

The Parish Priest—the Boss!

Did you know that as well as being the pastor to the community; the Parish Priest is also the employer of the school principals, teachers and parish support staff?



The Schools

The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe has three primary schools dedicated to the education of children in all aspects of life including the Catholic faith. The schools are an essential part of the parish.

Each school has its own property and still uses the land and some parts of the original buildings developed and paid for by previous parishioners. All three schools have had major refurbishments and additions over the last few years and are now fitted with the most modern educational facilities. In total, over 560 children are enrolled in the schools.

Mary Immaculate, St Bernadette's and Mother of God schools retain the names of the parishes within which they were formed.

To contact the schools, call or go to:
Mary Immaculate: ph: 9497 1827 or www.miiivanhoe.catholic.edu.au;
St Bernadette's : ph: 9499 3914 or www.sbivanhoe.catholic.edu.au;
Mother of God: ph: 9497 1094 or www.mogivanhoeeast.catholic.edu.au;

A Priest in Residence

The former Ivanhoe parishes and the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe have a long history of having "priests in residence". Fr Len Thomas was the last but one and served the parish as well as his mental health ministry.

Our current "priest in residence" is Fr Thanh Tran, living with us while he undertakes further studies in Melbourne. He is already contributing to the life in the parish. We wish him well in his studies. Please take the opportunity to talk to him after Mass.

The Korean Catholic Community

It is many years since the Parish welcomed the Korean Catholic Community to St Bernadette's church. Supported by Fr Youn, the community maintains a strong traditional Korean cultural focus within their church services and community gatherings.

Korean Sunday mass is celebrated at 11.00 am at St Bernadette's church and there is a community meal shared by all after the mass.

The Korean Community has recently formalized a lease for the Presbytery with the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe which also covers use of the church and community centre.

The Convent



Following a year of uncertainty and negotiation, we are happy to have found a tenant for the convent at 95 Bond Street, Ivanhoe. ARAFEMI is an organisation at once able to provide an outreach service which is sympathetic to our parish values and history, a new mission for the building and much needed income, of course.

ARAFEMI supports the families and carers of those with a mental illness.



For further information on ARAFEMI and it's services, visit www.arafemi.org.au

Pastoral Leadership Team (PLT)



The PLT is the representative group for the parishioners and school communities. Invitations to join the PLT are made annually and the membership is open to all parishioners. Further details and the current membership are on the parish website.
If you are interested in joining please approach a current PLT member.

Parish Master Plan and Ford Street

In 2008 the PLT engaged fppv Architects to undertake a review of the parish assets and produce a master plan for the future. This master plan was against the background of the parish not being able to maintain its assets effectively; and a policy at that time of moving to one mass centre at Mary Immaculate in Upper Heidelberg Road, and a condition that none of the churches would be sold.

The architects recommended a number of options, the first of which was to develop the tennis court site at Ford Street. They recommended not to refurbish the Mary Immaculate church building, as it could not be made suitable for the one mass centre within modern access and environmental standards. The site, however, is suitable for rezoning and development and a new church was proposed as part of the redeveloped site. Mother of God church could be refurbished to accommodate the one mass centre and facilitate any development at Mary Immaculate. Refurbishment of the presbyteries at Mother of God and St Bernadette's was also recommended.

The PLT agreed to the redevelopment of the Ford St site and has progressed with works to obtain a Planning Permit for 11 independent living homes, remove old buildings and clear the site, a process that took around two years. Further progress is subject to the approval of funds from the Catholic Development Fund and the Archdiocese, however due to issues arising in other parishes undertaking similar developments, a review of the long-term arrangements for the management of independent living homes by the Archdiocese is now being conducted. This process has already delayed progress by another year. Until the review is completed, funds for the development will not be provided.

Further progress on the Master Plan is difficult until the issue of the Ford Street site is resolved. With continued increases in operating and maintenance costs and reduction in thanksgiving contributions from an ageing population, our ability to maintain our assets has not improved since the master plan was written. Questions of redevelopment remain, and sale of assets should also be considered.

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Message from Fr Thang

Christ is risen, Alleluia.
He is truly risen, Alleluia.

After having had to refrain from proclaiming Alleluia during Lent we can once again proclaim it joyfully as a community of faith, giving praise and thanks to God for everything he has done in the paschal mystery of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Easter faith is the cornerstone of our faith-journey.

My Spiritual Director always reminds me whenever I come to see him that my life somehow has to mingle with the paschal mystery of Christ. There are always signs of the cross, pain and suffering together with the resurrection. The good news is that Jesus went through all these, giving us hope and consolation.

What does Easter faith mean for us this year? Perhaps Easter faith enables us to see and experience the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of our daily lives with the eyes of Jesus Christ. These experiences are real experiences of grace and salvation, confirming God's unique presence in Jesus, a presence continuing beyond the grace and available to all who believe.

