



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. 39

22 – 23 September 2012

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord upholds my life.

- V. 1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**
- V. 2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**
- V. 3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Gracious God, uphold our lives: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Phillip Reed, Lois Caleo, Anna Bona, Joy Meacham and Bev Horne. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Helen Meyer, Nora Frederick Pat Campbell who died recently. We remember Norman Robb, Vincenza Calvisi, Carolo Nguyen, Martha Dao, Philip Nguyen, Maria Nguyen and Elizabeth Nguyen whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome India Borg and Roy Pearson who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their families, 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: 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**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 24 Sept: Our Lady of Walsingham

Tues 25 Sept: St Finbar

Wed 26 Sept: Ss Cosmas & Damian

Thurs 27 Sept: St Vincent de Paul

Fri. 28 Sept: St Wenceslaus

Sat. 29 Sept: Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

Next Week's Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Numbers 11:25-29 **Psalm 18:8, 10, 12-14** **James 5:1-6** **Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

REFLECTION:

Gospel Reflection:

Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn't grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah.



To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.

Historical Context – Messianic expectation

The term Messiah means anointed one. In the era of the Kings of Israel, quite literally someone was designated King by being anointed – having oil poured over their head. It's easy to see that when the people of Israel spoke about a 'Messiah' (an 'anointed one') who would restore justice and peace, they had in mind a great King. They even expected that the new king would come from the line of David, the line of the great kings of their history. Jesus was working against centuries of tradition when he tried to get the disciples to see that the Messiah could be something else.

Scriptural context – Three predictions

This gospel event is the second of three occasions in the gospel of Mark when Jesus clearly makes a prediction about his death and subsequent resurrection. They occur in chapters 8, 9 and 10 of the gospel and all three are associated with the disciples' lack of understanding about the mission and fate of Jesus. In each case, Jesus could not speak more plainly about what will happen to him and yet the disciples fail to understand. These three chapters have an overarching image of the disciples' 'blindness' to the truth of Jesus' message.

Have you thought? Last of all?

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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| Saturday 22 Sept | 10.00am | Reconciliation | St Bernadette's Church |
| Tuesday 25 Sept | 4.15pm | Christian Meditation | See Newsletter item |
| Saturday 29 Sept | 10.00am | Reconciliation | Mary Immaculate Church |

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

40 Days for Life: From Wednesday 26 September until Sunday 4 November, Melbourne will unite with 314 other locations around the world to take part in 40 Days for Life, which is a world-wide, pro-life campaign. Brochures available in each church. Information: John 0433 307 731 or www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne

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.

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee: Friday, 28th September, 10am at 10 Donaldson St.

Fiona Walters will entertain us with her beautiful singing. Again, we had to 'sneak' that time for a catch up. Thank you. - Merle

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

News from Parish Office:

- Ruth will be on a week's leave Monday 1 Oct – Friday 5 Oct. The Parish Office will be attended as normal.
- A brief newsletter for 6 – 7 Oct will be prepared in advance. **Notices, anniversaries and prayer requests are needed no later than 5pm next Wednesday 26 September please** so that both newsletters may be printed and collected. Notices received after this time will be placed in the newsletter for 13 – 14 October.
- Notices and items can be left in the locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Contact details: phone 9499 1515, fax 9499 9959; or email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com

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

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

Wednesday 10 October:

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 10am on Wednesday 10 October.**
If attending please contact Merle 9497 1691 or John Costa 9850 2454 (Numbers required for catering)

Young Vinnies Trivia Night - Friday 28 September, 7pm for 7:30 start

Come along and join in the fun, lots of games, prizes and raffles. BYO soft drink and nibbles.

Where: St Scholastica's Community Centre, 348 Burwood Hwy, Burwood

Cost: \$15 per head or \$100 for a table of 8-10. All funds go towards the St Vincent De Paul Society.

RSVP: Monday 24 September

Contact: Anita: neetzy19@hotmail.com

Social Justice in the City: Boat People – So what do we do now? Wednesday 26 September, 12 to 1pm:

Presented by Julian Burnside AO QC, Australian barrister, human rights and refugee advocate and author, and hosted by Francis Conference Melbourne which is a part of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits will be served.

