



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. 18

28 – 29 April 2012

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

V. 1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R.**

V. 2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

V. 3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: With Easter faith we pray: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Keith Smith, Lois Caleo, Carmel Delaney, Joy Meacham, Sheila Ryan, Bev Horne, Sidney Delaney and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Elena Tomasoni who died recently. We remember Fr John Maher OMI, Richard Erbacher, Pauline Masters, Wayne Jordan, Giuseppe Montorio, Alfonso Montorio, Giuseppe Latronico and Lucia Miraglia whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Easter: Year B

Acts 4:8-12 **Psalm 117:8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-9** **1 John 3:1-2** **John 10:11-18**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 30 April: St Pius V

Wed 2 May: St Athanasius

Fri. 4 May: English Martyrs

Tues 1 May: St Joseph the Worker

Thurs 3 May: Ss Philip & James

Sat. 5 May: St Asaph

Next Week's Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter: Year B

Acts 9:26-31 **Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32** **1 John 3:18-24** **John 15:1-8**

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 4th May:

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am and will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Devotions will conclude with Benediction at 4.00pm. All welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

REFLECTION:

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity. When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.



In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do. Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 28 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 1 May	1.30-3.30pm	Yarra Deanery: Ministry to the Sick & Aged	see newsletter
Tuesday 1 May	6.30pm	Confirmation Family Workshop	Mother of God School
Wednesday 2 May	9.15am	Mass & MI School Yrs 5/6SL & 5/6T	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 2 May	12 -3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	<u>Mother of God Church</u>
Wednesday 2 May	7.15pm	Confirmation Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 2 May	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Thursday 3 May	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Thursday 3 May	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee Meeting	
Friday 4 May	9.15am	Mass & St B School Grade 5/6P	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 4 May	9.15am & 4pm	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 5 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
5 - 6 May	All Masses	Confirmation Rite of Enrolment	Parish churches
Monday 7 May	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	
Wednesday 9 May	9.15am	Mass & MI School Family Week Mass	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 9 May	7.15pm	Confirmation Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall

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Archdiocesan Mass Census for the month of May 2012:

For the weekends: 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 & 26-27 May all present (including children and babies) at Mass in each parish church will be counted as part of the Archdiocesan Mass Census 2012. Census sheets will be available in each church for use by counters for this purpose. Completed census sheets need to be returned to the Parish Office on Monday 28th May. **Thank you for your assistance.**

Project Compassion 2012: Project Compassion boxes or envelopes 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. – Ruth

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 reference.

Winter with Outreach:

1. **Next Wednesday, May 2, lunch and games day will occur in the foyer of Mother of God Church.**
All welcome at noon. Bring a small plate.
2. **Wednesday, May 16,** ladies month will be celebrated with a film and high tea to follow. 1pm, \$5 entry, Mary Immaculate Hall. Please make a booking over the next 10 days in order to help the caterers.
3. **Wednesday, June 13,** we will travel to Williamstown to lunch in the historic Steam Packet Hotel. The first 11 to book the Banyule Council bus will depart from Mary Immaculate at 11am, \$10 per person Those travelling by train will need to be at Ivanhoe Station by 10.30am & there is a 750m walk in Williamstown. Lunch/drinks will be paid per person - either the lunch special for \$11.90 or a la carte. Book with Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120 during May.

Working Bee Thanks:

We sure did make a difference! In MI church, the big green curtain was put away for winter. After lots of weeding, trimming and pruning, a large 4 sq metre skip was completely filled, and fortunately, weather was kind throughout! The workers to be thanked are: Sue and Pat Kelly, Bill Kascamanidis, Michael Rocco, Trudy de Luise, Merle Gilbo and Pia Boutsakis.

Farewell Gathering for Brother Mark O’Loughlin – Saturday 12 May:

There will be a farewell gathering for Brother Mark on Saturday 12th May at a venue in Ivanhoe – more details to follow. A small donation will be required. To register your interest in attendance, please contact: Sue Moorhen 0418 595 249.

Movie Night ‘The Way’ on Sunday 20 May:

An opportunity to see a celebrated film at The Palace Cinema, Balwyn, at 6.00pm on Sunday 20th May- \$22 (which includes a ‘sandwich’ before the film). Further information is available in each church. Contact Garry Nolan: 0408 074 782; Min.gn@bigpond.com

Needed!! Help with the flowers in MI Church:

Could you take a turn - once a fortnight or once a month - on your own or with a friend? If there is even a vague possibility that you could be part of this ministry, **please** contact Merle 9497 1691; merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au. The more in the team, fewer turns for everyone.

PLT Nominations 2012:

The Pastoral Leadership Team invites parishioners to consider nomination for the Leadership Team and join them in both leadership and service to the parish community. Rather than call for nominations towards the end of last year, it was decided that nominations for new members would be called for in 2012.

