



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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25 – 26 August 2012

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

- V. 1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
- V. 2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R.**
- V. 3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**
- V. 4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**
- V. 5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: With Peter we pray: Lord, to whom shall we go?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Lois Caleo, Mike McGuire, Simon Stuart, Sheila Ryan, Anna Maria Bona, Joy Meacham and Bev Horne. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Maria Lan Pham who died recently. We also remember Marie Ryan, Gwen Keppel and Rita Wain whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Maggie Goonan 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.



First Eucharist Celebrations: We remember and pray for the children of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe who are preparing to receive and celebrate their First Eucharist in Term 3.

9 September 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Mary Immaculate School children
16 September 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church Mother of God School children

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday 9 September there is no 9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

This Week's Readings: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B**Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18****Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23****Ephesians 5:21-32****John 6:60-69***Saint and Feast Days:**Mon 27 Aug: St Monica**Tues 28 Aug: St Augustine**Wed 29 Aug: Beheading of St John the Baptist**Thurs 30 Aug: St Margaret Clitherow**Fri. 31 Aug: St Aidan of Lindisfarne**Sat. 1 Sept: St Giles***Next Week's Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B****Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8****Psalm 14:2-5****James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27****Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23****REFLECTION:**

For the last few weeks we have heard a number of readings from chapter 6 of the Gospel of John focusing on the teaching of Jesus that he is the Bread of Life, come down from heaven. This reading is the last in the sequence and shows the reaction to Jesus' teaching. What Jesus has been saying in this discourse is incredibly confronting to his Jewish audience. Jesus asserts that he has come down from heaven – from the Father – and that through knowing him one can know the Father. Jews were the first people to have a concept of one God. This belief did not allow for any spouse or child of God, nor any personal manifestation. They struggled with what Jesus was saying because his claim to have come down from heaven could be seen as blasphemous. No wonder many of them walked away from Jesus and wanted nothing more to do with him!

Jesus gives an interesting response to them. He tells them that it is the spirit that is important, not his human flesh, and that the spirit is what he has been sharing with them through his words and actions. He is trying to say to these faithful Jews, don't be hung up about the fact that I'm here in person, listen to my message as you've never heard it before. It is an interesting thought for our modern audience as well. How often do we fail to hear the message of Jesus because we are dismissive of the way in which it comes to us; the messenger; or the circumstances in which we hear it? The message is all the more confronting when it comes from an unlikely (or even un-likable) source. The message of Jesus is to be found in our everyday encounters with everyday people.

**Historical Context – Christians and Jews**

The first followers of Jesus and those who became followers in the years after the death of Jesus were faithful Jews. They saw the teachings of Jesus as a way of being a better Jew. They didn't think that they were beginning a new religion; just a new way of interpreting their faith. However, as the years passed and the followers of Jesus began to clarify their understandings and beliefs, it started to become obvious that their belief in Jesus as the Son of God was distancing them from their Jewish brothers and sisters. Gradually the term, Christian, came into use and their differences from Judaism became more apparent.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 25 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 28 August	9.15am	Mass & MOG School – Middle M & B	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 29 Aug	9.15am	Mass & MI School – 5/6T & 5/6SL	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 29 Aug	7.00pm	Reconciliation Session 2 – Catechists	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 1 Sept	10.00am	First Reconciliation – Catechists & families	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 3 Sept	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	
Tuesday 4 Sept	9.15am	Mass & MOG School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 4 Sept	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	See Newsletter item
Wednesday 5 Sept	9.15am	Mass & MI School – Prep, P/1 & 2	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 7 September	9.15am & 4pm	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 7 September	9.15am	Mass & St B School – T-Prep, Prep	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 8 Sept	7.30pm	Mother of God School Art Evening	Mother of God School

INCLUSIVENESS**HOSPITALITY****SERVICE****MISSION**

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	25 Aug	Joseph De Leonardis & Shyeda Gange	Annelise Squarci & Stella Vaughan
6.30pm St B	1 Sept	Alana Bryant & Marcus Miot	Vanessa Baicu & Serena Foley
9.00am MI	26 Aug	Hanshika Mithran (Second Reading)	Freya Henriksen & Matthew O'Connell
9.00am MI	2 Sept	Ella Shannon (1) & Jessie Hulett (2)	Olivia Carroll & Julian Perna
10.30am MOG	26 Aug		Christian Barbon & Angelique Bau
10.30am MOG			Ashleigh Cardamone & Gabrielle De Silva

Thank You

Staff and school communities from each of our three parish primary schools would sincerely like to thank the many parishioners and friends who contributed vouchers, cards and stickers which were part of recent fundraising programs: Woolworths Earn and Learn Program and Coles Sports for Schools. Your most generous responses will assist each school at a variety of levels. Thank you to those who took part in fundraising offers at Foodworks, Ivanhoe East and Northland Run around Australia Competition. *Graphics: www.indigoathens.tumblr.com*

Mass at Mother of God Sunday 2nd September:

The Furlan Choir has been invited to sing at Mother of God Church on Sunday 2nd September (Fathers' Day) at 10.30am Mass. The Mass will be sung in Latin and Italian. All are welcome to be part of the congregation to hear the only male Italian choir remaining in Melbourne. Church address: 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East.

