Through these experiences you have generously embraced the call to walk more faithfully with Christ and with one another.

From the earliest times of the Church, gatherings of the faithful—which became known as synods (from the Greek *synodos*, meaning “journeying together” or “walking the same path”) - have met to discern important questions in the light of the Word of God and through attentive listening to the Holy Spirit. “Synodality” therefore, describes the way in which this journeying together takes place: the shared participation of the whole People of God in the life and mission of the Church.

Such a journey requires patience, humility and trust in the guidance of the Spirit. At its heart is a simple but profound discipline: to listen—to the Gospel, to the lived experience of our communities, and to the Spirit who speaks through God’s faithful people.

Across our Archdiocese there is a rich diversity of gifts and a deep desire for renewal. Many have expressed hopes for stronger communion, renewed missionary purpose, deeper formation, and a Church in which every person knows they belong. These are signs of the Spirit at work among us.

As your Archbishop, I carry these hopes with you. I am deeply grateful for the generosity and faith you have shown in walking this path together.

In light of these reasons, today, Sunday 8 March, I formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The purpose of this Synod is to help shape our evangelical and missionary priorities for the years ahead. It will be a time for our local Church to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit and to discern how we are called to proclaim the Gospel more faithfully in our time and place.

I invite every parish, community, ministry and Catholic organization across the Archdiocese to take part in this journey.

In the months ahead, you will be asked to gather in prayer, to listen to one another, and to reflect together on how the Lord is calling our Church to a renewed faith and fruitfulness.

This synodal journey will focus particularly on three themes I shared with you at the end of last year. **Young Discipleship; Missionary Leadership; and Formation and Participation.** As you reflect on these themes, I encourage you to ask some simple but important questions: *Where is the Holy Spirit leading our Archdiocese at this time? To whom are we being called to accompany in faith more intentionally? How might we reflect the face of Christ more clearly in our local Church?*

As we begin the journey, I entrust our Archdiocese to Mary, Mother of the Church. She pondered the mysteries of God in her heart and remained steadfast among the first disciples. May she guide us to the Church that listens with faith, loves with generosity, and follows Christ with renewed confidence and hope.

With every grace and blessing, I remain, Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis’ vision of a ‘listening Church’ (*Evangelii Gaudium*, §31). Informed by Vatican II’s teaching, the Church is ‘a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit’ (*Lumen Gentium*, §4). There are three themes about which the church of Melbourne is being invited to discern:

- young discipleship
- missionary leadership
- formation and participation.

The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.

In the synodal Church ‘the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on taking pastoral decisions (ITC 68) for mission’ (Final Document, §87).

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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 the 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 4:5-15.19-26.39-42

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 worshipper 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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Next Week: Fourth Sunday of lent

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38