



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. 29

14 - 15 July 2012

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

V. 1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

V. 2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Guide us by your grace: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Fr Burns Huggan, Mike McGuire, Simon Stuart, Ma Lim, Anna Maria Bona, Joy Meacham, Sheila Ryan, Bev Horne, Carmel Delaney and Sidney Delaney. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Jill Brophy, Geoff McLean and Pietro Santopoli who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Santo Patti, Frank McClelland, Leo Hingston and Irma Pertile. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Amos 7: 12-15

Psalm 84:9-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 16 July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Tues 17 July: St Marcellina

Wed 18 July: St Frederick

Thurs 19 July: St Macrina

Fri. 20 July: St Apollinaris

Sat. 21 July: St Lawrence of Brindisi

Next Week's Readings: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Jeremiah 23 1-6

Psalm 22

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

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MISSION

REFLECTION:



This account of the sending out of the twelve disciples appears in all three of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and so originates from the Gospel of Mark. It is a commissioning of the disciples to spread the ministry of Jesus – teaching, healing and casting out demons. It seems rather harsh conditions under which Jesus sends out his disciples. They are to carry nothing but a staff – a walking stick – and to trust completely to the hospitality that they will encounter. For the disciples going out on their mission, it is a challenge to their faith and their trust that God will provide for them. The act of sending out the disciples can also be seen as a challenge to the towns and people that the disciples visited. A challenge for them to fulfil their duty of hospitality – of welcoming the stranger and caring for those in need. By travelling without a ‘fallback position’ the disciples are utterly at the mercy of those they encounter but there is an implicit demand on the other to extend hospitality to the one who seeks it.

How would the disciples be greeted in our world today if they arrived in a country or town with no food, no possessions and calling on the hospitality of the place in which they had arrived? Does this sound familiar? There are refugees and asylum seekers who arrive on our borders and seek the hospitality of our country. They are fleeing inhospitality – often starvation, war, persecution, poverty – and they ask for welcome and hospitality. Unfortunately, in the culture of fear and intolerance that has developed, they are not met with welcome and hospitality; they are met with obstacles, rejection and ill treatment.

Scriptural context – Mission and Ministry

This seems an odd event in the narrative of the Gospel of Mark. The twelve are sent out and we are told that they ‘cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them’. After a diversion to explain the fate of John the Baptist the gospel picks up again by simply stating that the disciples returned and reported all they had done. There is no explanation of why Jesus sent them out; no indication of how long they travelled; no evidence of what reception they were given. This was a prelude to the later ministry that would be performed; it was an instruction by Jesus for how the mission was to be carried on.

Have you thought? Sent in pairs

It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.

Living the Gospel – Travelling Light

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the ‘haves’ and ‘have nots’ the ‘haves’ are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the ‘things’ with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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| Saturday 14 July | 10.00am | Reconciliation | Mother of God Church |
| | | School Term 3 commences | |
| Tuesday 17 July | 6.30pm | Eucharist Family Workshop: Schools & Catechists | Mother of God School |
| Tuesday 17 July | 7.30pm | St Bernadette’s School Education Board | St Bernadette’s School |
| Wednesday 18 July | 7.30pm | St Bernadette’s School Parents & Friends | St Bernadette’s School |
| Saturday 21 July | 10.00am | Reconciliation | Mary Immaculate Church |
| Tuesday 24 July | 9.15am | Mass & MOG School Seniors G & T | Mother of God Church |
| Wednesday 25 July | 7.00pm | Reconciliation Session 1 – Catechists | Mary Immaculate Church |
| Friday 27 July | 9.15am | Mass & St B School Grade 3 / 4L | St Bernadette’s Church |
| Saturday 28 July | 10.00am | Reconciliation | St Bernadette’s Church |

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Grace in the Wintry Season:

