

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. 36

1 – 2 September 2012

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

V. 1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault;

He who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

V. 2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour,

Who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

V. 3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan

And accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: May your grace give heart to our worship: **Lord, hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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 all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptism: We welcome Elodie MacFarlane 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.

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 the **Priests Retirement Foundation**. Please see notice in newsletter.

First Reconciliation – Catechist children: We congratulate the 22 Parish catechist children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday 1st September at 10.00am. The children have been preparing for this sacrament during Term 3. Please keep the children and families in your prayers.

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 7th September:

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.

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.

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

Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday 8 September at 10am, St Patrick's Cathedral:

Reverend Deacons Andrew McCarter, Benneth Osuagwu, Jerome Santamaria and Kevin Williams will be ordained for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and Reverends Neil Fryer, James Grant, Christopher Seton and Ramsay Williams will be ordained for the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Caulfield. Congratulations to these priests and please keep them in our prayers. – **Fr Thang**

This Week's Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm 14:2-5

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 3 Sept: St Gregory the Great

Tues 4 Sept: St Cuthbert

Wed 5 Sept: St Lawrence Giustiniani

Thurs 6 Sept: St Cloud

Fri. 7 Sept: St Regina

Sat. 8 Sept: The Birth of the Virgin Mary

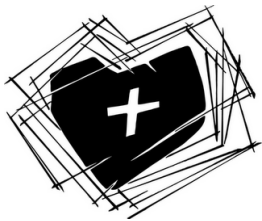
Next Week's Readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalm 145:7-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37



REFLECTION: The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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| Saturday 1 Sept | 10.00am | First Reconciliation – Catechists & families | Mary Immaculate Church |
| Monday 3 Sept | 7.30pm | Baptism Preparation Session | |
| Monday 3 Sept | 7.30pm | MOG School Parents Representative Council | Mother of God School |
| Tuesday 4 Sept | 9.15am | Mass & MOG School - Senior T | Mother of God Church |
| Tuesday 4 Sept | 4.15pm | Christian Meditation | See Newsletter item |
| Wednesday 5 Sept | 12 – 3pm | Outreach Social Afternoon | Mother of God Church foyer |
| 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 | | <u>No Reconciliation at Mother of God Church</u> | See newsletter |
| Saturday 8 Sept | 7.30pm | Mother of God School Art Evening | Mother of God School |
| Sunday 9 September | 10.00am | First Eucharist – Mary Immaculate P.S. | Mary Immaculate Church |
| Tuesday 11 Sept | 9.15am | Mass & MOG School - Senior G | Mother of God Church |
| Tuesday 11 Sept | 4.15pm | Christian Meditation | See Newsletter item |
| Tuesday 11 Sept | 7.30pm | St Bernadette's School Education Board | St Bernadette's School |
| Wednesday 12 Sept | 1.00pm | Outreach Film Afternoon & High Tea | Mary Immaculate Hall |
| Wednesday 12 Sept | 7.30pm | St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends | St Bernadette's School |
| Friday 14 September | 9.15am | Mass & St B School Grade 1/2M | St Bernadette's Church |
| Saturday 15 Sept | 10.00am | Reconciliation | Mary Immaculate Church |
| Sunday 16 September | 10.00am | First Eucharist – Mother of God P.S. | Mother of God Church |

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 |
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| 6.30pm St B | 1 Sept | Alana Bryant & Marcus Miot | Vanessa Baicu & Serena Foley |
| 6.30pm St B | 8 Sept | Darby Todd & Lachlan Gholam | |
| 9.00am MI | 2 Sept | Ella Shannon (1) & Jessie Hulett (2) | Olivia Carroll & Julian Perna |
| 9.00am MI | 9 Sept | First Eucharist | First Eucharist |
| 10.30am MOG | 2 Sept | | Ashleigh Cardamone & Gabrielle De Silva |
| 10.30am MOG | 9 Sept | | Sidney Delaney & Henry Dudesin |



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

Mass at Mother of God Sunday 2nd September:

We welcome and thank the Furlan Choir who have come to sing as part of the Liturgy of the Mass at 10:30am at Mother of God Church on Sunday 2nd September (Fathers' Day). Parts of the Mass will be sung in Latin and Italian. The Furlan Choir is the only male Italian choir remaining in Melbourne.

