



# 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. 20

12 – 13 May 2012

## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR B

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

V. 1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

V. 2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

V. 3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** As we wait for the Spirit we pray: Lord, hear our prayer

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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 all who have died recently. We also remember Anselmo and Maria Dri, Matt Ryan and Onorina Renzella whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



### **Baptism in our Parish Community:**

We welcome Keisha and Jed De Silva, and Maeve Barry who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their families, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the lifelong journey of faith.

### **This Week's Readings: 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

### *Saint and Feast Days:*

*Mon 14 May: St Matthias*

*Wed 16 May: St Brendan*

*Fri. 18 May: St Eric of Sweden*

*Tues 15 May: St Carthage*

*Thurs 17 May: St Paschal Baylon*

*Sat. 19 May: St Dunstan*

### **Next Week's Readings: The Ascension of the Lord: Year B**

**Acts 1:1-11**

**Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9**

**Ephesians 4:1-13**

**Mark 16:15-20**

## **REFLECTION:**

The Italian film, *Life is Beautiful* vividly portrays the truth of today's Gospel. It shows a father convincing his five-year-old son that the concentration camp is an elaborate game that the Nazis had invented to test the Italians. Some members of the Jewish community criticised this film because they claimed it made light of the holocaust. Writer and director, Roberto Benigni, however, argued that the heart of the film lies in the fact that most parents will do anything to spare their children the reality of evil. Most parents who have seen and wept through the film know exactly what he's talking about.



And if parents could take such risks and go to such lengths for their children, how much more has God done for us in Christ Jesus. We are the only world religion to believe that our God took our form and died out of love for us so that we might understand the love God has for us, and the love we are called to have for each other. It isn't, however, just any old love Christ calls us to practise.

It's not about a fleeting feeling or having a warm fuzzy inside. Jesus tells us today that the character of Christian love is the degree to which it's sacrificial. This is a challenging way of working out who we really love, isn't it? The people we love are those for whom we are prepared to sacrifice something of ourselves, maybe everything.

If that's the case we could decide to stop telling people we don't love that we love them. The goal of the Christian life is to love everyone, but until we achieve that, the more we lie about love the more we lower its currency. It's perfectly acceptable to like, enjoy, be fond of, respect, admire and be grateful to others, and not love them. There are a very few people for whom most of us would be prepared to lay down our lives. This criteria sorts out our intimates fairly quickly. We could also decide to stop saying we love things, animals, ideas or organisations which cannot love us back. Human beings can only truly love people. Jesus did not die for an ideology or an institution. He was put to death because of his uncompromising love for all humanity everywhere. If we find ourselves saying we love our pets, house, car, job, our ideology, even our Church more than we love other human beings, then we're in trouble.

That's what I like best about the model of loving Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Just when we might expect to find him using the analogy of a family, he talks about us being his friends. Sometimes we can hear people lament that they are 'stuck' with their families, and that they prefer their friends. It's an instructive moment, usually born out of a bitter and unloving history.

We choose our friends, and the strength of any particular friendship is usually found in how we know their history and story, and they know ours, in the way we give them time, attention and affection. A true friendship is mutual. Jesus loves us, his friends, enough to know us, be available to us, challenge and forgive us. And his love is mutual. The only thing stopping us from having a deeper relationship with Christ is our desire for it.

But Jesus also shows how friends are prepared to give their lives for one another. That's what we celebrate here each Sunday, that Jesus, the Lord showed the quality and care of his love for us so that we might be empowered to go out and enable others to know and experience his love in the joyful way we sacrifice ourselves for them. No one promised us that the Christian life would be easy. All we have is our brother Jesus and all our friends, our family in faith, to support us in every loving sacrifice we make.

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### **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

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Saturday 12 May	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mother of God Church
Saturday 12 May	8.00pm	Farewell Gathering – Brother Mark O'Loughlin	Speakeasy Cellars
Tuesday 15 May	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 16 May	9.15am	Mass & MI Classes: Prep, Prep/1, & 2	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 16 May	1.00pm	Outreach Film Afternoon	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 16 May	7.15pm	<b>Confirmation Catechist Class</b>	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 17 May	8.00pm	Ivanhoe Churches Together	Ivanhoe Baptist Church
Friday 18 May	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Gr. 1/2M	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 19 May	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 22 May		Retreat for Confirmation Candidates	Amberley Centre
Wednesday 23 May	9.15am	Mass & MI Classes: 3/4M & 3/4HR	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 23 May	7.15pm	<b>Confirmation Catechist Class</b>	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 23 May	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 25 May	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Gr. 5/6W	St Bernadette's Church



# Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe.