The journey of our catholic Faith has its seasons. As we go on pilgrimage in this, our Australian Church's Year of Grace, we seek to deepen our love for the Risen Jesus. As we pass through 'Winter' and move towards 'Spring' we also experience 'joyful and sorrowful mysteries' in our daily lives. Our mission throughout is to 'rekindle hearts in a world gone cold'. Our goal is to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ – and make Him alone the centre of our lives. – *Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation*

Year of Grace – Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Tues 17 & 24 July 7pm Ministering Communion: An Amazing Grace *See below*
- ❖ Sunday 29 July 11am Annual Anniversary Mass: Life, Marriage & Family St Patrick's Cathedral
- ❖ Monday 6 Aug 5.30pm 'Falling Towards God: Simple Prayer/Complicated Life' Oratory, Newman Coll.
- ❖ Monday 13 Aug 5.30pm Natural Law, God & Human Dignity-Robert George Oratory, Newman College
- ❖ Wed 15-Sun 19 Aug Year of Grace – Gracefest *More details later*

Ministering Communion: An Amazing Grace - Tuesday 17 July & Tuesday 24 July, 7 - 8.45pm:

This is the first in a series of upcoming formation seminars focusing on Liturgical Ministries. Presented by Fr Tony McSweeney SSS **Where:** St Francis' Pastoral Centre, Cnr Lonsdale / Elizabeth Sts

Contact: Suzanne Hermon 9926 761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

Thanksgiving Contributions 1 January – 30 June 2012

Statements for Thanksgiving contributions via envelopes, Credit Cards or Direct Debit for the period January to June 2012 will be issued shortly after June bank statements have been received. - Ruth

Outreach Event: 'The Cuckoo', here we come!:

That could well have been our theme as 44 of us set out for Olinda last Wednesday. Now we can say it was wonderful day - a comfortable bus, a caring and careful driver, very good company, plenty of most interesting food and entertainment. The latter was true to the advertising and included some Christmas songs in several languages, and even a visit from Father Christmas. Special thanks to Eileen and Helen for arranging this opportunity for us - another of the Outreach activities which are so much enjoyed.

As for me, Wednesdays are often full to overflowing and so I cannot take advantage of the outings offered. I remember enjoying the novelty of the Cuckoo when it opened 55 years and was so pleased I was free to visit it again today in such excellent company. - Merle



Public Housing Rally – Wednesday 18 July:

There is a rally to protest about proposed changes to public housing by the current government on the steps of Parliament House on Wednesday 18th July at 12.30pm. Public Housing tenants are the most vulnerable members of our society. – Trudi, Friends of Public Housing (Victoria)

Thank you from Caritas Australia:

Caritas Australia thanks all those who organised, promoted and participated in Project Compassion 2012 "*If you want Peace, work for Justice*" – Pope Paul VI. The amount raised smashed previous records! Nationally Caritas received \$10.66 million and from parishes, schools and individual donors in the Archdiocese of Melbourne we received \$1,415,491.77. Particular thanks must go to parishes who acted as distribution points for PC materials and to the staff members and volunteers who counted, banked and receipted donations. The generosity of people of Australia in supporting Project Compassion 2012 ensures that Caritas Australia will meet all commitments to our partners in over 30 countries throughout the world. The support of the Project Compassion appeal is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic community and caring supporters throughout Australia. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia; without it, we could not do the work that we do. With renewed thanks for your solidarity, together we are making a difference.



Newsletter notices, items, prayers and anniversaries need to be given to the Parish Office **no later than 5.00pm, Wednesday each week.** Notices received later than this time will be placed in the newsletter of the following week. Items can be left in the locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. **Contact details:**
Phone 9499 1515, Fax 9499 9959; or Email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program:

There is a box in **each school** for Woolworths' cards and stickers and you can take them to the school when Term 3 begins on Monday 16 July. Boxes are available in Woolworths store Ivanhoe. Promotion ends 22 July

Brief notes from the PLT meeting 20.06.12 Items reported / discussed included:

