



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. 37

8 – 9 September 2012

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul!

V. 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

V. 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down,

The Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord hear us: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Lois Caleo, Sheila Ryan, Anna 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. We also remember Virjeana Masters and Nell Ryan whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptism: We welcome Nathan Nguyen who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his 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: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalms 145:7-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 10 Sept: St Nicholas of Tolentino

Tues 11 Sept: St Deiniol

Wed 12 Sept: Most Holy Name of Mary

Thurs 13 Sept: St John Chrysostom

Fri. 14 Sept: The Triumph of the Cross

Sat. 15 Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows

Next Week's Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Isaiah 50:5-9

Psalms 114:1-6, 8-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

No Reconciliation at Mother of God Church on Saturday 8th September.

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

REFLECTION:

I read the other day a true story about a baby girl who was seriously ill in a Neonatal ICU. The paediatric specialist said there was very little hope. The baby's five-year-old brother, Michael, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. 'I want to sing to her', he kept saying. Children were not allowed in the ICU, but Michael's mother eventually insisted that he be able to see his sister.

When he got to the humidicrib he sang: 'You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey'. The nurse reported that as Michael sang, the baby's pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. 'Keep on singing, Michael', encouraged his mother with tears in her eyes. 'You never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.' The baby recovered and left the hospital three weeks later.

I am not pretending for a moment that Michael's song healed his sister, but we should never underestimate the power of human support and love. It helps us to be healed. The Gospel story of the healing of the deaf mute is striking because it is one of the few stories where the crowd makes the request of healing from Jesus. This is understandable given that the man cannot speak for himself, but the scene, as Mark writes it, is very touching. Mark tells us that the crowd brought the man to Jesus. 'They' beg Jesus to heal him, 'they' are ordered not to tell anyone about the miracle, but 'they' go straight out and tell everyone about it.

What happens there is what happens here every Sunday. Coming to Mass is not a private affair. It is not my Mass, my prayer, my Church. The pronouns we use reveal a lot about our attitudes. It's our Eucharist, our prayer and our Church. Within the Mass there are opportunities for private prayer, but Eucharist is, essentially, an action of the assembled community. In our own way we bring the deaf and the mute to Jesus each time we gather. This is what the Prayers of the Faithful are all about. This is why they are so important.

When we visit another parish we can tell a lot about it by the care with which the intercessions are composed and compiled. If they only attend to the needs of the parish and never with the wider Church or the world, if they focus on the needs of the Catholic world and never with the plight of those in crisis, who may not share our faith or may hold to another or no faith, it says so much.

The Church has always believed in the power of intercessory prayer. Not that God needs to be reminded what our world needs. God knows that better than we know it. But intercessory prayer sorts our priorities and establishes who has a claim on our affections and concerns. It also enables others to know that we stand in solidarity with them. And miracles still happen when we are one with those for whom we hope and pray. Sometimes the first miracle that occurs is that we notice the needs of some group beyond our immediate circle. Their suffering moves us and we choose to help them.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that Christ removes our blindness, opens our ears and loosens our tongues so that we speak up for those who are most in need of a healing word that brings them justice and peace.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 8 Sept		<u>No Reconciliation at Mother of God Church</u>	See newsletter
Saturday 8 Sept	7.30pm	Mother of God School Arts 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
Tuesday 18 Sept	9.15am	Mass & MOG School - Prep & Seniors	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 18 Sept	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	See Newsletter item
Wednesday 19 Sept	9.15am	Mass & MI School – 3/4M 7 3/4R	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 19 Sept	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 21 September	9.15am	Mass & St B School Grade 1/2N	St Bernadette's Church



First Eucharist: The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe congratulates the children who celebrate their First Eucharist at Mary Immaculate Church this weekend. We welcome their families, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion as part of their ongoing faith journeys. We thank all who have prepared and taken part in the liturgy, as well as those who have prepared the children at the parish school and at home.