Easter faith is our hope in our own resurrection. We are invited to take the risk in our own lives of encountering the mystery of the Jesus-event by means of the Scriptures and the sacraments and the celebration of his death, and by living in the community of his believers.

I pray that all the people of God in Ivanhoe and those who visit our parish will experience grace, peace and blessings that the Easter faith brings.

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Believing in the Resurrection

Coming to the Easter faith initiates a Christian existence of being involved with and shaped by the living presence of



the risen Jesus. Community worship forms a privileged context for experiencing this presence and that of the Holy Spirit, who is "invoked" to change the life of the worshipers. We know the risen Christ through what we see, hear, sing, do, touch and smell. Thus we re-enact the resurrection not only each year at Easter, but also on every Sunday and even each day in the liturgy, becoming ourselves part of the ongoing history of the resurrection. - *Believing in the Resurrection, Gerald O'Collins, SJ Paulist Press.*

Community

As a Parish we are part of many communities:



Catholic communities such as the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and closer to home, the Yarra Deanery made up of

the local parishes of Heidelberg, West Heidelberg, Bulleen, Doncaster, East Doncaster, Templestowe and Donvale.

We also take an active role in the wider Ivanhoe Christian communities, through Ivanhoe Churches Together and the East Ivanhoe Ecumenical group.

Through the Banyule Interfaith Network we connect with those of other faiths.

All these communities organise events and gatherings. Please refer to the parish newsletter for invitations to specific events happening through these communities at any time.

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Communication begins with the Word, and Liturgy, and extends throughout our community in various ways, including through the parish website. To be kept up to date on parish, church and faith issues you can join the mailing list and receive weekly online updates.

Email: comms@ivanhoecatholics.com

On joining you will also receive free access to download the 35-page "A brief History of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe".

Or just visit the website: ivanhoecatholics.com. Some of the more popular sections are the 'Prayers of the Faithful', which receives regular visits from Australia and around the world; 'News' and 'Mass Details'.

Even if you don't have a technological bent you could assist in presenting the 'Multimedia Liturgy' at mass.

Parish Mission and Values

The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe is a community of people :

- who are united in faith in Jesus and his values
- that gathers to celebrate the Eucharist
- that seeks to serve the needs of the community and the world; and
- that bears witness to the way life could be.

We name our Parish Values as:



What do you ask for your child?

Fr Thang asks this question of parents as they bring their child for baptism.



Baptism is our introduction to the Church and the community of the parish. Last year there were 53 baptisms in the parish. In previous years, baptisms were often held over to Easter when the new life of faith was related to the new life of the risen Christ. Christ being baptized by John brings out the importance of baptism in the gospel. Banjo Patterson's poem, a Bush Christening (below), brings a particularly Australian version of the importance of baptism.

A Bush Christening

- by AB (Banjo) Patterson

On the outer Barcoo where the churches are few,
And men of religion are scanty,
On a road never cross'd 'cept by folk that are lost,
One Michael Magee had a shanty.

Now this Mike was the dad of a ten-year-old lad,
Plump, healthy, and stoutly conditioned;
He was strong as the best, but poor Mike had no rest
For the youngster had never been christened,

And his wife used to cry, "If the darlin' should die
Saint Peter would not recognise him."
But by luck he survived till a preacher arrived,
Who agreed straightaway to baptise him.

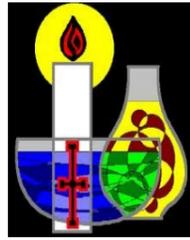
Now the artful young rogue, while they held their colloque,
With his ear to the keyhole was listenin',
And he muttered in fright while his features turned white,
"What the devil and all is this christenin'?"

He was none of your dolts, he had seen them brand colts,
And it seemed to his small understanding,
If the man in the frock made him one of the flock,
It must mean something very like branding.

So away with a rush he set off for the bush,
While the tears in his eyelids they glistened
"Tis outrageous," says he, "to brand

Confirmation

Each year the Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred on the young people of the parish in St Patrick's Cathedral as our local churches won't hold us all. Over the last years around 65 have been confirmed each year.



Preparation for confirmation is part of the faith development program in our schools. The parish offers a sacramental programme each year for children who are not in the schools preparing them for baptism, eucharist and confirmation.

Enrolments forms are at the parish office and on the parish website. Enrolments close in March each year.

youngsters like me,
I'll be dashed if I'll stop to be christened!"

Like a young native dog he ran into a log,
And his father with language uncivil,
Never heeding the "praste" cried aloud in his haste,
"Come out and be christened, you devil!"

But he lay there as snug as a bug in a rug,
And his parents in vain might reprove him,
Till his reverence spoke (he was fond of a joke)
"I've a notion," says he, "that'll move him."

"Poke a stick up the log, give the spalpeen a prog;
Poke him aisy-don't hurt him or maim him,
'Tis not long that he'll stand, I've the water at hand,
As he rushes out this end I'll name him.

"Here he comes, and for shame! ye've forgotten the name-
Is it Patsy or Michael or Dinnis?"
Here the youngster ran out, and the priest gave a shout-
"Take your chance, anyhow, wid 'Maginnis'!"

