



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. 19

5 – 6 May 2012

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

V. 1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

V. 2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

V. 3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES RITE OF ENROLMENT

Confirmation Candidates:

I commit myself to join as fully as possible in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, completing my initiation into the Catholic Church. May the Spirit of God be with me and all those who help me prepare - especially my parents, family and teachers.



Parishioners Statement of Support:

We believe in the life of God's Spirit, and want to welcome you into this community. We believe in the Mission of Jesus Christ and are ready to support you as you prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

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 all who have died recently. We remember Noel and Marcelle Nannery, Anthony Reid, James Lane, Ellen Boyd, Nicola Bruno, Antonio Bruno, Giuseppe Bruno and Antoinetta Latronico whose anniversaries occur at this time, and month anniversary of Feliciana Torcasio. May they rest in peace.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 7 May: St John Beverley

Wed 9 May: St Gregory

Fri. 11 May: St Fabius

Tues 8 May: St Victor

Thurs 10 May: St Comgall

Sat. 12 May: Ss Nereus & Achilleus

Next Week's Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter: Year B

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm 97:1-4

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

REFLECTION:



Until I spent time on a vineyard ten years ago, I always heard the parable of the vinedresser as a tough, 'shape up or ship out' message. I always imagined God as the vinedresser having a field day lopping and cutting my dead branches, trimming my unproductive stems and uprooting all the rot that undermines my fruitfulness. It always felt like a violent activity.

It was a pleasant surprise then, to actually see a vinedresser in action. Far from an act of violence, the care paid by the dresser to each stem is extraordinary. He or she carefully inspects the branch, delicately cutting only the smallest amount so that the vine will be healthier and more productive. A good vinedresser pores over the vines and from experience knows that to cut too much or too little will render the vine without its distinctive character. Every cut is measured and aimed to prune back only the diseased branch, so as to bring about greater growth for the whole vine and a bigger yield for the vineyard. The vinedresser is not violent with the vine, but extremely tender. The first hearers of today's Gospel would have known that this metaphor is anything but a 'shape up or ship out' message.

This parable is a profound insight into the Christian life. We can claim to belong to the Christian family all we like. We can come to Mass every Sunday. But if the fruit we produce is bitter and poisonous, if we are unforgiving, unjust and uncaring, we cannot claim to be on the vine of Christ's love. And if that's the case we are in desperate need of the gentle hand of the vinedresser, who only wants to see us bring forth the yield we are capable of achieving.

Rev Billy Graham once said, 'Being a member of the Church no more makes you a Christian than living in a garage makes you a car.' That's the point of today's Gospel: God will not judge us by what we say or the public face of goodness we can turn on, we will be judged by our acts of love in and through our kindness and compassion. This metaphor also reminds us that we are connected to each other. There are moments in our life of faith when we hear or see other Christians saying or doing things we cannot countenance. We can try to disown them by retreating into our denomination, but we are all connected in Christ's vineyard. We need the courage to tell them the truth as we see it, and charitably point out the problems we have with what they think is right. And we need the humility to listen when they challenge us.

It's even harder when the diseased part of the vine is in our own Catholic section of the vineyard. Our first instinct can be to lop off the branch, just to get rid of it. But as any vinedresser knows this is the last resort. Whether we find it easy or not, Christ calls us to limited surgical interventions over amputations every time. This is tough love. Even though there are people within our community who have committed terrible crimes and betrayed our trust, the Gospel calls us to hold on to them until it's clear that no matter what intervention we make, they are dying on Christ's vine already. And even then, we hope and pray that our action towards them might see a new growth within them which could be the beginning of a possible grafting back on to us in the future.

In the face of the world's 'shape up or ship out' principle, today's Gospel challenges us to hang in there with each other, in season and out of season, because as the old folk hymn sings, 'They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.'

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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
Saturday 12 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Saturday 12 May		Farewell Gathering – Brother Mark O'Loughlin	

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 are 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.**



Confirmation Rite of Enrolment:

The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe welcomes the Confirmation candidates and their families who are presenting themselves to the parish this weekend as part of their Confirmation Rite of Enrolment. Enrolment posters will be displayed in each church so that we can remember these children in our prayers. Parishioners are invited to add their names as those praying these children. After Confirmation, enrolment posters will be returned to the children as a memento of their enrolment.