PLT NOMINATION FORM 2012 - CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

I wish to nominate for a General Parishioner Position on the Parish Leadership Team:

Full name:

Address:.....

Phone: Mobile no:

Email address:.....

*Please forward this nomination form to the Parish Office 9am – 5pm before **Friday 16 May 2012**
Any questions or queries please ring Chris Dixon: 9499 6191 or Pat Kelly 9499 1485*

Ministers to the Sick & Aged: Reflection on Their Role – 1st May:

The afternoon will include three brief presentations by Fran Holmes in Pastoral Care at Austin Hospital, Fr Ted Teal Chaplain at Austin Hospital, and Mgr Tony Ireland Episcopal Vicar for the Sick and Aged. These are three deanery members who are active in these ministries and live them each day of their lives. There will also be plenty of time for discussion, questions and learning from each other. **When:** Tuesday 1st May 1:30 - 3:30 pm followed by Afternoon Tea. **Where:** St John’s Heidelberg School Hall. - Charles 0417 319 556.

Youth Gathering 5 May: ***Faith: You Gotta Have It?*** Speaker: Fr Binh Le at 2.00pm. Saturday 5th May, St Vincent Liem, Flemington. The day will include talks in Vietnamese and English, Q & A session, group discussion, testimonies, Mass and light refreshment. - Vietnamese Catholic Youth Melbourne. Facebook.com/vcyam Website: vcyam.org.au Enquiries: Xuan 0410 204 705 (east / northern suburbs). Leaflets are available in each church

Biggest Morning Tea at Holy Cross Centre – Tuesday 8th May:
A Biggest Morning Tea and Art Show will be held on Tuesday 8th May at Holy Cross Centre, Templestowe. There will be a \$10.00 donation at the door. Please refer to display boards in each church.

2012 Knox Public Lecture Catholic Theological College, Wednesday 16 May, 7.30pm:
All are welcome to come and hear Rev. Assoc. Prof. Orm Rush (Australian Catholic University) speak on “Australia and Vatican II: Assessing the Reception of the Council”
Where: Knox Lecture Theatre, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert street (enter from Lansdowne St car park)
RSVP: Jill Allen 9412 3304 or jill.allen@ctc.edu.au **More information:** www.ctc.edu.au

Beethoven: Mass in C and Choral Fantasia - Saturday 19 May:
Heidelberg Choral Society: Beethoven’s Mass in C & Choral Fantasia with Conductor: Peter Bandy.
Soloists: Janet Todd, Christine Heald, Daniel Todd & Nathan Lay. Amir Farad, Pianist for Choral Fantasy
Where: Performing Arts Centre, Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School, Noel St & Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
When: Saturday 19 May, 7.30pm. **Cost:** \$30 adult or \$25 conc. Group bookings (10 or more): \$23.
Bookings: 9489 0806 or 9458 1727; www.hcs.asn.au **Information:** publicity@hcs.asn.au; www.hcs.asn.au

A Day of Reflection Thursday 24th May: Our Lady, Help of Christians, Carmelite Monastery, 94 Stevenson St, Kew. 10am – 3.15pm. Spiritual Director: Bishop Vincent Long. Donna 9850 2549; Margaret 9853 1107

Year of Grace Preparation Sessions:
Beginning at Pentecost, the Catholic Church in Australia will enter into a Year of Grace, a time of retreat and renewal as we contemplate the face of Christ through prayer, reflecting on the scriptures and the liturgy.
To learn more about upcoming Year of Grace events and resources, the Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation invites you to attend an information session in your local area this May.
Each evening session will run from **7.30 – 9.00pm** with finger food and refreshments provided.
Don’t miss this opportunity to hear how your parish can get involved in this exciting nationwide initiative.
Contact Suzanne Hermon to RSVP: Telephone: 9926 5761 or email: evangelisation@cam.org.au.
Wednesday 16th May St Damian’s Parish Dunlop Room, Parish Centre 5 Settlement Rd, Bundoora
Tuesday 22nd May Our Lady of Victories Parish Hall, 548 Burke Rd, Camberwell

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 5 – 6 May 2012

<u>ST. BERNADETTE’S:</u> Saturday 6.30pm	Lector Sister Frances	Special Ministers B. Jowett, T. Nibali		
<u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u> Sunday 9.00am	Leader Costa family	Reader Costa family	Mass Coordinators Costa family	Counters P. Black, P. Fanning
<u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u> Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan J. Taylor	Lector I. Chiera	Special Ministers E. Brownstein, M A Darcy, J. Ellis	
	Altar Society: A. Moloney		Choir Coordinator: P. Verrocchi	

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,438.00 Loose cash: \$555.05 **Total: \$1,999.05**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 688.50**

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