



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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Masses:

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

No. 14

31 March – 1 April 2012

PALM SUNDAY: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

V. 1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

V. 2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

V. 3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

V. 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the

Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Lois Caleo, Jamie Bernhadt, 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 Tanya Balnaves, Louise Nixon and Marcello Rigoni who have died recently. We also remember Jean Aver, Angelina Lacorcia, Francesca and Enrico Torresi, John Dolzan and Anna Marta Calvisi whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: Palm Sunday: Year B

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 2 April: St Francis of Paola

Tues 3 April: St Richard

Wed 4 April: St Isidore

Thurs 5 April: Holy Thursday

Fri. 6 April: Good Friday

Sat. 7 April: Holy Saturday

Next Week's Readings: Easter Sunday: Year B

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

REFLECTION:



There is so much Scripture to read today – not to mention the blessing of palms and procession – that any homily will have to be very brief. First, the Gospel of the Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, Mark 11:1-10. The excuse Jesus tells his two disciples to give if challenged about untying the colt could be understood in two senses: 'Its owner (of the colt) needs it' or 'The Lord needs it'. The ambiguity is probably intentional: Jesus is to enter Jerusalem as its 'Lord', that is, as the Messiah, Son of David, whose 'kingdom' or rule is about to come, as the crowd acclaims. The *mode* of his entry, however – on a donkey rather than in a chariot or upon a horse – indicates the kind of Messiah he is going to be: one who has come 'not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (Mark 10:45), as the events of the week to follow will all too clearly show.

The first reading set down for the Mass, Isaiah 50:4-7, is the third of Isaiah's 'Servant Songs', all four of which will be read during Holy Week, culminating in the reading of the last (Isa 52:13 – 53:12) on Good Friday. These four texts, in which reflections upon the personal suffering of the prophet and that of Israel during her Exile are mysteriously intertwined, have from the beginning been crucial to Christian understanding of Jesus' passion and death.

In the second reading, Phil 2:6-11, St Paul quotes what seems to be a hymn from an early Christian liturgy. The hymn describes how at all three stages of his career (so to speak) – pre-incarnate, incarnate up to death, and post-resurrection – the essential disposition of Christ is to pour himself out in self-emptying love. His obedience unto the death on the cross simply continues the divine outpouring of love that led in the first instance to the incarnation of the One whose 'nature was divine'. The hymn thus provides the essential background and accompaniment to our consideration of the Passion of Jesus throughout Holy Week: behind every word, gesture and suffering is a costly divine outreach of love to an alienated world.

It is generally agreed that St Mark's account of Jesus' Passion provided the model for the Passion accounts of all the other Gospels. Mark, then, set the pattern whereby the account of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trials, ill-treatment and eventual execution by one of the most horrible and painful means ever designed by human cruelty was told as a simple, sparse narrative, totally devoid of sentimentality or religious emotionalism. We know that the One to whom all this is being done is the Son of God, the One whom 'even the wind and the sea obey' (4:41). We know why this is being allowed to happen: because this is the kind of 'service' that God willed the Messiah to perform: to enter into the sinfulness, pain and suffering of the world, to overcome those things from within, to give his life that the 'many' might have life – the meaning his words over the cup at the Supper seek to impress upon his death (14:24; cf. 10:45). The way Mark tells the story – a sequence of swiftly changing scenes – sets in dramatic contrast the actions and the motives of the chief players: the priests and scribes, whose murderous plotting unleashes the whole drama; Judas, deliberately seeking an opportunity to betray; the male disciples abandoning Jesus when he needs them most; the women standing by to the end; Peter, bold in his early protestations, timid when challenged by a servant-girl; Pilate, clad with all the power of Rome, yielding against his better judgment in the face of the mob. In all this catalogue of human failure one figure stands out: the unnamed woman who courageously anoints Jesus in the last week of his life (14:3-9). She, alone of all the disciples, does understand where he is going and why – hence her costly, loving gesture.

Then Jesus himself: shrinking from 'the cup' before him in Gethsemane, then going through it all with calm dignity, up till the final terrible cry of abandonment just before dying on the cross (15:34). Mark leaves this cry hanging there, unadorned, seemingly unanswered by God. But the moment Jesus dies, the Temple curtain splits in two: God is no longer shut up in the Holy of Holies inaccessible to all save the high priest. God is here, in this most unholy place of execution, reaching out in reconciliation to the whole world. The Gentile centurion, standing in for all of us, is the first to grasp this and make his act of faith.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 31 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 2 April	7.30pm	Lenten Reconciliation - Second Rite	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 2 April	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 3 April	7.30pm	Singing Practice for Holy Week & Easter	Mother of God Church
Thursday 5 April	8.00pm	Holy Thursday Mass	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 6 April	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 6 April	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 7 April	7.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Mother of God Church

Lenten Penitential Services:

Second Rite:

❖ Monday 2nd April St Bernadette's 7.30pm

First Rite (Individual Reconciliation) 10.00am Saturdays: 31st March & 7th April at Mary Immaculate

Reconciliation available on Good Friday after Stations of the Cross at 10.00am, Mary Immaculate Church

Prayers of Contrition

- ❖ Oh my God, I am sorry that I have sinned against you, because you are so good, and with your help, I will try not to sin again. Amen.

- ❖ Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, have mercy on me a sinner. Amen

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

We, here in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe are fortunate to continue to have a weekly opportunity to receive this Sacrament. That is every Saturday, at 10am, by rotation around our three churches; the actual dates are always on the newsletter. On these occasions, the format is 'First Rite' - individuals make their own preparation and approach the priest then for Confession, advice and Absolution.