Preparing for Confirmation:

The young people have officially enrolled this weekend, the catechist group have begun their weekly classes and the Year 6 students in our schools are concentrating specially on their preparation for this important sacrament. How can we, as the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe be a part of this special time? Certainly, we can keep the young people in our prayers but also, we can help to make their Confirmation Day more significant by becoming a part of the parish choir!! The only requirement is a willingness to join in. Three practices: **Tuesdays, 15th, 22nd & 29th May** 7.30 pm, Mary Immaculate Church.

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

There will be a farewell gathering for Brother Mark on Saturday 12th May at Spe 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.

Winter with Outreach:

1. **Wednesday, May 16**, Ladies' month will be celebrated with a film and High Tea to follow at 1.00pm. \$5 entry, Mary Immaculate Hall. Please make a booking over the next 10 days in order to help the caterers.
2. **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.

Ministers to the Sick and the Aged: Reflection on their role - Tuesday, 1st May:

It was inspiring to be among the more than 60 people, from a range of Deanery parishes and beyond, who responded to this opportunity. The knowledgeable and experienced speakers told how this ministry is ensured for patients in hospital - by the sacramental ministry of the priests and the ministry of pastoral care workers. In the hospital setting, and for people in home or in aged care facilities, many volunteers act in partnership by being the bringers of Holy Communion or just visiting. We could see there is much we can learn from each other and it is likely there will be follow up opportunities. - Merle

Movie Night 'The Way' on Sunday 20 May:

The Manningham Interfaith Group and Catholic Churches of the Yarra Deanery invites you to an opportunity to see a celebrated film at The Palace Cinema, Balwyn, at 6.00pm on Sunday 20th May. Cost: \$22 (which includes a 'sandwich' before the film). Contact Garry Nolan: 0408 074 782 or Min.gn@bigpond.com Further information available in each church.

Biggest Morning Tea & Art Show – Tuesday 8th May:

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:

"Australia and Vatican II: Assessing the Reception of the Council" - Rev. Associate Professor Orm Rush

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

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

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Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2012 – Sunday 20 May:

Chaplains – Companions of Hope “We are with people at their most vulnerable time”- Catholic Chaplain

Every day in our Archdiocese, Chaplains visit hospital wards, walk through prisons and visit young people in detention. They are also present with those affected by mental illness and HIV/Aids, as well as supporting men and women working at sea. Catholic Chaplains are tangible signs of God’s presence. They are the face of hope at times of greatest need, a healing presence, a kind and gentle ear. On Sunday May 20, you are invited to donate to this important work in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, via the Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in your local parish. Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- Patients and their families in public hospitals
 - Those affected by mental illness
 - Men and women in Prisons
 - Young people in youth justice facilities
 - Seafarers
- More Info: The Development Office, 9926 5714

Beethoven: Mass in C and Choral Fantasia - Saturday 19 May: Heidelberg Choral Society

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

Ecumenical Pentecost Celebration Sunday 27 May:

You are invited to attend an Ecumenical Pentecost Celebration on Sunday 27 May at 5.00pm at St George’s Anglican Church, Ivanhoe East followed by a Soup Supper – soup, tea / coffee provided. Please bring a small plate to share. Contact Rosemary for further information RSVP by Sunday 20 May for catering: 9497 1017

Invitation from the Archbishop’s Office for Evangelisation: 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.

Information sessions to learn more about the upcoming Year of Grace events and resources:

- **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

Each evening session will run from **7.30 – 9.00pm** with finger food and refreshments provided.

Contact Suzanne Hermon to RSVP: Telephone: 9926 5761 or email: evangelisation@cam.org.au

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

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 12 – 13 May 2012

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

McEvey family

Reader

Mass Coordinators

J. & D. Jones

Counters

E. Ballao, T. McKinley

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

E. Mount

Lector

J. Hodge

Special Ministers

D. Ervin, M. Chin, B. / S. Janus

Altar Society: I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$2,217.00 Loose cash: \$546.60 **Total: \$2,763.60**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 745.15**