



# 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. 40

29 – 30 September 2012

## 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

V. 1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

V. 2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

V. 3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**

V. 4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** In this Year of Grace: Lord, hear our prayer

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Fr Burns Huggan, 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 James Healy and Ralph Bernardi who died recently. We also remember Irene Rogan and Johanna Curtain whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

### **St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October:**

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.

### **This Week's Readings: 26<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **Saint and Feast Days:**

*Mon 1 Oct: St Therese of Lisieux*

*Tues 2 Oct: The Guardian Angels*

*Wed 3 Oct: St Gerard of Brogne*

*Thurs 4 Oct: St Francis of Assisi*

*Fri. 5 Oct: St Maurus*

*Sat. 6 Oct: St Bruno*

### **Next Week's Readings: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B**

**Genesis 2:18-24**      **Psalm 127**      **Hebrews 2:9-11**      **Mark 10:2-16**

## **REFLECTION:**

Today's gospel makes me very pleased I'm a Catholic, and that we don't take the bible literally. Our Christian brothers and sisters who insist on the literal truth of the scriptures must have a tough time trying to avoid cutting off their hands and feet, plucking out their eyes and worrying about how hot hell is! I'm not sure about them, but I know my feet have taken me to places I wish I'd not gone, and when I got there my eyes saw things I wish I'd not seen. Still, in spite of the times I've let myself down, I am glad I'm still in one piece, and not all that worried about the worms and weather in hell!

As Catholics we believe the Scriptures reveal the truth of our salvation – they are not books of fact. Jesus was a skilled and powerful communicator. And like all great teachers he used metaphor and exaggeration to make his point. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus takes evil very seriously. He is always conscious of it around him and is aware that it comes from within us, and without us. Jesus teaches us today to stop doing the destructive things that prevent us from loving God, each other and ourselves.

Sinful behaviour often falls into two categories of human activity: habitual and compulsive. Habits are unusual things. There are good habits, like saying 'please' and 'thank you'. There are habits that can start out well-intentioned enough, but end up being obsessions, like caring for one's physical fitness. And there are habits that bring moments of relief or let us off the hook – like lying, dishonesty and stealing – but always end up being destructive. Compulsive behaviour, however, is of a very different order. Gambling, drinking, shopping, smoking, violence, work, sex, eating, drugs, pornography, money and the Internet are fairly common modern manifestations of compulsive behaviour. As heart-breaking as these addictions are, they are the presenting problems of deeper issues related to self-esteem, personal history and even genetic disposition. One of the comments I've heard people make about their compulsive behaviour is, 'I found myself doing it again and I am not sure how or why'. No doubt there are some people who feel so lonely and get so depressed about their habitual or compulsive behaviour, they contemplate severing an arm, a leg or gouging an eye.

Jesus underlines that we have to stop our destructive behaviour and offers three pieces of practical advice so we can. Firstly, do whatever helps. For some people the most unusual solutions attend to the deeper issues and help us piece our lives back together. It doesn't matter whether others approve of it, or it's related to religious faith, for as long as it doesn't lead to other destructive behaviour then, 'whoever (or whatever) is not against us, is for us'. Secondly, accept help. None of us can battle through life carrying all our burdens on our own. Steps four to six of Alcoholics Anonymous deal with sharing the exact nature of our burdens as a means to coming to terms with them. Our family and friends are not mind readers and we need to seek out wise counsel and follow it wisely. The help and support we receive could be like the cup of refreshing water Jesus tells us about today.

Finally, habitual and compulsive behaviour always has a pattern. St Ignatius Loyola taught in the sixteenth century that it was only when we regularly examined ourselves to see where, when, how and with whom we are most likely to walk away from God's love, that we can work out why we do it and change the pattern. And when we really know ourselves as we are, and not as we would like to be, we have the chance to choose life over death more often than not.

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## **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

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Saturday 29 Sept	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 1 Oct	7.30pm	Baptism Information Evening	Parish Office
Tuesday 2 Oct	4.15pm	<b>Christian Meditation</b>	See Newsletter item
Wednesday 3 Oct	12 – 3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	Mother of God Church foyer
Friday 5 Oct	9.15am & 4pm	<b>First Friday Devotions</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 6 Oct	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church

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**Mother of God School Fete:** Parishioners are invited to attend the MOG School Fete which will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 party in 40 Days for Life, which is a world-wide, pro-life campaign. Brochures are available in churches. Information: John 0433 307 731 or [www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne](http://www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne)

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**SERVICE**

**MISSION**

**Brigadier Gus McLachlan AM:** Brigadier Gus McLachlan will be promoted to Major General 4<sup>th</sup> October; and will leave on 20<sup>th</sup> November for 12 months active duty in Afghanistan with NATO. Please let us keep all those who are serving in military forces and their families, both overseas and nationally, in our prayers.

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

**News from Parish Office:**

- Ruth is on a week's leave Monday 1 Oct – Friday 5 Oct. The Parish Office will be attended as normal.
- Newsletter for 6 – 7 Oct has been prepared in advance and has been delivered to churches.
- 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



**Outreach Social Afternoon:**

Wednesday, 3 October 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

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

**Wednesday 10 October – Mary Immaculate Hall:**

*Celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the first session of Vatican II, called by Pope John XXXIII for spiritual renewal, and evangelization, ecumenism and adaptation.*

Come **all** day if you can!! If not, here are some times to help you plan!