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> May. **Thank you for your assistance.**

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

There will be a farewell gathering for Brother Mark on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, **8.00pm** at Speakeasy Cellars, 211 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe. A small donation is required. To register attendance, please contact: Sue Moorhen 0418 595 249.



## **Confirmation posters:**

Enrolment posters are displayed in each church so that we can remember Confirmation candidates and their families in our prayers as the children prepare for Confirmation on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Parishioners are invited to add their names as those praying these children at this time. After Confirmation, enrolment posters will be returned to the children as a memento of their enrolment.

## **Preparing for Confirmation:**

The catechist group have begun their weekly classes and the Year 6 students in our schools are concentrating 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, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May** 7.30 pm, Mary Immaculate Church.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:jill.allen@ctc.edu.au)

**More information:** [www.ctc.edu.au](http://www.ctc.edu.au)

## **St Kevin's Art Show 18 – 21 May:**

KC Smith Hall, St Kevin's College, Heyington, Moonga Rd, Toorak  
18 May – Opening Night Cocktail Party 7 – 9pm. Cost \$35 pp. Bookings to Ticket Secretary: Sue 9882 5587  
General Viewings: Sat 19 May: 10am-8pm; Sun 20 May 10am-6pm & Mon 21 May 10am-4pm. Cost: \$10

## **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](http://www.hcs.asn.au) **Information:** [publicity@hcs.asn.au](mailto:publicity@hcs.asn.au); [www.hcs.asn.au](http://www.hcs.asn.au)

## **Movie Night 'The Way' 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 20<sup>th</sup> May. Cost: \$22 (which includes a 'sandwich' before the film). Contact Garry Nolan: 0408 074 782 or [Min.gn@bigpond.com](mailto:Min.gn@bigpond.com)

***This sounds like a great opportunity to see such a film. I'm intending to – would anyone like to join me? – Merle 9497 1691 or [merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au](mailto:merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au)***

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**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.

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**PLT NOMINATION FORM 2012 - CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE**

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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*

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**FOCCUS Facilitator Training:** Thursday night 17 May and Saturday all day 19 May  
CatholicCare is offering FOCCUS Facilitator training for the pre-marriage education program. FOCCUS is a valuable aid for all marriage celebrants, marriage educators and others interested in supporting couples to build a satisfying, life-long marriage. **Cost:** \$260 per person or \$450 per couple includes all material, manual, catering and registration **Contact:** Mary Brown 9287 5512

**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

**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

**Parish Dancing and Social Entertainment Nights:** Last Friday of every month, 8pm  
- Rock ‘n’ roll, line dancing, foxtrot, modern waltz, Latin American and much more. All welcome.  
**Where:** Our Lady Help of Christians, Church Hall, 49 Nicholson St (next to Barkly Street), East Brunswick.  
**Cost:** \$5, tea and coffee provided (BYO drinks and food). **Contact:** Maurice 9895 5266

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 19 – 20 May 2012**

<b><u>ST. BERNADETTE’S:</u></b> Saturday 6.30pm	<b>Lector</b> C. Dixon	<b>Special Ministers</b> J. Gray, T. Nibali		
<b><u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u></b> Sunday 9.00am	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b> J. McCormack	<b>Mass Coordinators</b> E. Ballao	<b>Counters</b> L. McInerney, M. Rocco
<b><u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u></b> Sunday 10.30am	<b>Sacristan</b> J. Curry	<b>Lector</b> A. Tosolini	<b>Special Ministers</b> M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. / P. De Silva	<b>Choir Coordinator:</b> A. Pollard
<b>Altar Society:</b> P. Caddy				

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**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$1,243.50 Loose cash: \$583.95 **Total: \$1,827.45**  
**Second Collection – Presbytery:** **\$ 720.75**