

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. 15

7 – 8 April 2012

EASTER SUNDAY: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

V. 1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

V. 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**

V. 3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray: Risen Christ, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Lois Caleo, 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 Feliciana Torcasio and Ennio Raiola who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 9 April: St Mary of Egypt

Tues 10 April: St Terence

Wed 11 April: St Stanislaus

Thurs 12 April: St Zeno

Fri. 13 April: St Hermenegild

Sat. 14 April: St Maximus

Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Easter: Year B

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

1 John 5:1-6

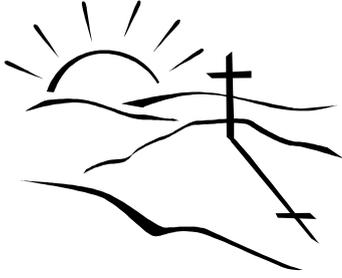
John 20:19-31



*We wish all parishioners, families, friends and visitors a
Happy and a Blessed Easter.*

- Father Thang and all at the Parish Office

REFLECTION: Seeing signs of life John 20:1-9: *He saw and he believed.*



The day begins with darkness and fear. The tomb has been desecrated. The body has been stolen. Whatever Jesus said about resurrection, his disciples did not expect him to rise until the general resurrection of the dead at the end of time. The anonymous disciple loved by Jesus races to the tomb, sees the linen cloth and the face cloth placed apart and believes. In this simple sign of a 'tidy' tomb, he sees what Peter missed, that God has entered this story of death and transformed it to a story of life.

On two occasions in this short reading, we find the use of the passive voice – “the stone had been moved away” and the linen cloth over his head, “rolled up” in a place by itself. Frequently in the Scriptures, the use of the passive voice is called the Divine Passive, as it is a way of referring to the action of God without naming God as the direct agent of the action. This is a Semitic way of reverencing God. The face-veil has been removed and rolled with care. Although never named, God is the Divine agent in this episode.

John's Easter story is closer to our real experience than many of the other Resurrection stories. Here we have no angels announcing 'He is raised'; no Jesus present to change sadness into joy. Resurrection is more subtle in this Gospel. Mary and Peter miss the signs. They remain locked in grief still carrying the painful burden of Golgotha. It is the disciple named 'beloved' who first experiences resurrection in his openness to believe in God's power to raise Jesus. Easter calls for faith. Those who know the loss and pain of death know too well the hard, long search to find signs of life. We don't experience a sudden glorious moment of life returned. Like the anonymous disciple, we often stay some time within the tomb before finding grace to turn and enter into life. Such grace is found in simple signs of a love that does endure. Perhaps this is why 'the beloved' disciple first reaches Easter faith.

Naming this day as “the first day” of the week, is not simply an indicator that it is the day of the Jewish Sabbath (7th day), but is also a hint that in John's Gospel the resurrection is the dawn of a new creation. If you recall the Passion reading on Friday, which is always from John's gospel, you might have noticed that Jesus was arrested in a garden, and then was buried in a garden. We so frequently mix all the gospel accounts together we can sometimes miss seeing the unique theological vision and artistry of each individual evangelist. Only John has Jesus arrested in a garden, and only John has Jesus buried in a garden. Also John emphasises that the Cross is placed “in the middle” which is the same phrase used to describe the tree of life in Genesis 2, which was also placed “in the middle of the garden.” Then at the foot of the Cross John has a man and a woman, who is only called “woman” and “mother” in this Gospel. These were the names given to Eve. These differences to the Synoptic gospels are deliberate. John is setting the crucifixion within the garden of creation. For John, the cross marks the end of one creation; - remember Jesus' words, “It is finished” – and the beginning of a new creation.

In Paul's letter to the Colossians, a similar theology is presented, that the resurrection is a new creation. Paul speaks about being “brought back to true life” and reminds the Colossians that “you have died.” For both Paul and John, the Christ event has an impact on all people and in fact all of creation. The old creation, the old life is now finished and a new possibility of life has been revealed and this is God's own eternity life, which humans can participate in. Jesus is the signs that humanity has passed through death and that humanity can be imbued with God's divine life, what Paul calls “glory” in this passage. So Resurrection is not just a celebration for what happened to Jesus – if it were only that, then Easter would be just a nostalgic memory. Easter celebrates that we also, right now, through the Risen One, can participate in Divine life. So Easter is as much about us, as it is about Jesus.

