



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. 16

14 – 15 April 2012

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

V. 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord 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.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **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.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Lois Caleo, 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 all who have died recently. We also remember Jack Biviano, Anna Marta Calvisi, Antoinette Caruana, Sam Talarico, Mary Anthony and Mr A. Anthony whose anniversaries occur at this time and Maria Polestina (2 month anniversary). May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 16 April: St Bernadette Soubirous

Tues 17 April: St Stephen Harding

Wed 18 April: St Laserian

Thurs 19 April: St Alphege of Canterbury

Fri. 20 April: St Beuno

Sat. 21 April: St Anselm

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

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

REFLECTION:

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.



The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds. We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation after the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's Risen presence are his marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Over recent years films like *Stigmata*, *Dogma*, *Agnes of God* and even the appalling *Daredevil* give a hysterical and cynical prominence to the stigmata. There are regular 'believe it or not' documentaries that usually follow suit. Even some pilgrims flocked to Padre Pio's monastery in the south of Italy to see if his hands really bled, or if his wounds really wept. This desire to see outward signs of inner faith is a long way short of Jesus telling us today, 'Happy are those who believe without seeing.'

Our day-to-day lives should be the clearest manifestation of the cross and resurrection of Christ. It seems, however, that words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God can be greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

Years ago I remember struggling with some personal issues during a retreat. One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the retreat director, adapting today's psalm, 117, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone'. By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fears, doubts and disbelief and transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is the one which God wants to use as the cornerstone. When we see this happening, when we see God taking the part of us we consider most unlovable and using it for good, then we want to cry out with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 14 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Monday 16 April		Feast of St Bernadette	
Monday 16 April		School Term 2 commences	
Wednesday 18 April	11.45am-1pm	Mother of God School Open Day	Mother of God School
Wednesday 18 April	8.00pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	Parish Office
Saturday 21 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 22 April	10.30am-1pm	Mother of God School Open Day	Mother of God School
Sunday 22 April	2.30pm	ANZAC Commemoration & Wreath Laying	See notice in newsletter
Tuesday 24 April	10.30am	Mass of Anointing and Blessing	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 25 April	8.00am	Mass – ANZAC Day	St Bernadette's Church

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

Project Compassion 2012:

Boxes or envelopes for Project Compassion need to be returned to one of the three churches or Parish Office no later than Sunday 29th 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:

Sincere thanks to all concerned for contributions to the Collection for the Holy Lands which totalled \$1063.00

Our Holy Week and Easter celebrations:

Thanks to the great number of people who took part in celebrating these special days which are at the core of our Christian life, each day with its special emphasis and special atmosphere. Did you have some thoughts about the ways things were done? Maybe you have suggestions about different ways to do things in the future. All ideas, comments, suggestions and feedback wanted and needed!! Contact Fr. Thang: 9499 1515 or catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com or Merle: merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au or 9497 1691 who will record them and take to the Liturgy Group for future reference.

Baptisms in the Korean Community:

The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe sincerely congratulates 15 members of the Korean Catholic Community who were baptised and welcomed into Korean Community at Easter.

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

Families & Friends of Mother of God Catholic Primary School are invited to attend the Blessing and Official Opening of MOG School Learning & Multi-Purpose Area by the Hon Jenny Macklin MP at 10.30am 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

Autumn Working Bee at Parish Office and MI Church Saturday 21 April - 8am - 12 Noon:



Our working bees are wonderful communal events; the cuppa and chat alone make it worthwhile. Hope to see you there. As well as weeding, trimming, pruning and filling the skip with garden waste, we hope to have volunteers to clean Parish Office.

BYO gloves and gardening/pruning/cleaning equipment... Morning tea will be provided.



Mass of Anointing and Blessing - Tuesday 24th April at Mother of God Church:

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Tuesday 24th April at 10.30am at Mother of God Church. Families from Mother of God School have kindly offered to provide Morning Tea after Mass. If you require assistance with transport please contact Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793.

Please note: There will be no 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 24 April at Mother of God

Mary Immaculate Church – Wednesday 25th April:

No 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church on Wednesday 25th April.

All parishioners invited to attend ANZAC Mass at 8.00am, St Bernadette's Church, 89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

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

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

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. Detailed information about Catholic Homes' facilities and services: Contact the Admissions Officer – Residential Services on 8862 9041.

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 strike 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 followed by Adoration until 10am. Breakfast provided in the hall next door - a great chance to connect with other young people. All Saints Parish, 174 Brunswick St, Fitzroy **RSVP** AOY 9412 3322 or aoy@cam.org.au

Fundraising Dinner Pregnancy Counselling Australia: Right to Life Australia is hosting a dinner on Saturday 28 April to fundraise to support their Pregnancy Counselling 24 hour service which is a telephone service to assist pregnant mothers in crisis. Trained counsellors provide voluntary help Australia wide around the clock, every day of the year. This service does not receive government funding. Support Pregnancy Counselling Australia to continue to provide this vital service and have a great time at a fun event. www.pregnancycounsellingaustralia.com.au - Mary Collier, Right to Life Australia phone: (03) 9385 0100.

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 **1st May** 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 for discussion, questions and learning 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.

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 St Mary of the Cross Centre in Fitzroy as well as Footscray, Noble Park and Bundoora. **Cost:** \$200 per person
To purchase tickets: www.ccam.org.au/events/, 9287 5517 or fundraising@ccam.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 21 – 22 April 2012

<u>ST. BERNADETTE'S:</u> Saturday 6.30pm	Lector E. Jowett	Special Ministers B. Jowett, E. Crawley		
<u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u> Sunday 9.00am	Leader P. Callahan	Reader M. Auguste	Mass Coordinators S. & P. Kelly	Counters S. & P. Kelly
<u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u> Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan M. Hoban	Lector C. Bellio	Special Ministers By arrangement	Choir Coordinator:
	Altar Society: P. Caddy			

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,405.00 Loose cash: \$1,918.80 **Total: \$3,324.80**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$1,673.80**

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