



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. 31

28 - 29 July 2012

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

V. 1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

V. 2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Give us the grace to share what we have: **Lord, hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Lois Caleo, Mike McGuire, Helen Holgar, 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 Madeline Moloney who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Susie Lengyel, Ettore Pertile, Joan and Nick Tedesco, and Grazia Villani. May they rest in peace.

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 3rd August:

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am and will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Devotions will conclude with Benediction at 4.00pm. All welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 30 July: St Peter Chrysologus

Wed 1 Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori

Fri. 3 Aug: St Germanus of Auxene

Tues 31 July: St Ignatius of Loyola

Thurs 2 Aug: Ss Peter Julian Eymard

Sat. 4 Aug: St John Vianney

Next Week's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, 54

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

REFLECTION: A young lad and the hungers of humanity

Have you one of those friends who asks you a question with a deadpan expression? You take it seriously, and then realise you have been led up the garden path: the question turns out to be a mischievous challenge to the way we normally think. This is what happened to the disciples in today’s gospel.

Confronted with a crowd of hungry people, Jesus asks his disciples: ‘How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’ Philip falls into the trap and starts answering in market economy terms: ‘Two hundred denarii wouldn’t be enough.’ Jesus actually wasn’t interested in a buying and selling answer. Jesus hoped that his followers, who had been with him for a while now, would have got beyond thinking that the way to satisfy people’s hunger for food (or anything else) is always going to be in market terms.

It was a young lad, maybe a boy of nine or ten, who put the disciples to shame and fulfilled Jesus’ expectations. What does the gospel tell us? ‘There is a lad here with five barley loaves and two fish.’ So what? As Andrew put it: ‘What is that amongst so many?’ If the boy had adopted the disciples’ attitude he would have sold them and made a small fortune from some ravenous few of the hungry crowd.



But something about Jesus’ compassion set this boy’s heart beating to the same rhythm as that of Jesus. The boy simply handed over the five loaves and two fish. It was the generosity of this young boy which triggered something which allowed Jesus to feed the crowd. It was because this young lad was open-handed that a divine generosity and open-handedness rippled through the crowd. We don’t know quite what happened. Suffice it to say that Jesus’ divine compassion was made effective in the world through that boy’s initial response. You may say, that is all very well for the young boy but it would be madness if we all handed over what we owned to the poor.

There is a record of such madness in the very earliest days of the Christian community in Jerusalem. St Luke writes in the Acts of the Apostles: ‘The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power. . . . None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned houses or land would sell them and bring the money from them and present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.’ (Acts 4:32-35)

I discussed this passage with students at the University Chaplaincy recently. One young woman said: ‘But that is Marxism!’ And it is true that one of Karl Marx’s maxims was: ‘From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.’ Unfortunately that maxim was implemented by Lenin by brute and vicious force leading to the creation of totalitarian Communist regimes which after a hundred years have largely collapsed except in North Korea and to a lesser extent in China and Cuba.

But the *voluntary* radical renunciation of property and the *voluntary* sharing of wealth is still part of the Christian story after two thousand years. St Francis of Assisi is only the most extraordinary exemplar. There are thousands of monasteries, convents and abbeys where the original way of life recorded in the Acts of the Apostles is maintained. These little oases can stimulate our imagination and action so that we become more like the little boy in the gospel. We need to respond by personal donation or by supporting those political processes which provide funding for internal and overseas aid for those in need.

These responses may not be as radical as that of Francis of Assisi. But the passage in the Acts of the Apostles haunts me personally and should haunt the Catholic Church. Why? Because it makes it clear that *only* when we personally, and institutionally as a church, engage in the redistribution of wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied, will we be able to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ *with great power*.

Do not let the young lad in the gospel put us to shame!

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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 – Grades 3/4M & 3/4R	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
Monday 6 August	7.30pm	Baptism preparation Session	Parish Office

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	28 July	Ayla Bice & Max Trentin	Claudia Gelsi & Amelia Jackson
	4 Aug	Xavier Nolan & Emma Farmer	Jacobo Huertas & Raphael Mbgadiefe
9.00am MI	5 Aug	William Vincendese (Second Reading)	Jamie Bambino & Stephen Hannah

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

Year of Grace – Upcoming Events:

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Wednesday 15 Aug 7pm Gracefest Opening Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Assumption

Congratulations Congratulations to Frank Mount upon the publication and recent launch of his book **'Wrestling with Asia: A Memoir'**. Frank covered the Vietnam War and Southeast Asia for forty years as a political correspondent. The publisher recommends this book for those interested in the Vietnam War, Southeast Asia and Australia's relations with the region. It includes behind-the-scenes insights into a variety of topics which include: The Vietnam War and its strategic importance to the region; the Rise and Fall of Soeharto; the growth of regional co-operation leading to ASEAN and APEC ...