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	8 Sept	Darby Todd & Lachlan Gholam	Jamie Guillard & Kate Moorhen
6.30pm St B	15 Sept	Ayla Bice & Max Trentin	
9.00am MI	9 Sept	First Eucharist	First Eucharist
9.00am MI	16 Sept	Cooper Tyler & Ella Shannon	Isabella Lessene & Luke Perrone
10.30am MOG	9 Sept		Sidney Delaney & Henry Dudesin
10.30am MOG	16 Sept	First Eucharist	First Eucharist



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

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**

Thank you:

We sincerely thank Fr Len Thomas who has come to celebrate Mass with us at Mother of God this Sunday. We also thank Fr Len who will celebrate 9.15am Mass at Mother of God on Tuesday 18 September whilst I am attending Prison Ministry. We are grateful to the priests who support our parish in a variety of ways, as well as giving generously in both their time and spirit. - **Fr Thang**



Wedding Anniversary:

Congratulations to Ron and Merlyn Schrader on the special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, a celebration for all concerned. We wish them many blessings in the years ahead.

Australian Christian Meditation Community at Mary Immaculate Hall:

There is a Christian Meditation group meeting neat you on Tuesday each week at 4.15pm at Mary Immaculate Church Hall. There was a good response to our first meeting last week with 11 starters.

All are welcome and all are invited. For further information, please ring Kathy Gillespie: 0438 530 324

Special Collection 2012 - Fathers' Day Priests Retirement Foundation:

Sincere thanks to all concerned for their contributions to the leaving collection last weekend.

Total given: \$1,379.25 (which includes Leaving Collections and Credit Card donations)

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.

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Invitation to an Ecumenical Service of Healing and Communion – Thursday 27th September:

Banyule Network of Uniting Churches and Hope Springs along with St Pius X Parish invites parishioners and those interested to an Ecumenical Service of Healing and Communion which will mark Mental Health Week on **Thursday 27th September** at **2.00pm** at **Heidelberg Uniting Church**, 187 Burgundy St, Heidelberg. Afternoon Tea will be available after the service. Enquiries: Rev Sandy Brodine 0413 355 483 or St Pius X Parish 9457 5794. If groups are interested in attending, please phone through numbers attending.

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: Copies available in each church as well as on the website.

Praise and Worship at Our Lady of the Pines Donvale:

Our Lady of the Pines Parish in Donvale is holding a Praise and Worship Service on Sunday 9th September at 6.30pm. You are invited to join us in song for our Praise and Worship Service. We will start with Tea and Coffee Tea at 6.15pm. For further information please contact Andrew and Fiona Buchan on 0408 896 417

Fruits and Future of Vatican II - Wednesday 19 to Friday 21 September:

A Symposium to mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Second Vatican Council. (Flyer in each church)

- **Conference Opening Mass:** Wednesday 19 September, 5pm,
Where: Ursula Frayne Chapel, Academy of Mary Immaculate, 88 Nicholson St, Fitzroy.
- **Free Public Lectures** Where: Christ Lecture Theatre, ACU, Fitzroy
- Wed 19 Sept 7.30pm: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, 'A Different Fire: Vatican II & the New Evangelisation'
- Thurs 20 Sept, 7.30pm Professor Alberto Melloni, 'Vatican II and its History: A Choice and a Challenge'.

More info: admin@ytu.edu.au; or www.ctc.edu.au/vatican-ii or <http://bit.ly/ONV6hE>

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: 15 – 16 September 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm
Lector K. Gillespie
Special Ministers E. Crawley, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am
Leader P. Callahan
Reader C. Tyler (1)
E. Shannon (2)
Mass Coordinators S. & P. Kelly
Counters P. Black, P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am
Sacristan E. Mount
Lector T. Barker
Special Ministers B. / S. Janus, D. Ervin, M. Chin
Altar Society: A. Moloney
Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,594.05 Loose cash: \$483.30 **Total: \$2,077.35**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 786.70**

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