



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

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19 – 20 May 2012

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia. .

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

- V. 1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**
- V. 2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**
- V. 3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

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

We remember Leslie Mogg who died recently. We remember Fr Luc Do, Elmo Pertile, Daphne Cattanach, Ida Padula, Maria Padula, Gerardo Padula, Iuccio Padula and Antonio Galella whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptism in our Parish Community:

We welcome Oliver Raimundo and Elsa Shallcross 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.

Michelle Gough:

After a period of discernment during her faith journey over the past two years, Michelle will be baptised and confirmed into the Catholic Church on Pentecost Sunday, 27 May at Mary Immaculate Church. Please keep Michelle and her family in your prayers at this time. – Fr Thang

Please note: Collectors needed for Leaving Collections at each Mass:

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections after Mass in each church this weekend for **Chaplaincy Sunday**. Please see notice in newsletter.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

This 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

*Saint and Feast Days:**Mon 21 May: St Christopher**Wed 23 May: St William of Rochester**Fri. 25 May: St Bede**Tues 22 May: St Rita**Thurs 24 May: Our Lady, Help of Christians**Sat. 26 May: St Phillip Neri***Next Week's Readings: Pentecost Sunday: Year B**

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 35

Romans 8:22-27

John 7:37-39

REFLECTION:

This passage makes up the concluding verses of the Gospel of Mark. Actually, literary criticism of the Mark gospel suggests that the original gospel ended at 16:8 with the women fleeing from the empty tomb in fear. Verses 9-20 appear to be a later addition to the gospel. The community in which this gospel was written expected Jesus to return within their lifetime and so the dramatic and suspenseful conclusion of the gospel at the discovery of the empty tomb makes perfect sense. However, it soon became apparent that Jesus' return was not going to come as soon as the believers had hoped and so the post-resurrection appearances and the commissioning to continue on with Jesus' work became much more important.

If we were to read this passage literally, we would believe that to be a Christian one had to be able to perform exorcisms, speak in tongues, handle snakes, drink poison and heal by touch. If this were literally true, I guess there wouldn't be too many Christians around today! Rather, the purpose of the passage is that Jesus sends his followers out 'to the whole world' to continue his ministry. It is the 'whole world' to which they are sent; not just their cosy little corner of the world but the whole world. It's what Christian people for the last 2,000 years have been called to do: continue Jesus' ministry to the whole world. It's what each and every one of us is called to do today: 'proclaim the Good News to all creation'. That doesn't mean standing on street corners with a Bible in our hands but it means proclaiming the Good News through our everyday actions and by being open and honest about our faith. It means treating all people as Jesus would.

Living the Gospel – Proclaim Good News

Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, 'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!' In every interaction we have we say so much about who we are, what we think of the other person and what we believe – even without opening our mouth. Our actions and attitudes proclaim our beliefs more powerfully than our words ever do. If we claim to be concerned about justice and yet behave unjustly then it is our actions, not our words, that will be heard! When we are called to 'proclaim the Good News' we are called to do this first and foremost in action.

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Saturday 19 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 22 May		Retreat for Confirmation Candidates	Amberley Centre
Tuesday 22 May	9.15am	Mass & MOG School: Middle School	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 23 May	9.15am	Mass & MI Classes: 3/4M & 3/4HR	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 23 May	7.15pm	Confirmation Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 23 May	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 24 May		Feast Day of Our Lady, Help of Christians	
Friday 25 May	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School: Gr. 5/6W	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 26 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 29 May	9.15am	Mass & MOG School: Junior School & Prep	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 30 May	9.15am	Mass & MI School: Grades 5/6SL & 5/6T	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 30 May	7.15pm	Confirmation Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 31 May	10 - 12	Confirmation Rehearsal	St Patrick's Cathedral
Friday 1 June	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Gr. 3/4L	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 1 June	9.15am & 4pm	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 2 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 3 June	2.30pm	Confirmation: Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe	St Patrick's Cathedral

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.*

Thursday 24 May - the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians:

We are fortunate there will be a Parish Mass on this special day. It will be at 10.00am at Mary Immaculate Church and, appropriately, will be followed by Morning Tea in the meeting room at the Parish Office.

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2012 – Sunday 20 May:

Special Collection

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. Donations will support Chaplains who work with:

Patients and their families in public hospitals	Persons affected by mental illness	
Men and women in Prisons	Young people in youth justice facilities	Seafarers

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 3rd 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.

Our choir for Confirmation on Sunday, 3rd June !!:

We got off to a very good start last Tuesday and know there are other singers who just couldn't make it that night. But the Cathedral is a big space to fill, so please think about coming on Tuesdays 22nd and / or 29th May at 7.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church.

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee – Friday 25 May:

Another chance to support this home where so many people stay when in Melbourne for medical treatment!! Friday, 25th May. 10am, 10 Donaldson St. The speaker will be Sr. Margaret Noone who will tell us about her work with 'very special kids'.