Christian Meditation:

“Be still and know that I am God”, Psalm 46:10

A new Christian Meditation group is starting in Ivanhoe. Meditation is not something new in Christianity. Rather it is central to the Christian experience and tradition. Meditation is the prayer of silence and listening. To learn more about the practice, you are invited to participate in a weekly meeting starting on **Tuesday, September 4 at 4.15 p.m. at Mary Immaculate Church Hall, Waverley Ave.** All are invited to attend, including students from secondary schools. For further information, ring Kathy Gillespie (0438 530 324).

Reconciliation at Mother of God 8th September:

Reconciliation will not be available at Mother of God Church on Saturday 8th September due to Fr Thang's attendance at a Mass of Ordination at St Patrick's Cathedral at that time.

Appointments for Reconciliation can be made via Mother of God House 9499 5440 or Office 9499 1515.

Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Victoria:

The Bishops of Victoria together with the Leaders of Catholic Religious Australia and Catholic Religious Victoria have issued a Pastoral letter about the Parliamentary Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other non-government organisations. In the letter the Church Leaders state that they respect the parliamentary process and will co-operate fully with the Inquiry. The letter includes a Prayer for Healing which can be used for individual or group prayer. This Pastoral Letter is contained in the parish newsletter as an insert, and is available in each church.

A Prayer For Healing

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just:

You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters. Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith: Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness.

Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+Bishop John F Kinney, St Cloud, USA



Outreach Social Afternoon: Next gathering: Wednesday, 5 September at noon in the foyer of **Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East.** Everyone welcome and invited to come and share the company. Knitters welcome, as well as card games and Scrabble being available for those interested. Please bring a **small** plate of something to share for lunch. – Outreach Group

Outreach News: Ryder-Cheshire fundraising month of September

September is an important opportunity for Outreach supporters to demonstrate support for the Ryder-Cheshire home in Ivanhoe. This unique organisation is ready and able to assist people throughout Australia and beyond when they need accommodation often for medical emergencies, even life threatening situations. Care and support is offered in a warm community environment at a manageable cost and it is our privilege to offer financial support. Some of our parishioners provide regular practical support in a number of ways. This year we plan to hold a film afternoon in MI Hall followed by High Tea on Wednesday, September 12. Starting at 1pm, your feet will be tapping and your heart will sing followed by our delicious high tea. Entry will be \$10.

Ryder-Cheshire Morning Coffee: Friday, 31st August, 10am at 10 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe. Helen Newton will tell of her adventures as she cycled through Europe.

A.C.U invites you to meet Leah Darrow:

Leah who tells the story of making the journey from ‘top model to role model’ on Sunday, 9th September, at Central Hall, 20 Brunswick St. Fitzroy. The evening begins with live music from 7pm., followed at 7.30 by a talk - with Q&A. Sounds like something which would interest your sisters, you nieces, your granddaughters.

Mother of God School Fete: After four years, MOG School Fete is on again! All parishioners are invited to attend the fete on Saturday 24th November from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Andrew and Fiona Tosolini are running the PLANT STALL and would appreciate any donations from parishioners. We are asking for 2 pot-plants, 2 cuttings or 2 empty pots for the stall. Donations can be given to either Fiona or Andrew personally or through MOG School Office. All proceeds will be given to Mother of God School – Andrew & Fiona

Music Copyright Workshop for Catholic Parishes - Saturday 15 September, 10am - 3pm:

Explore Australian copyright law as it relates to music used in the church, details of the various copyright licensing schemes in Australia of music in the liturgy and legal obligations. Get answers about reproducing, words, music scores, using recorded music, digital files and new technologies.

Hear from experts: Mark Beckwith, Word of Life International and Monica O’Brien, Willow Publishing and LicenSing On-line. **Where:** Knox Room, Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Registration: close 12 September www.apmn.org.au **Contact:** info@apmn.org.au

MacKillop Family Services: MacKillop Family Services is one of the largest providers of specialist support services to vulnerable and disadvantaged children, young people and their families.

MacKillop Family Services urgently needs volunteer foster carers to provide stable, loving care for vulnerable children & young people. If you are patient, resilient & have a sense of humour, we would love to speak to you about what’s involved. More information: Shane McLeod 8398 6800. See Flyer in each church.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 1 – 2 September 2012

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** Sister Frances **Special Ministers** A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** E. Costa **Reader** E. Shannon 1 J. Hulett 2 **Mass Coordinators** Costa family **Counters** L. McInerney, M. Rocco

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** P. Verrocchi **Lector** B. Brownstein **Special Ministers** T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame **Altar Society:** P. Mendes **Choir Coordinator:** J. O’Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,531.00 Loose cash: \$723.50 **Total: \$2,254.50**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 856.60**

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