



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, 89 Bond St, Ivanhoe West*  
*Mary Immaculate Church, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe*  
*Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East*

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<b>Masses:</b>			
<b>Weekend: Saturday:</b>	6.30pm St Bernadette's	<b>Sunday:</b> 9am Mary Immaculate; 10.30am Mother of God	
<b>Weekday:</b>	9.15am Tuesday: Mother of God	<b>Wednesday:</b> Mary Immaculate	<b>Friday:</b> St Bernadette's

No. 11

10 – 11 March 2012

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT: YEAR B

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** 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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

V. 1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

V. 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

V. 3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

V. 4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** God of mercy and compassion: Hear our prayer

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Louise Nixon, Jamie Bernhardt, Carmel Delaney, Joy Meacham, Sheila Ryan, Bev Horne, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Fr Leo Heriot and Luigi Dolzan who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**Stations of the Cross at St Bernadette's:** As part of the Lenten journey, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm on each Friday evening in Lent. All parishioners are invited to attend.

### **This Week's Readings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent: Year B**

**Exodus 20:1-17**

**Psalm 18:8-11**

**1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

**John 2:13-25**

#### *Saint and Feast Days:*

*Mon 12 March: St Theophanes*

*Wed 14 March: St Maud*

*Fri. 16 March: St Finnian*

*Tues 13 March: St Euphrasia*

*Thurs 15 March: St Louise de Marillac*

*Sat. 17 March: St Patrick*

### **Next Week's Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Year B**

**2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23**

**Psalm 136:1-6**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

**John 3:14-21**

## **REFLECTION:**

In recent years the Ten Commandments have become an unusual staging ground for various groups within the Church. Some people complain that young Catholics don't know them off by heart. This position is countered by those who say that rather than being able to recite them we should live them, though it's hard to see how we can do one without the other. Still, others rightly claim that Jesus summarised them in his new commandments, 'To love God with all our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.' The problem with teaching the Ten Commandments is not what they say, but how they say it. The idea of 'coveting' anything, but especially 'wives, slaves, ox and ass' are all a bit dated these days.

In an article entitled 'Preaching to the Modern Pagans' journalist Bryan Appleyard tells how he interviewed a person who kept quoting them at length. Later he decided to read them for the first time since childhood and he was struck by their insightfulness into the human character. Appleyard thought all the Ten Commandments needed was a makeover so that we can reclaim the power of them.

'You shall have no other gods beside me.'	Be serious!
'You shall not carve idols for yourselves ... nor bow down before them.'	Get real!
'You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.'	Be humble!
'Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day ...'	Be quiet!
'Honour your father and your mother ...'	Respect age!
'You shall not kill.'	Do not kill, for all murder is suicide!
'You shall not commit adultery.'	Mean what you say!
'You shall not steal.'	Do not steal, or all the world will die!
'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.'	Honour others, their frailties are usually your own!
'You shall not covet your neighbour's house or wife ...'	Be kind, be generous and don't play around!

So by putting some ancient words into the modern vernacular we are exhorted this Sunday to seriousness, facing reality, humility, creating space, respecting age, honesty, and fidelity, and we are bluntly told to stop killing and stealing. There is nothing old fashioned about these challenges. As in other instances, we can see that it's not what our tradition has to say but the way we say it that can be the problem.

And today's Gospel tells us of the consequences of moving away from these guiding principles. I think we need to take Jesus' anger very seriously. Rightly we have emphasised the love and compassion of Jesus over recent decades because for far too long the steadfast love of Christ was under-emphasised. We should never think, however, that it cancels out the anger God feels when he sees an unjust world filled with people who know better and do nothing.

God has given us the Ten Commandments, the Law, the Prophets and Jesus his Son, so that we might know the Way, the Truth and the Life. When we are called to account for how we spent our lives, whom we loved and how we made the world a better place for all, most of us will not be able to plead ignorance. May our Eucharist this Sunday enable us to be mindful of what the Ten Commandments say, but even more may it give us the courage and strength to live them out in a world that needs witnesses to them more than ever.

