

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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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. 30

21 - 22 July 2012

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- V. 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
- V. 2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**
- V. 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**
- V. 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: By your grace, gather our human family: **Lord, hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Madeleine Moloney, Helen Holgar, Fr Burns Huggan, Simon Stuart, 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 Eleanor Seaton who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Michael Curtain and Tony Busutil. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Amelia Hughes who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her family, 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: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Jeremiah 23 1-6 Psalm 22 Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 23 July: St Bridget

Wed 25 July: St James

Fri. 27 July: St Theobald

Tues 24 July: St Declan

Thurs 26 July: Ss Joachim & Anne

Sat. 28 July: St Nazarius

Next Week's Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18 Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15

REFLECTION:



I know very few people these days who work from 9.00am to 5.00pm. The eight-hour day seems to be a thing of the past. Where priests regularly encounter these new work patterns is when we see young people who are preparing for marriage in the Church. Sometimes to arrange a meeting we have to resort to a 6.30am or 10.00pm meeting. Some young people are working sixty hours a week. They take work home and work on the weekends. We know from surveys that they eat out most of the time, they party hard when they get the chance, and that Sunday is spent on the home front, going to the gym or sleeping. Then on Monday they start the process again.

Two things drive this obsessive work practice: competition in the job market, and the financial bonuses offered to the employees. The problem is that this practice cannot be a long-term strategy. At the other end of the scale we all know people, only in their 30s and 40s, who are burnt out and feel used by a ruthless commercial market-place. This culture of exhaustion is not confined to the young corporate raiders. Most people in our country have never worked as hard, with so many claims on our time and energies.

Excessive demands on one's time, no matter how great the needs and rewards, were issues for Jesus and the Apostles as well. The best translation of the Greek text for today's gospel says that after the apostles returned from their missionary journeys 'there were many coming and going and they had no leisure, even to eat'. Jesus' call to 'come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' is not just about good work practises and ethical employment policy. It is about humanising our work, making sense of what we do and seeing our work as means to an end, not an end in itself.

The social teaching of the Church, especially in Pope John Paul's statements about labour and the rights of workers, repeatedly stresses three aspects to work:

- It gives us dignity. Governments and employers must not allow a work culture to develop where we lose our sense of personal importance, where we are treated like just another cog in the wheel;
- Work enables us to improve the standard of living for us and our families;
- Through working we develop our talents and gifts which builds up society as a whole.

Rest from work is a key factor in the success of all three aspects being achieved in any community. A culture of exhaustion militates against them. The bottom line in all this is appropriate boundaries.

Mark tells us today that though Jesus was moved to compassion by the needs of the crowd, he also knew that their needs were not the only ones that had to be met. Jesus teaches his disciples and us that the balance between work and rest is an obligation of faith. This applies equally to work inside and outside the family home.

So this Sunday's Gospel carries a critical message for the modern world. Rest, recreation and leisure are not indulgences about which we should feel guilty. They are rights defended by Christ and protect our human dignity.

I hope today you have a well-earned break.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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
Tuesday 31 July	9.15am	Mass & MOG School - Juniors & Prep	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 1 Aug	7.30pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale
Wednesday 1 Aug	9.15am	Mass & MI School - Prep, Prep/1 & 2	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 2 Aug	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Friday 3 August	9.15am & 4pm	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 3 August	9.15am	Mass & St B School - Grade 3 / 4H	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 4 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate 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. "I do not all understand the mystery of grace – only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us." Ann Lamott *Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation*

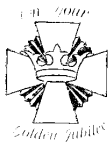
Year of Grace – Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Tues 24 July 7pm Ministering Communion: An Amazing Grace
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Wednesday 15 Aug 7pm Gracefest Opening Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Assumption, Hail Mary "full of grace Celebrant: Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez, Archbishop Denis Hart, Fr Paul Murray op

Ministering Communion: An Amazing Grace - Tuesday 24 July, 7 - 8.45pm: Presenter: Fr Tony McSweeney SSS at St Francis' Pastoral Centre, Cnr Lonsdale/Elizabeth Sts. - Suzanne Hermon 9926 5761

Year of Grace: 'Gracefest' from Wednesday 15 - Sunday 19 August:

Beginning on the Feast of the Assumption ('Hail Mary, Full of Grace'), the Catholic community of Melbourne is invited to contemplate the face of Christ and explore the meaning of 'grace' in prayer, the arts, music, social justice and popular culture. Includes talks by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez sdb, Fr Paul Murray op, Australian filmmaker Khoa Do, Fr Robert Galea, the St Vincent de Paul Society and more!



Congratulations: The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe wishes to sincerely congratulate Monsignor Tom Doyle upon the special occasion of his 50th year of Ordination. Monsignor Tom was ordained on 21st July 1962 and celebrated his first Mass at Mother of God, Ivanhoe East. Monsignor Tom was the first vocation to come from Mother of God Parish. - **Fr Thang**

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News from our Parish Schools: We welcome the children from our parish schools, and their families, who have been invited to participate as readers and to bring the Offertory Gifts as part of our Parish Masses:

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	21 July		Charlotte Burnett & Isabel Sharp
6.30pm St B	28 July	Ayla Bice & Max Trentin	Claudia Gelsi & Amelia Jackson
<i>Other schools will commence participation as from August</i>			

St Vincent de Paul - Winter Appeal 2012: The Conference sincerely thanks the parishioners for the great support given to the Winter Appeal this year. Your donations of food, clothing and the wonderful sum of \$1,039 from the special collection will make the winter months a lot more bearable for the people you have assisted.

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee: Friday, 27th July, 10am at 10 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe. Maureen Shand will tell us about: "The funny things that happen at weddings". Should be fun!!

Mary Immaculate Community The rosters for readers, leaders and co-ordinators are available this Sunday. Newcomers are always welcome so, if you are new to our community or can now see your way free to be a part of this ministry, I'd love to hear from you. Merle 9497 1691 or merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

Arden Crescent Concert Series: Sunday 29 July: Anthony Peebles, acclaimed international pianist at 2pm at Rosanna Uniting Church Cost: Adults \$23, Conc. \$18, Students 16 & over \$10, and other students \$5. Afternoon Tea included. Profits given to needy organisations. For preferential seating, phone 9457 2595

Thanksgiving Statements 2012 are available for collection in each church.

Mary Immaculate – in Street order **Mother of God & St Bernadette's – in alphabetical order.**

Thank you to those who deliver them, either by car or on foot, to those unable to collect them personally.

If circumstances have changed, and you are either unable or no longer wish to contribute please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible: Phone:** 9499 1515; **mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079, **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com – Ruth

