

# MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH



**St Bernadette's Church**  
89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

**Mother of God Church**  
56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East

**Mary Immaculate Church**  
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe



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*Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing & dignity of all children. If you have any concerns or wish to report any issues please contact one of our Parish Child Safety Officers: Clare Bellio (0417 369 264); Lucy Dal Pozzo (0402 192 889)*

## BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON

I have just returned from 'A Musical Journey', a production put on by the children of Mary Immaculate School. One of the songs they performed was 'By the Rivers of Babylon' from the Old Testament Psalm 137.

The Psalm relates to the exile of the Jews to Babylon in about 598BC and their lament in the midst of persecution and slaughter, sitting and weeping on the banks of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers unable to sing their sacred songs.

My mind immediately went to those two great rivers that flow through both Iraq and Syria and how today that lament, in the midst of unimaginable betrayal, violence and forced exile, continues.

Syrian Catholic Archbishop, Jacques Behnan Hindo, has warned that the fresh violence in Syria could unleash a renewed and potentially fatal exodus of Christians from the region – one of the oldest Christian communities in the world - where half of the Christian community have already fled into exile.

He accused the United States and the international community of inflicting huge damage on his country. Describing the plight of 5,000 Catholic families in his diocese, Archbishop Hindo said: "In recent days, many have already fled from the border towns. Now the conflict has become even more serious and I fear that many will seek asylum and refuge elsewhere, decimating our Christian community and our presence in this ancient land."

Speaking out against the international community's intervention in Syria over the years, Archbishop Hindo said: "The United States, Italy, France, the United Kingdom and Germany should all offer their own mea culpa."

"They acted in Syria for their own interests, hiding behind the ideals of freedom and democracy. Instead they have done nothing but weaken our country at the expense of its own people. As always, everyone has their own interests, but it is we Syrian Christians who will suffer the consequences."

May our hearts go out to all who are engulfed in this conflict in Syria (and their many family members in Australia or detained on Manus Island or Nauru concerned for their loved ones entrapped in the conflict) and may we also pray the ancient song of lament:

*By the rivers of Babylon,  
there we sat down and wept,  
when we remembered Zion.  
On the willows there  
we hung up our lyres.  
For there our captors  
required of us songs,  
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"*



*(Psalm 137)*

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St. Bernadette's</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mary Immaculate</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mother of God</b>

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mother of God</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mary Immaculate</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mary Immaculate</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>St. Bernadette's</b>

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Every Saturday**

◆ 5.00pm - 5.20pm at Mary Immaculate

◆ 5.30pm - 5.50pm at St. Bernadette's

*or weekdays by appointment with Parish Priest*

## IVANHOE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**St Bernadette's Primary School**

*Principal:* Kathryn Lowe

53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe West 3079

*Phone:* 9499 3914

**Mary Immaculate Primary School**

*Principal:* Veronica Antrim

9 Rockbears Grove, Ivanhoe 3079

*Phone:* 9497 1827

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 2019

### Saturday 19 October (*Feria*)

5.00pm Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate  
 5.30pm Reconciliation at St Bernadette's.  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. Bernadette's

### Sunday 20 October (*Ordinary Time 29*)

9.00am Mass and Baptisms at Mary Immaculate  
 10.30am Mass at Mother of God

### Monday 21 October (*Feria*)

### Tuesday 22 October (*Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God  
 4.15pm Meditation Group MI Hall  
 6.30pm SB School Education Advisory Board

### Wednesday 23 October (*Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate (with Yr.1, 2 & 5)  
 8.00pm Parish Finance Committee Meeting

### Thursday 24 October (*Feria*)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate  
 10.00am Liturgy Group Meeting in Parish Office

### Friday 25 October (*Feria*)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's

### Saturday 26 October (*Feria*)

5.00pm Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate  
 5.30pm Reconciliation at St Bernadette's  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Bernadette's

### Sunday 27 October (*Ordinary Time 30*)

9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate  
 10.30am Mass at Mother of God  
 5.00pm Meet at Parish Office for excursion to St. Joseph's Melkite Catholic Church, Fairfield for the Eastern Rite Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. **Please be early so that our introductory talk can start at 5.00pm SHARP!**

### LOOKING AHEAD

### Wednesday 30 October

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate - Family Week  
 Mass - Grandparents' Day

### Friday 1 November - All Saints' Day

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's (with Prep, 5 & 6)

### Saturday 2 November - All Souls' Day

10.30am All Souls Day: Requiem Mass at Mother of God followed by refreshments

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 19 - 20 Oct	NEXT WEEK 26 - 27 Oct
Counting Team	<b>Team 2</b> P. Benton D. Carey H. Nguyen D. Jones	<b>Team 4</b> C. Dixon H. Pidutti J. Pidutti T. Tee
<b>6pm St Bernadette's</b> Flowers Sacristan Multimedia Lector Special Ministers	Trish & Agnes J. Gray G. Shamieh K. Gillespie T. Bui Sr. Carmel L. Deni	Sarina & Patrina J. Gray S. Moorhen T. Gleeson L. Gleeson T. Gleeson J. Gray
<b>9am Mary Immaculate</b> Co-ordinator Multimedia Leader Lector Special Ministers	S. & P. Kelly M. Napolitano E. Craven F. Tosolini A. Rizzo M. Ryan D. Todaro F. Tosolini Ranganie W.	E. Ballao J. Costa M. McIntosh Ranganie W. E. Ballao E. Craven P. Benton P. Boutsakis
<b>10.30am Mother of God</b> Altar Society Sacristan Lector Special Ministers	V. Mancini B. Janus T. Barker B. Janus S. Janus A. Moloney	A. Moloney E. Mount C. Bellio A. Patterson G. Reardon F. Tosolini