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## **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

Saturday 10 March	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 13 March	9.15am	<b>Mass &amp; MOG School – Middle School</b>	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 13 March	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lenten Lecture	St George's Anglican Church
Tuesday 13 March	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 14 March	9.15am	<b>Mass &amp; MI School Grades Prep, Prep/1, 2</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 14 March	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Thursday 15 March	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Thursday 15 March	8.00pm	<b>Gerry O'Collins</b> – see newsletter item	Mother of God Church
Friday 16 March	7.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross in Lent</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 17 March	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 17 March	6.30pm	Mass & St Patrick's Gathering	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 20 March	9.15am	<b>Mass &amp; MOG School – Junior &amp; Prep</b>	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 20 March	6.30pm	St Bernadette's School <b>First Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 20 March	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lenten Lecture	Mother of God Church
Friday 23 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Yrs 1 / 2N	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 23 March	7.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross in Lent</b>	St Bernadette's Church

Saturday 24 March 10.00am **Reconciliation**

St Bernadette's Church

**Fr Gerald O'Collins: Thursday 15 March 8.00pm Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe E.**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March Fr Gerald O'Collins, renowned theologian and author (author and co-author of sixty books) will share his years of study, writing and lecturing to help us answer the fundamental questions:

**Did Jesus rise from the Dead? Why does the Resurrection matter?**

Gerry's recent book '*Believing in the Resurrection*' (Paulist Press) will be available in March



**Saturday 17 March – St Patrick's Day:**

After the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's Church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, there will be an opportunity to gather and share supper at the Cunningham Centre, 93 Bond St, Ivanhoe.

Please bring food and / or Irish refreshments to share with others – coffee and tea provided.

**St Patrick's Family Festival:**

The Melbourne Irish Festival Committee presents St. Patrick's Family Festival Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 12 noon to 5.00pm at Edinburgh Gardens, North Fitzroy. Free entry. Website: [www.melbourneirishfestival.com.au](http://www.melbourneirishfestival.com.au)



**Outreach Bus Trip to Lake Wendouree and Ballarat Gardens:**

Thank you to all who have supported this outing and the bus trip is now fully booked.

We hope that lovely weather will prevail on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. If we depart on time at 9.00am we will have time to enjoy the gardens and environment of the lake. Anticipated time of return at Mary Immaculate is 5.00pm. - Eileen, Sue and Helen

**PLT Meeting 29 February 2012:**

These are some matters which arose at the recent PLT meeting.

- Enrolments have been constant for the Catechist children who attend schools other than parish schools: Confirmation will take place in Term 2 with the Parish schools, whereas Reconciliation will take place in Term 3 & Eucharist in Term 4. Parish schools will celebrate Reconciliation Term 1 and Eucharist Term 3.
- A letter was received from Br. Mark O'Loughlin with thanks for the years he and his community had occupied the 'old' convent at St Bernadette's.
- Finance Committee offered a report which will be presented to the parish towards the end of the month.
- We are looking forward to Fr. Gerry O'Collins' lecture on 15<sup>th</sup> March at Mother of God Church.
- The arrangements with the Playgroup have been confirmed and the Playgroup Co-ordinator congratulated on the success of this venture
- Current Ecumenical activities include the World Day of Prayer at MI on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March and planning for the Annual Meal on Holy Thursday at the Uniting Church Community Centre.

**Lenten Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2012:**

Presenter: Rev Professor Howard Wallace Theme: Arthur Boyd and the Bible.

Prof. Howard Wallace, Uniting Minister and past lecturer at United Faculty of Theology and Melbourne College of Divinity has had a long interest in art and is pursuing an interest in the way that art relates to the biblical text. In these lectures he will pursue this question in relation to the work of Arthur Boyd.

All lectures begin at 8pm. Fellowship and supper after each presentation at 9.10pm. Donation: Gold coin.