You may have had a chance to see the film, “As it is in heaven,” which suggests that through music, a group of people for a short time were able to glimpse or hear the divine harmony. For a moment, they participated in something bigger than themselves. Easter is this glimpse for us of heaven on earth.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 7 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 7 April	7.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Mother of God Church
Sunday 8 April		Easter Sunday Masses	See item in newsletter
Saturday 14 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Monday 16 April		Feast of St Bernadette	

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EASTER VIGIL: Saturday 7th April

7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Mother of God

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

8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

St. Bernadette's Korean Community

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 to one of the three churches or Parish Office Easter weekend or no later than the end of April. If a **receipt is required, please complete relevant details on the box lids or back of envelopes**. Receipts will be issued as soon as possible once returns are completed. Details of contributions will then be sent in to Caritas Project Compassion. – Ruth

Annual Collection for the Holy Lands on Good Friday:

On Good Friday there will be the Annual Collection for the Holy Lands at St Bernadette's Church.

This collection promotes missionary work of the Church in the Holy Lands by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, medical centres and orphanages throughout the Holy Land rely very much on assistance from this annual collection. Responsibilities of the Custody of the Holy Land include: maintenance of biblical shrines associated with the life of Jesus (74), parishes (24), other centres (19), schools (22 – 7000+ students), orphanages and refuges (6), and guest houses (4); and charitable programs, scholarships and medical centres. Your support and generosity is much appreciated. *Please pray that peace and harmony will become a reality* – Holy Land Commissariat

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, May 16 – Ladies Month, film and high tea in the MI Hall which begins at 1.00pm. \$5 entry.
- Wednesday, July 11 – Bus trip to Cuckoo Restaurant for Christmas in July. - Sue, Helen and Eileen

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.

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

Catholic Aged Care & Accommodation:

Catholic Homes was established in 1960 and has been providing Aged Care services and accommodation for Victorian Seniors for over 50 years. Information about Catholic Homes' facilities and services are available by contacting the Admissions Officer – Residential Services on 8862 9041.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 15th April 2012:

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St Francis of Assisi Church, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park from 1.00pm.
Programme: 1.00pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Holy Rosary and Benediction
3.00pm – Mass & Blessing, concluding with Prayer Ministry and Blessing of religious articles
Main Celebrant: Fr Brendan Lane. Concelebrant: Fr Anthony Girolami (PP)

Where is God in the midst of Human Suffering? - Fr Richard Leonard on Monday 16 April at 7.30pm
Fr Richard is an international speaker who will explore this question that arises in every human heart when accident, illness, pain and catastrophe strikes the human family. The address will be sourced on his bestselling book "Where the Hell is God?" Fr Richard Leonard SJ is a Jesuit of the Australian Province and is the director of the Australian Catholic Film Office, a consultant to the Australian Catholic Bishop's Media Committee, and a film critic for all the major Catholic newspapers of Australia. Richard is a holder of a doctorate in cinema studies and has lectured all over the world. **Where:** St Ignatius Parish Hall (Behind St Ignatius Church), 326 Church St, Richmond **More Information:** 8420 6789

Shoah Holocaust Memorial Service for Christians and all people of good will. - Thursday 19 April
Christians and all people of good will are invited to gather and reflect as that for the sake of the present and the future we do not forget the past! - Thursday 19 April at 7.30pm at St Francis Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne The Memorial Service will be followed by refreshments afterwards in the hall. All welcome.

Archdiocesan Office for Youth (AOY) Event: Breakfast Club:

Saturday 28 April, 9am - Morning Mass will be followed by Adoration until 10am. Breakfast will be provided in the hall next door. It is a great chance to connect with other young people.
All Saints Parish, 174 Brunswick St, Fitzroy **RSVP** to AOY on Facebook or 9412 3322 or aoy@cam.org.au

CatholicCare's Heavenly Gala Ball:

Thursday 24 May Plaza Ballroom, 191 Collins St, Melbourne
This is your opportunity to be part of a very special evening and raise urgently needed funds for families and individuals experiencing alcohol and other drug issues in our community. All proceeds will be directed to CatholicCare's Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service delivered from the St Mary of the Cross Centre in Fitzroy as well as Footscray, Noble Park and Bundoora. You may wish to organise a group of family members, parishioners or friends to attend (tables of 10) **Cost:** \$200 per person
To purchase tickets: www.ccam.org.au/events/, 9287 5517 or fundraising@ccam.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 14 – 15 April 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** C. Dixon **Special Ministers** J. Gray, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** K. Bator **Reader** B. Fitt **Mass Coordinators** J. & D. Jones **Counters** L. McInerney, M. Rocco

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** A. Patterson **Lector** B. Brownstein **Special Ministers** By arrangement
Altar Society: I. Chiera **Choir Coordinator:** School holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$3,460.00 Loose cash: \$707.75 **Total: \$4,167.75**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 886.25**

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