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 4:15pm** 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.

Special Collection 2012 - Fathers' Day Priests Retirement Foundation:

This weekend, 1 - 2 September, there will be Leaving Collections at the end of each Mass for the Priests Retirement Foundation who is very grateful for your ongoing support. Envelopes are also available.

- The custom of priests retiring is relatively new in Melbourne.
- The Priests Retirement Foundation was established in 1990 by Archbishop Little.
- Priests are not employees of the Archdiocese or the Parish, and are thus ineligible for superannuation.
- Priests provide contributions for their retirement to the Foundation during their parish ministry.
- ✦ Although priests generally retire at 75 years of age (according to Canon Law), there are 8 priests over 75, & 55 priests aged 65-75 still working in active service in Melbourne parishes and will soon need support.
- ✦ Most priests have served at least 50 years in parish ministry before retiring, and have ministered in most Melbourne parishes.
- ✦ There are 99 Melbourne priests who are currently retired: 6 in their 90's, 43 in their 80's, 27 aged 75-80, 20 aged 66-75 years, as well as 3 under 65 years who have retired due to ill-health.
- ✦ There will be an average of 6 retirements per year for the next six years.
- ✦ There have been 4 priests (on average) ordained per year for the last 40 years.

Please consider giving generously for the many retired or sick priests that have served us well over many years. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Receipts for gifts of \$5 or more are issued end of July 2013

From the Parish Primary Schools:

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*

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Outreach Social Afternoon: Wednesday, 5 September at noon in the foyer of **Mother of God Church**. Everyone welcome and invited to come and share the company. Knitters welcome; card games and Scrabble 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 1.00pm, your feet will be tapping and your heart will sing, & then followed by delicious high tea. Entry: \$10.

From the PLT Meeting - 22 August 2012:

- The Catechist children are preparing for First Reconciliation this term and for First Eucharist in Term 4.
- Children from our three schools will have received their First Eucharist by 16th September.
- In preparation for First Eucharist, school Religious Education Leaders met with the Parish Liturgy Group.
- A parishioner has offered to set up a meditation group - starting date 4th September
- A new ‘youth friendly’ section has been added to the website.
- Negotiations are proceeding well with the group which will occupy the convent.
- Electrical systems in all churches have been thoroughly checked and this process will be continued in other buildings.
- The good work of the Maintenance Groups was affirmed.

Update on Parish Finance, August 2012:

Thank you to all concerned on the Finance Committee for the update enclosed with this newsletter, and their commitment and attention to the various aspects involved as part of the Finance Committee. – **Fr Thang**

Olympic Village Exodus Community invites you to a Movie Luncheon:

A film in French - Monsieur Lazhar with English sub-titles on Thursday, September 13th... 10:45am for an 11:00am start. Venue: Balwyn Theatre - 231 Whitehorse Rd. Balwyn. Cost: \$20 per ticket which includes a light lunch. **Contact:** Cheryl Thomas. 9457 8397 (AH), Pam Gartland 9846 1371 or Anne Hall 9497 5153

Carmelite Annual Spring Luncheon: 11.30am, Friday, 12th October at Leonda, Wallen Rd, Hawthorn. Donation: \$80. Tickets available from Pia Boutsakis: 9499 6683 or 0419 933 902

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

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 8 – 9 September 2012

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** **Special Ministers**
C. Dixon B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** **Reader** **Mass Coordinators** **Counters**
First Eucharist M. Gilbo P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** **Lector** **Special Ministers**
J. Taylor C. Bellio E. Brownstein, MA Darcy, J. Ellis
Altar Society: P. Caddy **Choir Coordinator:** P. Verrocchi

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,897.00 Loose cash: \$458.05 **Total: \$2,355.05**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 702.40**

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