- Tuesday 13 March: '*Exodus*' St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 20 March: '*The Golden Calf*' Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

**Project Compassion – Caritas Australia:**

Zimbabwe was once known as the 'breadbasket of Africa', yet enduring conflict and prolonged drought has reversed this prosperity. At the height of Zimbabwe's political and economic crisis, most international aid and development was suspended. The strength of Caritas Australia's local church partnerships and support given has enabled provision of food, temporary shelter and psychosocial support. Diocesan partner Caritas Gweru trains volunteers to provide home-based care for those living with HIV/Aids and other illnesses.

**Keeping in touch with children who are baptised into our faith community:** I'm delighted to say that two parishioners have now offered to be part of this ministry!! This means that, considering the scatter across the breadth of Ivanhoe, there's a better chance of being able to visit when families are at home.

**Maundy Thursday Meal:**

As forecast last week, this significant event will again be held this year. Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 5.30 for 6.00pm start at Uniting Church Community Centre. Tickets \$20 are now available from Merle 9497 1691.

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**World Day of Prayer - Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March:**

I believe we can truly say that everyone who came contributed towards making this a prayerful and friendly occasion. Thank you very much. Special thanks to Margaret De Silva who played the organ for us and then prayed 'Our Father' in the language of the Malaysian people who had prepared the prayer for us, to John Costa who made it possible to see that informative DVD and all who supplied and served the delicious Morning Tea. - Merle.

**2012 Harmony Day on 21 March - Fun with Faith:**

Manningham Interfaith Network invites you to attend Manningham Harmony Day celebration of the cultural and religious diversity of our community. This year the Theme is "Fun with Faith". The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2012 is 'Everyone Belongs'. The evening will include Mohammed (aka Mo) who is a Melbourne-based Community Worker, Comedian, and contestant on the Amazing Race Australia. The event also includes faith and cultural performances and local children's choirs reflecting unity and connecting together, followed by refreshments. Details are on Website "Events" or "News" page, Church notice. 7-9pm, Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster. RSVP Dot Haynes, 9848 1710 or 0425 718 937

**East Ivanhoe Auskick:** Runs on Sunday Mornings 9.30am to 11am and starts Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Chelsworth Park, Irvine Rd, East Ivanhoe. To Register: Go to <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/>. Enter 3079 as Centre Locator postcode. Select IVANHOE EAST and click on Register if new to Auskick, or click on Re-Register if returning from last year. For more information call Jo Carroll on 0438 559 006

**Volunteers Needed for Children's Reading Club in West Heidelberg:**

The St Vincent de Paul Society provides an after school Reading Club, based at the St Pius X School, Heidelberg West. It runs from 3:30pm till 4:30pm each Tuesday of the school term. We are looking for volunteers to support the children with their reading. We are looking for men and women who enjoy reading and spending time with children who can give a couple of hours a week. For further information and interest, please contact Reading Club Coordinator: Rachel Roffey 0407 200 441 or [rachel.roffey@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rachel.roffey@optusnet.com.au).

**Sacraments 2012:**

2012 Sacramental Brochures are available in each church for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2012. Enrolments are only accepted from families **who live within the parish which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.**

**Please note:** Only children **who do not attend** Parish schools or **who have transferred out** of Catholic Primary schools need to enrol in the Parish Program. *Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program.*

*It is recommended that preparation for sacraments takes place in the parish in which the catechist lives.*

Enrolment forms available from Parish Office 9499 1515 and website: [www.ivanhoecatholics.com](http://www.ivanhoecatholics.com)

**NB. Closing date Friday 16 March 2012 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.**

**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 17 – 18 March 2012**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

K. Gillespie

**Special Ministers**

E. Crawley, J. Gray

**MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

**Leader**

Conroy family

**Reader**

**Mass Coordinators**

S. & P. Kelly

**Counters**

S. & P. Kelly

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

J. Taylor

**Lector**

M. Hoban

**Special Ministers**

E. Brownstein, M A Darcy, J. Ellis

**Altar Society:** P. Caddy

**Choir Coordinator:** A. Pollard

**First Collection – Thanksgiving:**

Envelopes: \$1,806.15    Loose cash: \$436.80

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**Second Collection – Presbytery:**

**\$ 654.25**

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