As the howling young cub ran away to the scrub
Where he knew that pursuit would be risky,
The priest, as he fled, flung a flask at his head
That was labelled "Maginnis's Whisky!"

And Maginnis Magee has been made a J.P.,
And the one thing he hates more than sin is
To be asked by the folk who have heard of the joke,
How he came to be christened "Maginnis"!

Habemus Papam

As this bulletin is being prepared the cardinals are in Rome electing the next Pope. When the Pope is chosen, white smoke is sent from a chimney at the Vatican and the name of the new Pope is announced in Latin. 'Habemus Papam' is Latin for 'We have a Pope'



The new Pope is ?

He comes from ?

Are you thinking?

The children will know the answers to this:

Q1: How do you put a giraffe in the refrigerator?



A1: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, close the door

[do you make simple things complex?]

Q2: How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

A2: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door.

[do you understand that one thing has to follow another?]

Q3: The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?

A3: The elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him there.

[do you have a poor memory?]

Q4: You have to cross a river to get home, but you do not have a boat and crocodiles live in the river. How do you get home?

A4: You jump in the river and swim across because all the animals are at the Lion King's meeting.

[are you listening?]

Numbers

The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe is not the buildings but the people who contribute to it or benefit from it each day. In our schools there are 566 children and 60 teachers and support staff. Weekend masses are attended by between 375 and 400 people, swelling to around 1670 at Christmas. *Where do you fit in?*

Thanksgiving contributions

The Parish Leadership Team is thankful to all who support the parish in pastoral and financial ways, many across a lifetime, raising the money to build our three schools, three churches, three presbyteries, buy the land in Ford Street and build the convent. New contributors are needed to support the maintenance of the parish life and assets into the future.

The parish seeks to prioritise pastoral care of the community but lacks the funds to employ the pastoral associate needed. A Pastoral Associate would meet the needs of our community as well as helping with coordination between the schools and the parish.

In addition, the parish financial situation directly affects the schools when they seek a loan for capital works, as although loan repayment is a school obligation, ultimate responsibility rests with the parish.

New contributors are needed in the regular 'thanksgiving' program.

To become a thanksgiving contributor, contact the parish office on 9499 1515

Time Out

"Be still and know that I am God".

Each Tuesday at 4.15pm a number of people meet in the Mary Immaculate



Hall to meditate on a Christian theme. A chance to take a few quiet moments in a busy world.

All are welcome. Phone 0438 530 324

Who uses our facilities?

The parish halls are used for many parish, private or small business activities, such as:

- Parish groups and committees,
- Sacramental preparation,
- Christian meditation and prayer
- Parish Playgroup
- Alcoholics and Gamblers Anonymous
- Ballet and music lessons
- Exercise classes

Use is subject to agreement of the PLT, availability of the hall and holding required insurances.

If you wish to use the Mary Immaculate Hall please contact the parish office. For St Bernadette's Hall, contact St Bernadette's school.

Altar Servers

"Now McEvoy was altar-boy as long as I remember;
He was, bedad, a crabbed lad,
And sixty, come December



John O'Brien, Fr Hartigan, had this poem first published in 1921. We would like to have servers at the Sunday masses and also the school masses.

Both boys and girls are welcome - but you have to be younger than sixty!
If you are interested in being an altar server, please see Fr Thang.

Young People

Over the years the parish has had various youth groups, bringing together young people for social and developmental activities, with the most recent groups focusing on youth in years 5-12. Mentoring programs with more senior members of the parish supporting young adults have also been successfully used in the past. At present there is not an active youth group but there remains interest in supporting the young as they develop in life and faith.

Parents interested in re-establishing a youth program should contact the parish office or approach a member of the Pastoral Leadership Team

With thanks...

To the East Ivanhoe branch of Bendigo Bank for grants to enable improvements to the facilities in the Mary Immaculate hall which is used by so many organisations.

To the City of Banyule for support of the Senior Citizens' Week activities, such as a bus trip and entertainment at a country location.

See the parish bulletin for current outreach events and activities.

Mass Offerings

From time immemorial Catholics have asked priests to offer mass for a particular intention, or for some person living or dead, particularly around November.

They often give the priest a personal donation of money on that occasion. They are not paying for the Mass or buying a spiritual favour. There is no set amount for people to donate, however the Australian Catholic bishops have indicated that the amount for these Masses offered should be \$20 per Mass.

(Fr Ted Teal, St John's Catholic Parish, Heidelberg—Echo magazine)

What about you?

Is there anything more the parish can do for you? Or is there more you can do for the parish? There are many rewarding ways in which you, young or old, can share in the work of this community. Some ways are indicated in the weekly parish bulletin. Others may be through skills only you know of.

Any enquiry for support or offer of help is warmly received.

If you are seeking or offering help, please contact the parish office on the numbers on the front page or any of the parish volunteers in each of the three communities.