- Negotiations are proceeding about the future of the Convent at St. Bernadette's.
- All three schools reported good enrolments for 2013 - some siblings and some new families.
- Several members of the PLT and some other parishioners joined the Korean community for Mass and lunch to celebrate the Incardination of Fr. Youn into the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
- Outreach continues to host the monthly 'lunch and cards' and has arranged 'Christmas in July at the Cuckoo on the 11th July.
- Full participation by children and their families, supported by teachers and catechists, and the ad hoc parish choir made the ceremony at the Cathedral on 3rd June most memorable.
- In Terms 3 and 4, children in the schools will be preparing for First Eucharist and in the catechist group will be preparing for their First Reconciliation.
- Painting and electrical works, approved by the Finance group, are proceeding

CSSV Breakfast Briefing – The Use of Social Media to Solve Personal Problems - Tuesday 17 July: 7:15am for 7:30am to 8.45am

Members and friends of Catholic Social Services Victoria are invited to a Breakfast Briefing, on the "Use of social media to solve personal problems, and its implications for service providers". This topic will be presented by Professor Ruth Webber, Director, Quality of Life and Social Justice Research Centre, Australian Catholic University. Professor Webber has researched the fast-growing use of social media for seeking advice on personal issues related to sexual abuse. In the presentation she will explore the current use of social media sites <http://ask.yahoo.com/> and www.somazone.com.au for getting advice on personal issues, and will reflect on the implications of this for counseling and other support.

Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne **Cost:** \$20

RSVP: www.trybooking.com/BPHU **Contact:** Lucia Brick: lucia.brick@css.org.au or 9287 5566

Pastoral Nursing Care Expo - Friday 27 July, 10am to 4pm:

Calling all nurses - community health nurses, nurse practitioners, midwives, clergy, chaplains, allied health professionals and parishioners to attend the annual Pastoral Nursing Care Expo. Australian Parish Nurse Resource Centre presents this expo as a chance to share models, programs, stories, experiences and resources for establishing a health ministry within a parish or faith community. **Where:** Wesley Centre for Life Enrichment, 100 Yarra St, Geelong **Cost:** \$45 includes lunch and resources **RSVP:** ASAP

More Info: www.phna.org.au **Contact:** Leonie Rastas 03 5249 5700; 0408 217 375 or info@phna.org.au

60th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Jim Kierce - Saturday 28 July, 10am and Sunday 29 July, 10am:

Fr Kierce served the community of St Mary's, Greensborough as Parish Priest for almost 32 years until his retirement January 2003 and now resides at Kingsbury parish. The celebratory Mass followed by Morning Tea. Priests are welcome to concelebrate. **Contact:** Jo Giudice 9435 1543

* Saturday 28 July, 10am **Where:** Our Lady of the Way, 13 Green Avenue, Kingsbury

* Sunday 29 July, 10am **Where:** St Mary's, 204 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough

Understanding & Supporting People Experiencing Mental Illness - Tuesday 31 July, 9.15 am – 1pm:

This workshop will be focussed on 'face to face practice', distinguishing 'symptoms' and the difference between 'normal' reactions to life events and mental illness; as well as informing staff in their day to day work when they need to look at specialist mental health services (and possibly when not to!). **Main speaker:** Assoc. Prof. Peter Doherty who was involved in setting up original Crisis Assessment Teams. (*Flyer in each church*)

Venue: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne **Cost:** \$50 **RSVP:** Thursday 26 July

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BQLG **Enquiries:** Lucia Bric 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 21 – 22 July 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** E. Jowett **Special Ministers** B. Jowett, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** M. Sibillin **Reader** C. Nguyen **Mass Coordinators** J. & D. Jones **Counters** L. McInerney, M. Rocco

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** P. Verrocchi **Lector** J. Hodge **Special Ministers** T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame
Altar Society: P. Mendes **Choir Coordinator:** School holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,367.00 **Loose cash:** \$303.10 **Total:** **\$1,670.10**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 588.40**