In Lent and Advent, we have the opportunity for a community based experience. On these occasions, known as Second Rite, the community gathers to prepare together - with readings, hymns, times of reflection, shared Examination of Conscience. This is then followed by private confessions with one of the priests available.

No Mass at Mother of God on Tuesday 3 April: Fr Thang will be attending the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 3rd April. A Communion Service at Mother of God instead of Mass.

Singing Practices for Holy Week and Easter:

- Tuesday 3rd April Mother of God Church 7.30pm All welcome and STILL needed!!

Maundy Thursday Meal: Thursday, 5th April - 5.30pm for 6.00pm start at the Uniting Church Community Centre, Ivanhoe. Tickets \$20 are now available from Merle 9497 1691.

HOLY THURSDAY: Thursday 5th April

5.30 – 6pm Ecumenical Meal, Ivanhoe Uniting Church
8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Mary Immaculate
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper St. Bernadette's Korean Community
9.00pm-6am Visit to Blessed Sacrament St Bernadette's Korean Community

GOOD FRIDAY: Friday 6th April

10.00am Stations of the Cross. Mary Immaculate (followed by Reconciliation)
11.30am Ecumenical Walk of Witness Begins 11.30am at East Ivanhoe Uniting Church.
3.00pm The Passion of the Lord St. Bernadette's
7.30pm The Passion of the Lord St. Bernadette's Korean Community

EASTER VIGIL: Saturday 7th April

7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass Mother of God

8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass St. Bernadette's Korean Community

(Please note: No 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's)

EASTER SUNDAY: Sunday 8th April:

9am St Bernadette's 9am Mary Immaculate
10.30am Mother of God 11.00am St. Bernadette's Korean Community

Project Compassion 2012:

Project Compassion boxes or envelopes need to be returned Easter weekend or no later than the end of April. If a **receipt is required, relevant details need to be filled in on the box lids or back of envelopes.** Receipts will be issued as soon as possible once returns are completed. Contributions are then sent to Caritas. – Ruth

INCLUSIVENESS

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MISSION

Yarra Deanery Newsletter: The Deanery newsletter is available this weekend. Please take your free copy.

Repatriation Hospital Church Services:

Our parish has an opportunity to assist every fourth Sunday by wheeling patients to the new chapel for the 11am service at the hospital. It takes about one and a half hours from 10.30am.

We need 3 – 4 volunteers to share the 4th Sunday slot. If able to assist please contact: Brian 9499 1925

ANZAC Commemoration Services:



- Commemoration Ceremony and Wreath-laying Service. Sunday 22nd April at 2.30pm. The march will begin from the Car Park, adjacent to Regional Library, and conclude at the Soldiers' Memorial at Studley Rd, Ivanhoe. After the ceremony, you are invited for refreshments and Afternoon Tea in the Ivanhoe RSL Club Rooms. Transport available for Disabled & Elderly Veterans: RSL Ivanhoe Sub-Branch: 9499 2051
- ANZAC Commemoration Mass: 8.00am on Wednesday 25th April at St Bernadette's Church

Official Opening of Mother of God Learning & Multi-Purpose Area:

The Principal of Mother of God Primary School, Ms Louise McGrath, along with the Parish Priest, Father Thang Vu warmly invite: **All Families & Friends of Mother of God Catholic Primary School** to the Blessing and Official Opening of the school Learning & Multi-Purpose Area by the Hon Jenny Macklin MP at 10.30a.m on Friday 20th April 2012 which will be followed by Morning Tea.

RSVP: Monday 16th April Email: hburke@mogivanhoeeast.catholic.edu.au or phone Helen Burke: 9497 1094

Outreach News:

- Wednesday, April 4 – lunch/games day at noon, Mother of God Church foyer.
- Wednesday, May 16 – Ladies Month, film and high tea in the MI hall. \$5 entry. Begin at 1.00pm.
- Wednesday, July 11 – bus trip to Cuckoo Restaurant for Christmas in July. - Sue, Helen and Eileen

Enjoy a film and support Exodus:

When: Sunday, 1st April, about 4pm.

Film: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel at Balwyn Theatre

Contact: Anne Hall. 9497 5153

Annual St Joseph's Carmelite Auxiliary Retreat:

Monday 2 April from 10.30am - 3pm at Carmelite Monastery, Kew. A light lunch will be served. Donation on the day to cover costs will be kindly requested.

Ministers to the Sick & Aged: Reflection on Their Role:

How do you listen to someone who is ill or aged and hear their needs? Please put aside your time on May 1st to come along to discuss this question and start to learn something about the answer. The afternoon is open to all and is aimed first to be useful for all those engaged in or thinking to be engaged in ministry to the sick and aged (bringing Holy Communion to those in hospital, aged care, home; assisting with care for those in institutions, etc. etc.).

The afternoon will include three brief presentations on these ministries from people who live them each day of their lives. There will also be plenty of time to discuss, ask questions and learn from each other.

When: Tuesday May 1st from 1:30 to 3:30 pm followed by a delightful afternoon tea.

Where: St John's Heidelberg School Hall. Please look for more details or call Charles 0417 319 556

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 7 – 8 April 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Easter Vigil Mass at Mother of God

Special Ministers

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

By arrangement

Reader

Mass Coordinators

By arrangement

Counters

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

By arrangement

Lector

Special Ministers

By arrangement

Altar Society:

Choir Coordinator:

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,482.00 Loose cash: \$702.40

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Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 832.95

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