Outreach Update for June / July 2012:

- o Firstly, thank you to all those people who came along and enjoyed Ladies' Month film and High Tea. A wonderful time was had by all.
 - o We have only 2 seats available on the Banyule CC bus for the June 13 trip to the Steam Packet Hotel in Williamstown. First to book will access them. If you plan to travel by train please let us know by June 11 as we need to make a firm booking for the hotel dining room. Bus departs from Waverley Ave at 11am. We need to be at Ivanhoe Station by 10.30 to travel by train. Bus fare is \$10 pp. Pay as you go for lunch. Many thanks go to Tony Healy for again volunteering to drive the bus.
 - o Lunch / games day will be June 6 at **MOG foyer**. 12 noon. All welcome. The date for July is July 4.
 - o There is much interest in the Christmas in July outing to the Cuckoo Restaurant, July 11. If we have 45 bookings the cost will be \$55 pp. You are welcome to invite friends. The menu is copious. If you wish to know more ask Eileen or Sue. The bus will depart Waverley Ave at 10.30am and return approx. 4pm.
- Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120

Are YOU in the Know in Ivanhoe Parish?:

There's much going on in the Parish and in the church and world around us that relates to the practice of our Faith in Ivanhoe Parish. In this challenging world of constant change those who are best and first informed on important faith-related issues that impact parish life are those who choose to join the Ivanhoe Parish eMail List. Weekly updates and, infrequently, 'Stop Press' alerts keep everyone informed. With further big news inevitably to come all are invited and encouraged to join the mailing list! It's just as easy to 'unsubscribe' at any time. Join / unjoin via the website (under NEWS 2012), or email: comms@ivanhoecatholics.com providing your email address and name. - John Costa

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program:

In 2011 the Parish of Ivanhoe assisted each of our Parish Primary Schools in fundraising, and the schools are very grateful for all the support given by parishioners which enabled them to purchase further resources for their particular school. The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program involves collecting stickers (\$10 = 1 sticker) from Woolworths and with points earned, schools can purchase resources. Stickers can be placed on cards available at Woolworths. There is a box in **each school** for Woolworths' cards and stickers and you are welcome to take them to the school during school hours.

Request from Mary Immaculate School Advisory Committee:

The Mary Immaculate School Advisory Committee requests help for the school to win vouchers to purchase equipment for MI staff and students. Mary Immaculate School is involved again in two fundraising programs at present: The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program; and the Northland Run around Australia Competition.

The Northland Competition involves collecting receipts and earning a point for every dollar spent. If you are able to assist, receipts can be handed into school, or placed in the Mary Immaculate drop boxes at the Customer Service Desk or outside Coles and Woolworths. Last year we received enough vouchers to purchase facilities for our school, which included a microwave and coffee machine for the new hall, as well as some cameras for students to utilise as part of their curriculum. Woolworths Earn & Learn Program: Woolworths in Ivanhoe has a Mary Immaculate box for cards with stickers.

Movie Night 'The Way' Sunday 20 May: `The Palace Cinema, Balwyn, at 6.00pm on Sunday 20th May. Cost: \$22 *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*

Ethica Accessories Fair Trade Fiesta Tuesday 22 May, 12.00 to 7.00pm:

The Sisters of St Joseph and Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will be hosting Ethica Accessories Fair Trade Fiesta fundraising event. Every purchase from the hand made fair trade products provides employment and income for women, their families and ultimately the community in some of the poorest areas of Peru, South America. Items for sale include alpaca scarves, ponchos, beanies, babies & children's wear, home wares, novelties and more...

Where: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne

Cost: Donation

Contact: Maria 9926 9300 or Admin.MMHC@sosj.org.au

Catholic Book Club, Friday 25 May, 7pm:

The Catholic Book Club, in association with the Central Catholic Bookshop, invites you to join our monthly meetings. Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and writing is welcome to join us. In May we will discuss two short novels by David Lodge, "How Far Can You Go" and "The British Museum is Falling Down". **Where:** Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne (near the corner of Elizabeth Street) NB. The main door will be locked after hours, so if you arrive late and cannot enter the building, please call 9670 1815 **Contact:** Paul Nixon 0405 486 531 or pwn@anthonycooperandco.com.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

Social Justice in the City - Wednesday 30 May, 12.00 to 1.00pm: Sister Margaret Mary Flynn IBVM, Australian Leader of the Loreto Sisters and *2010 NSW Business Woman of the Year* will be presenting on her work in rural areas with disadvantaged women and the networks and opportunities established for employment. This event is hosted by Francis Conference Melbourne which is a part of the St Vincent de Paul Society. All are welcome and complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits will be served at St Francis Pastoral Centre MacKillop Room, St Francis' Church annex, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne **Contact:** Paula 9895 5800

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 26 – 27 May 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

M. Sibillin

Reader

B. Fitt

Mass Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

S. & P. Kelly,
R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

E. Mount

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society: P. Mendes

Choir Coordinator: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,754.00 Loose cash: \$510.90 **Total: \$2,264.90**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 899.40**

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