

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH

MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH

2-6 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe



ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH

89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

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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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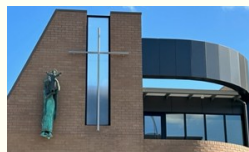
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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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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

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday 18 April (Easter Feria)

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

Sunday 19 April (Third Sunday of Easter)

8.30am Mass at St Bernadette's Church
10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
11.30am Baptism at Mary Immaculate Church
4.00pm Vietnamese Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed by refreshments

Monday 20 April (Easter Feria)

1.00pm U3A Card Playing Class (Gathering Space)

Tuesday 21 April (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
4.15pm Meditation Group (MR1)
7.30pm Bible & Gospel Discussion Group (MR1)

Wednesday 22 April (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
7.30pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting (MR1)

Thursday 23 April (Easter Feria)

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

Friday 24 April (Easter Feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church (whole School)
11.00am U3A Art Class (Gathering Space)
1.30pm U3A Reading Aloud Class (Gathering Space)
5.00pm Living Well with Loss Group Meeting (GS)

Saturday 25 April (ANZAC Day)

9.00am Morning Prayer 'Lauds' (MOG Chapel)
9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (MOG Chapel)
11.30am Baptism at St Bernadette's Church
4.45pm First Holy Communion Catechist Class (GS)
5.30pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Sunday 26 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

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

LOOKING FORWARD

Sunday 3 May Community Family Day
10am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church followed
BBQ lunch. All welcome



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

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 18 / 19 April	NEXT WEEKEND 25 / 26 April
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Sacristan Welcomer 1 Welcomer 2 Reader Lector Special Minister 1 Multimedia	L. Michael L. McCrohan A. Rahme K. Gillespie Gerard Raper T. Bui E. Vandenhoven	E. Ballao L. Michael E. Ballao M. Harty L. Kempen T. Gleeson S. Moorhen
8.30am St. Bernadette's Welcomer Reader / Lector Special Minister	M-R. Auguste D. Landsberg J. Gray	D. Landsberg D. Landsberg 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 P. Verrocchi B. Janus M. Lindner T. De Luise D. Todaro P. Boutsakis J. Chiera I. Richards K. Ziino No Children's Liturgy Group Four	Team 3 B. Janus B. Connor L. Dal Pozzo N. Merlin G. Williams D. Jones A. Palazzaro G. Crawford G. Shamieh R. Sylvester Naomi V. Group Five

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; Angas McManamon, Ruth Villiani, Sr Francis Baum, Julia Foster, Edelzuita Alves

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

RECENT DEATHS:

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Lina Barro, Anthony Clifford, Thomas Mullins, Ken Edebohls, Jolanta Dabrowska, Raymond Raimbert, Paola Calabro, Fr Brian Gore, Karin West, Albert Carrazzo, Kevin McMahon, Pope Francis, Margaret Luxon, Siri Wickremesinghe, Maria Jashar, Dorothy Tomlinson, Peter Jarman

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 \$2,238

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION \$1,335

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



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.

Good Shepherd Sunday - Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.



PARISH LIBRARY

The library holds 243 books.

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

We must pray every day. Why? Because we are made that way. We are beings shaped by God from the dust of our earth. When a person commits his life to God, he must recommit it each day. To offer our lives to God each day means accepting each day as a gift from God, and giving it back to Him in a prayer of thanksgiving, blessing, praise and supplication. (p. 11-12)

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.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe.



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.

PARISH EARTHCARE GROUP



International Mother Earth Day April 22nd

As you know Laudato Si is all about Caring for Our Common Home – Responding to the Cry of the Earth and Cry of the Poor. St Francis of Assisi honoured the earth as a sister and mother who sustains life. He praised God through creation, calling on all to care for the environment which he viewed as a reflection of the Creator. His “Canticle of the Creatures” begins with: Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.

April 22nd is International Mother Earth Day. It is a day to reflect on the challenges to the well-being of the planet and all the life it supports. We can honour the planet and its environment year-round, by making sustainable, and surprisingly cost-effective, choices every day. Here are a few tips for a more environmentally friendly lifestyle.

Reduce waste. Aim to have as little as possible in your landfill bin, the Council bin with the red lid.

Reuse and recycle as much as you can. Switch to re-usable water bottles and cloth napkins. Use “keep-cups” for your takeaway coffee. Switch to re-usable bags and/or use plastic bags multiple times. Return plastic bags to shops that accept them

Grow some edibles if you can. Eat less meat. Create a compost. Collect and compost those autumn leaves or put them in the green bin.

Conserve energy. Use electricity and gas sparingly. Use energy-efficient lamps to light your home. Switch off the power when your electronic appliances are not in use. Switch to renewable “green” energy” options from your provider.

Keep our waterways clean. Use “green” detergents without phosphates and surfactants. Minimise the use of fertilisers and pesticides. Always pick up pet droppings.

Drive smarter. Monitor your fuel efficiency, observe the speed limit and keep your tyres inflated properly. Stay up to date on oil and air filter changes to keep impurities out to the air.

Living Well with Loss

Are you experiencing the loss of a loved one, a job, pet or another loss or feeling lonely or wanting companionship?

Mary Mother of the Church Bereavement Ministry group come together to share their experiences of grief and loss in a constructive and supportive way with companionship and nibbles. To be held on Friday 24th April @ 5pm in Parish Gathering Space.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth: O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

1ST READING

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R/**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R/**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R/**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R/**

2ND READING

1 Peter 1: 17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24: 13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded

us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(When there is no Communion Hymn)

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, 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: Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10: 1-10