



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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15 – 16 September 2012

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living

- V. 1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;
For he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R.**
- V. 2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**
- V. 3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**
- V. 4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Lois Caleo, 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 Rita Owen and Bonnie Wise whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

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 **CatholicCare** (previously Centacare Catholic Family Services). Please see notice in newsletter.

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

Isaiah 50:5-9 **Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9** **James 2:14-18** **Mark 8:27-35**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 17 Sept: St Robert Bellarmine

Tues 18 Sept: St Joseph of Copertino

Wed 19 Sept: St Theodore of Canterbury

Thurs 20 Sept: St Eustace

Fri. 21 Sept: St Matthew the Apostle

Sat. 22 Sept: St Maurice

Next Week's Readings: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 **Psalm 53:3-6, 8** **James 3:16-4:3** **Mark 9:30-37**

GOSPEL REFLECTION:



'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

Scriptural context – A Turning Point

This passage forms a crucial turning point in the Gospel of Mark. It occurs at the very mid-point of the gospel – the end of chapter 8 in a 16 chapter gospel. From this point on the gospel takes a greater focus on what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' movement towards Jerusalem. This passage in which Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah is immediately followed by the account of the Transfiguration. From this point onwards, the gospel writer reveals the growing understanding of Jesus' identity that until now has been wrapped in secrecy.

Gospel Focus – Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah reality means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, 'Get behind me, Satan!' It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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 & 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 End of School Term 3	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 22 Sept	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 25 Sept	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	See Newsletter item

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.



First Eucharist: The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe congratulates the children who celebrate their First Eucharist at Mother of God 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	15 Sept	Ayla Bice & Max Trentin	
6.30pm St B		School Holidays	School Holidays
9.00am MI	16 Sept	Cooper Tyler & Ella Shannon	Isabella Lessene & Luke Perrone
9.00am MI		School Holidays	School Holidays
10.30am MOG	16 Sept	First Eucharist	First Eucharist
10.30am MOG	23 Sept		Laura Fazzino & Hayley Game



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.
16 September 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church Mother of God School children

Thank you: We 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**



CatholicCare Annual Church Appeal:

The Annual Appeal for CatholicCare (*formerly Centacare Catholic Family Services*) will take place this weekend with Leaving Collections after Mass in each church. CatholicCare has been supporting and caring for families of the Melbourne Archdiocese for over 75 years, and relies on the support of our Catholic community. Your donations will continue to support families to deal with the complex issues they face today. Envelopes are available on the pews which can either be given as part of the Leaving Collection or posted directly to CatholicCare.

Australian Christian Meditation Community at Mary Immaculate Hall:

There is a Christian Meditation group meeting near you on Tuesday each week at 4.15pm at Mary Immaculate Church Hall. There have been good responses to our first meetings with an initial group of 11 starters. All are welcome and all are invited. Further information, please ring Kathy Gillespie: 0438 530 324

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)

- **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

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. If groups are interested in attending, please phone through numbers attending. **Enquiries:** Rev Sandy Brodine 0413 355 483 or St Pius X Parish 9457 5794.

Parish Newsletters for Mother of God:

Newsletters are collected on Friday afternoons after 3.15pm, as well as Prayers of the Faithful, posters and other material, and are placed in Mother of God Church in familiar places. Our usual person is away until 26 October. If you are able to assist at this time and have access to the church already, contact Ruth 9499 1515

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Mother of God School Fete: Parishioners are invited to attend the MOG School Fete which will be held on Saturday 24th November from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Andrew and Fiona Tosolini are responsible for the **Plant Stall** and would appreciate any donations from parishioners, e.g.2 pot-plants, 2 cuttings or 2 empty pots. Donations can be given to either Fiona or Andrew personally or through MOG School Office.
- Andrew & Fiona, abtconsulting@bigpond.com.au

Refugee & Asylum Seeker Forum Monday 17 September, 12noon to 2:30pm: Lunch is provided. St Monica's College Epping in conjunction with the Brigidine Sisters Asylum Seekers' Project is hosting a forum on refugees and asylum seekers. Theatre of all Nations, St Monica's College, 400 Dalton Rd, Epping
Contact: Mary Kingsbury 9690 1076, Fadi Elbarbar 9409 8966 or f.elbarbar@stmonicas-epping.com

Brigidine Asylum Seekers' Project:

Why Asylum Seekers are Fleeing Afghanistan Tuesday, 18 September, 7:30 -9:30pm

Guest speaker: William Maley is a world authority on Afghanistan and writes extensively on refugee issues. William Maley is a Foundation Director of the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at the ANU and is a Visiting Research Fellow in the Refugee Studies Program at Oxford. William is a barrister of the High Court of Australia and a member of the Executive Committee of the Refugee Council of Australia. St Joseph's Hall, 274 Rouse St, Port Melbourne. **RSVP:** 9696 2107; 0408 101 134 or bssc@cyberspace.net.au

Mass by candlelight Thursday 20 September, 8pm:

A Mass by candle light will be celebrated in an environment conducive to peaceful meditation, in the spirit of Taizé. **Where:** Churinga Chapel, Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough North
Contact: Emilia 9435 7475 or Sandra 9434 7553

Social Justice Statement: The Office for Justice and Peace, and the Life, Marriage and Family Office extend an invitation to attend the Melbourne launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Social Justice Statement 2012 -13, titled "**The Gift of Family in Difficult times** - the social and economic challenges facing families today". The launch will take place during the morning Mass at **10.30 am, Sunday 23rd September, St Mary, Star of the Sea Church** Archdiocesan Shrine of the Holy Family, **33 Howard St, Melbourne West** (Corner Howard and Victoria Streets). Light refreshments after Mass in "The Crypt".

E-Conference: Vatican II: An Event of Grace (via the web) "Grace That Speaks to Our Times"

Wednesday 10 October, 10:30am:

Delivered on the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the first session of Vatican II, this one day live conference will review the importance of Vatican II and celebrate the Year of Grace. Vatican II called for spiritual renewal and evangelisation, ecumenism and adaptation. The event is brought to you by The Broken Bay Institute in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

You are invited to come and watch this inspirational conference in *Mary Immaculate Hall on Wed. 10 Oct.*

– *More details will be available later*

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

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 22 – 23 September 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** J. Murphy **Special Ministers** A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** K. Bator **Reader** F. Tosolini **Mass Coordinators** J. & D. Jones **Counters** J. & H. Pidutti, R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** J. Curry **Lector** I. Chiera **Special Ministers** M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. / P. De Silva
Altar Society: I. Chiera **Choir Coordinator:** A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,200.00 Loose cash: \$908.50 **Total: \$2,108.50**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 971.20**

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