Found: Four small personalised tea light candles in orange and white striped bag in Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe near drive for Mary Immaculate church and Parish Office. Please phone Parish Office: 9499 1515

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.

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 to be given to needy organisations. For preferential seating, phone 9457 2595

St Martin of Tours Rosanna New Youth Group:

St Martin of Tours Rosanna is having an Information Session for its New Youth Group, YCS, for all High School Students Years 7-12 and invites you to be there!

YCS is a worldwide youth movement, run by the students, for the students. It is the biggest youth movement in the world, with about 300 actively involved in Australia. Being an action based group, we do things to make the world a better place. We will be holding a recruitment day at 11:15am on Sunday 5th August at the St Martins Community Centre, 5 Silk Street Rosanna.

All students are invited to come along to see what YCS is about. It is a great experience and recommended for everyone who wants to make a change in the world! Come along with some mates or your family, there will be free food and drinks available. Can't wait to see you there!!! For more information, please contact Father Michael O'Connell (Parish Priest) on 9459 8469, or Mark Ragheb on 0400 350 746.

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

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Praise and Worship at Our Lady of the Pines Donvale: Our Lady of the Pines Parish in Donvale will be holding a Praise and Worship Service on the 12th August at 6.30pm. We would like to invite you to join us in song for our Praise and Worship Service. Tea and Coffee will be provided after the service. For further information please contact Andrew and Fiona Buchan on 0408 896 417

Mental Health Issues: Response, Recognition and Referral:

If you are a Priest, Pastoral Associate, minister of communion, pastoral carer, personal carer, please seriously consider coming along – these sessions will be very valuable and appropriate for you.

- 16th August – 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm – cuppa available before during and after
- 23rd August – 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm – cuppa available before during and after

Location: Ss Peter and Paul Parish 23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East 3109 (Melways 48A2)

Booking / Cost: Charles on 0417 319 556 or email: deanery@charles.balnaves.org Cost = Nil.

Aim: *To recognise, respond appropriately, & refer those you meet/care for affected by mental health issues.*

1. (1.5 hrs on Aug 16th) spend some time discussing what sorts of pastoral care you are involved with and what sorts of issues are arising.
2. (3 hrs on Aug 23rd) work through mental health issues in light of the session on the 16th providing information on nature of mental illnesses & associated mental health issues and indicators of these issues.

There will be a third night in about two months: Date TBA. *(Flyers are available in each church)*

Taizé Service Saturday 4 August, 7pm (singing practice from 6.15pm): The Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. A central part of the service is Taize's meditative singing, which draws one into silence and deeper community with God and fellow Christians. The event is especially for those 18-35 years, but all are welcome to participate in this service. **Where:** St Paul's Cathedral, corner Flinders and Swanston St, Melbourne **Contact:** taize.melbourne@gmail.com **Further info:** Facebook "Taize in Melbourne, Australia"

Helder Camara Lecture Series - Fr Paul Murray op Monday 6 August, 5:30pm:

Fr Paul Murray op is a Professor of Spirituality and a poet who teaches at the Angelicum in Rome. Fr Paul will present the topic, "Falling towards God: Simple Prayer / Complicated Life" at The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville **RSVP:** Suzanne Hermon 9926 5761; suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au

An Afternoon at the Movies to Support Aboriginal Catholic Ministry:

Sunday 12 August, 2pm or 2.30pm - time tbc The Film will be "The Sapphires", starring Deborah Mailman, Jessica Mauboy, Miranda Tapsell, Shari Sebbens and Chris O'Dowd. The Sapphires is an inspirational tale set in the heady days of the late '60s about a quartet of young, talented singers from a remote Aboriginal mission, discovered and guided by a kind-hearted, soul-loving manager. Plucked from obscurity, the four spirited women with powerhouse voices - named the Sapphires - are given the opportunity to entertain American troops in Vietnam. This is the true story of writer, Tony Briggs' mother and three aunts. This film is a jewel bright charmer and an Australian classic. **Where:** Hoyts Cinema, Forest Hill

Cost: \$17 per ticket **RSVP:** 3 August **Contact:** Pat Schmidt 9878 7939; jandpschmidt@bigpond.com

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 4 – 5 August 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

J. Pidutti

Reader

F. Tosolini 1
W. Vincendese 2

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

P. Black, P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

E. Mount

Lector

E. Mount

Special Ministers

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

Altar Society: I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: P. Verocchi

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,601.00 Loose cash: \$318.50 **Total: \$1,919.50**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 653.55**