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**SICK & IN NEED:** Maureen Fitt, Merle Gilbo, Margaret Edwards, Fr. Peter Treloar, Len Villani

**BAPTISMS:** George Watts, Isabelle Busuttill

**RECENT DEATHS:** Brian Overton, Sebastiana Zappulla

**RIP ANNIVERSARIES:** Raffaella Danza, Anne Tosolini, Francesco Santangelo, Vern Edebohls

*Names on sick list remain for nine weeks (a Novena) unless otherwise advised. For privacy reasons people must give their permission before their names can be included. Please submit any items for the newsletter by 5pm Wednesdays.*

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

We welcome Ruth back to the Parish Office. Until further notice Office hours are from 9.15am - 4.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. You may phone or email the office at any hour to leave a message.

### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS [PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE ONLY ONE COLLECTION AT MASS THEREFORE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS FOR BOTH PARISH AND PRESBYTERY INTO THE ONE COLLECTION TAKEN UP AT THE OFFERTORY]

**PARISH Collection** Envelopes: \$1,618

Direct Debit & Credit Cards: \$854

Loose cash: \$325

**Total (Parish Account) \$2,797**

**PRESBYTERY Collection** Envelopes: \$721

Direct Debit & Credit Cards: \$115

Loose cash: \$325

**Total (Presbytery Account) \$1.161**



## ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS

Friday 1 November  
9.15am St Bernadette's  
Followed by Exposition  
And Benediction

## ALL SOULS' DAY REQUIEM MASS

Saturday 2 November  
10.30am Mother of God  
(Annual Memorial Mass  
followed by refreshments)

### ANNUAL ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIAL MASS

Our Annual All Souls' Day Memorial Requiem Mass provides us with an opportunity to remember loved ones, family and friends whose funerals took place in our parish within the past year, as well as remembering those who have died outside our parish during the year.



All are invited to attend the Requiem Mass on **All Souls' Day, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at 10.30am in Mother of God Church** followed by refreshments. If you wish to include names of those whose funerals were held outside of the Parish please advise the Parish Office no later than **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> October**. [ivanhoe@cam.org.au](mailto:ivanhoe@cam.org.au) or 9499 1515. If able a plate of morning tea would be appreciated.

### MEMORIAL BOOKS



Memorial books are available in each church for the month of November. Parishioners are invited to write names of those who have died in the past year. Past names or anniversaries written in previous years are still recorded in these books so need not be re-entered.

### MCKINNEY ECUMENICAL ADVENT LECTURES

- 1: Tuesday 12 November 8.00pm at Seddon Street Uniting Church: **The History of Australian Catholic Synods & Plenary Councils** (Dr. Peter Wilkinson)
- 2: Tuesday 19 November 8.00pm at St. George's Anglican Church, Warncliffe Rd: **The 2020 Australian Plenary Council** (Dr. Peter Wilkinson)
- 3: Tuesday 26 November 8.00pm at Mother of God Church, Wilfred Rd: **Ecumenism - Where to from here?** (Rev. Ian Smith)

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refreshments on Oaks Day!

- Music
- Finger Food and Refreshments
- Prize for the most creative headwear
- Door Prize - early birds get an extra ticket
- Multiple Sweepstakes

**WHEN:** Thursday 7th November 2019  
**TIME:** 1:00PM - 3:00PM  
**WHERE:** Mary Immaculate Church Hall  
Cnr. Upper Heidelberg Rd &  
Waverley Avenue, Ivanhoe  
(enter via Waverley Road)  
**RSVP:** Monday, 4th November 2019  
[sales@amicum.com.au](mailto:sales@amicum.com.au) OR  
03 9831 9876

### PARISH EXCURSION - SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Reserve the Date! After the success of our last excursion to the Islamic Museum, our next Parish excursion is to the Eastern Rite Melkite Catholic Church in Fairfield to attend their evening Mass - the celebration of the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom.

5.00pm SHARP! Meet at our Parish Office for a brief introduction to the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church.

5.30pm Travel together (sharing cars) to St. Joseph's Melkite Catholic Church, 40 Gillies St. Fairfield, for Mass at 6.00pm. After Mass we will share pizza for dinner.

Register your attendance on sheet in the church foyer.

### PARISH CLIMATE ACTION GROUP

**LIFESTYLE TIP FOR THE WEEK:** Eat less meat, fish and poultry and substitute with produce – preferably locally grown. Compost all of your vegetarian food scraps. Following a plant-based diet results in the production of less carbon dioxide while using less oil, water and land to produce the food. Next meeting of the Parish Climate Action Group: **Thurs Nov 21, 11.30am, Parish Office.**

All interested parishioners most welcome.

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## **1<sup>ST</sup> READING** *Exodus 17:8-13*

A reading from the book of Exodus

Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim.

Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."

So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hands, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it.

Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.***

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. ***R.***

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. ***R.***

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. ***R.***

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord

will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. ***R.***

## **2<sup>ND</sup> READING** *2 Timothy 3:14 -4:2*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. **Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL** *Luke 18:1-8*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**+ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

"For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. "And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## **A CONTRARY VIEW**

### **– CONVINCING GOD**

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

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### **Next Week's Readings**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Sirach 35: 15-17, 20-22

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

**Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14