Where: St Francis Pastoral Centre – MacKillop Room, St Francis' Church annex, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne **Contact:** Paula 9895 5800; paulas@svdp-vic.org.au

Theology of the Body Made Simple Wednesdays, 26 September, 3 & 10 October, 7.30pm-9pm:

Learn about Blessed Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body from Melbourne-based speakers and experts in a 4-week study course - Ideal for beginners or those wanting to refresh their understanding of Theology of the Body. Topics covered include: *What is the Theology of the Body and how can it change my life?*

I want real love that lasts a lifetime... is that possible? Does God have a plan for my future?

Mercy Lecture Theatre, ACU, 17 Young St, Fitzroy (Entry to Young St off Victoria Parade or Gertrude St)

Cost: \$30 per person includes reading material: *The Theology of the Body Made Simple* by Fr Anthony Percy.

Registration: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

Contact: melbTOB@gmail.com

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Franciscan Festival: Blessing of the Animals Sunday 7 October, 10:30am to 2:30pm: All are invited to a celebration of God's creation in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi. Everyone is invited to bring their pets for a blessing, meet the friars & learn about the life of the Friars Minor. There will be a Community BBQ all day, as well as music, animal rides and a fun day for all. Where: St Paschal College Friary, 90 Albion Road, Box Hill Cost: Donation Contact: Br Joe McKay OFM, 0412 076 913, 9896 4423 or joegmckay@gmail.com

Social Justice Sunday: The Gift of the Family in Difficult Times - Sunday 30 September:

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'The Gift of Family in Difficult Times: The social and economic challenges facing families today'. The Statement celebrates the vital role of family in our society and examines the pressures that threaten its stability. Work demands, living costs and forces of consumerism are some aspects of our society that impact on families. As Christians we are called to be supportive of all families, especially those in crisis and greatest need. **Info:** 02 8306 3499; www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Archbishops Office for Evangelisation - Liturgical Ministry Formation Seminars:

The AOFE will provide lectures, courses, seminars and opportunities for lifelong faith formation and strategies to assist the baptised to exercise their important role in the mission of the Church through their daily lives. Participants are requested to seek authorisation from their Parish Priest prior to registration. It is planned that other seminars will be offered in other regions of the Archdiocese during the coming months.

Contact: Suzanne Hermon 9926 5761 or email: suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au

Readers of God's Word - Wednesdays 3 & 10 October, 7:30 to 9pm. Presenters: Fr Paul Connell PP & Lenyce Willason at St Oliver Plunkett's Parish, 1 Landells Rd, Pascoe Vale **Cost:** \$10 per person (all inc.)

Yarra Theological Union Open Day Sunday 14 October, 2 - 5pm:

Looking for Meaning? Come to an open day at Yarra Theological Union, a College of the MCD University of Divinity. Enrolment Dates for 2013: Monday 12 Nov - Friday 7 Dec & Wednesday 23 Jan – Thursday 14 Feb Where: 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill Contact: admin@ytu.edu.au or 9890 3771

Interreligious Symposium on Grace - Sunday 14 October, 2pm to 4pm:

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne invite you to a Year of Grace Event. Speakers from five different religions will reflect on the idea of 'grace' in their tradition.

- Dr Rosemary Canavan, Assoc Dean & lecturer, Department of Biblical Studies, Catholic Theological College
- Rabbi Ian Goodhardt (Blake Street Hebrew Congregation, South Caulfield)
- Ms Ayse Guc (PhD candidate, Asia-Pacific Centre for Interreligious Dialogue, Aust Catholic University)
- Venerable Loden Jhampa / Toby Gillies (Ordained monk of the Tibetan Buddhist Society)
- Swami Paramananda Saraswati (of the lineage of Adi Shankaracharya and Swami Chinmayananda)

Where: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne. **Cost:** Free event, afternoon tea provided. **RSVP:** Essential - limited places. **Contact:** David Schütz 9926 5708 or eic@cam.org.au

An Introduction to the Gospel of Luke Thursday 18 October, 7 - 9pm

Facilitator: Hugh Brown O Carm. In this session Fr Hugh Brown O Carm will provide an overview of Luke in preparation for the 2013 cycle of readings beginning in Advent 2012. Cost: \$20 (\$15 early bird by 4 Oct) Contact: The Carmelite Centre 9690 5430 More Info: <http://thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org>

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 29 – 30 September 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

E. Jowett

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

J. Pidutti

Reader

M. R. Auguste

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

J. Hodge

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society: P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: School Holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,682.00 Loose cash: \$911.20 **Total: \$2,593.20**

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