**10.00am**

**Morning Tea**

**10.30am**

Prayer and Introduction.

**10.40am**

"Vatican II: A new relationship with God."

*Bishop Michael Putney*

**11.20am**

"Baptismal call to holiness, a call to personal & communal ministry"

*Maryanne Confoy RSC*

**12.00 noon**

"Vatican II: A new relationship with everyone else."

*Bishop Michael Putney*

**12.20pm**

**Lunch**

**2.50pm**

"Baptismal Ministry in a pluralist world."

*Maryanne Confoy RSC*

**1.30pm**

"What relevance does Vatican II Have for us today?"

*Paul Power*

"A Window in Time: A view to the future."

*Jill Gowdie*

**2.30pm**

Final session - involving all speakers

These sessions will be interspersed with opportunities for our own discussion.

Full details are available on the website and on fliers in the back of the churches.

Since a light lunch will be provided, please contact John 9850 2454 or Merle 9497 1691 for numbers.

You might like to bring sweets/cake.

**CatholicCare Special Collection 2012:** Sincere thanks to all concerned for their contributions to CatholicCare collection held recently. Total: \$709.25 (includes Leaving Collections & Credit Card donations)

**Banyule City Council Nominations 2012:** Chris Dixon has been nominated as a candidate for Banyule City Council to represent Olympia Ward in the upcoming Council elections. Chris is a parishioner and is present Chairperson of the PLT, as well as a member of other parish committees. We wish Chris well in this regard.

**From PLT Meeting - 20.09.12:**

- An E-conference will be televised in Mary Immaculate Hall on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October - the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of Vatican 2. A most significant occasion.
- The Religious Education Co-ordinators from the three schools will again meet with the Liturgy Group in preparation for Advent and Christmas.
- Mother of God and Mary Immaculate Schools will have fairs in November. Help from parishioners will be very much appreciated.
- It is hoped to have a 'family friendly' social event in the first part of 2013.
- The Maintenance and Finance Groups are continuing to assess what needs must be met and determining what is affordable.

**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 can assist 12 & 19 Oct, & have access to MOG church already, contact Ruth 9499 1515

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Celebration Mass:**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1.00pm Sacred Heart Church, 322 Bell St, Preston

All are invited to the opening celebration Mass of the National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council Assembly. Over 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from all around Australia are coming to celebrate: *The Two Ways of our Faith in a Cultural Ceremony*. The ceremony will not come to Melbourne for another 20 years.  
**Contact:** Vicki Clark, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry 9480 3849

**St Clement's Prayer Group - Life in the Spirit Seminar:**

Wednesday 3 October 8.00pm Charismatic Healing Mass St Clement's Church, Bulleen

Parishioners from all Deanery parishes are invited to embrace a new experience in their spirituality which will be conducted for a total of six Wednesday evenings during October and November.

Life in the Spirit Seminar:

Wed 10 October	8.00pm	Session 1: God's love	Clifton Centre, Egan Drive, Bulleen
Wed 17 October	8.00pm	Session 2: Salvation	Clifton Centre, Egan Drive, Bulleen
Wed 24 October	8.00pm	Session 3: The New Life	Clifton Centre, Egan Drive, Bulleen
Wed 31 October	8.00pm	Session 4: The Holy Spirit of God	Clifton Centre, Egan Drive, Bulleen

**World Youth Day Rio 2013 Regional Information Sessions 7, 9, 11 & 21 October:**

If you are interested in learning more or have questions about the upcoming World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro in July 2013, join us at a regional information day near you.

**Contact:** Brendan Lindsay, World Youth Day Coordinator 9412 3306 or email: [wyd2013@cam.org.au](mailto:wyd2013@cam.org.au)

**Date:** Tuesday 9 October **Where:** St Francis Assisi Parish, Mill Park at 7.30pm

**Mary Immaculate Primary School – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday:**

Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School requests the pleasure of the company of parishioners, past parents and pupils to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church. After Mass Morning Tea will be served in Mary Immaculate School Hall. Our Annual Celebration of Learning will take place in the classrooms at 11:30am. Please advise the number attending for catering purposes to Connie, School Secretary: Phone 9497 1827 or email: [clapworth@miiivanhoe.catholic.edu.au](mailto:clapworth@miiivanhoe.catholic.edu.au)

**Arthritis Information Session Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** Presented by Arthritis Victoria

This session covers arthritis prevention, care and management, and services available from Arthritis Victoria.

**Date:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October **Time:** 1.30 – 3.00pm followed by Afternoon Tea

**Venue:** Livingstone Community Centre, 1 Livingstone St, Ivanhoe (corner of Waterdale Rd, Ivanhoe)

**Cost:** \$2 donation appreciated to help cover costs **RSVP:** 9497 2012 by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 6 – 7 October 2012**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

<b>Lector</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
J. Murphy	A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

Saturday 6.30pm

**MARY IMMACULATE:**

<b>Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Mass Coordinators</b>	<b>Counters</b>
Costa family	Costa family	Costa family	T. McKinley, E. Ballao

Sunday 9.00am

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
M. Hoban	A. Tosolini	A. Moloney, G. Crawford, R. Matovinovic
<b>Altar Society:</b> P. Mendes		<b>Choir Coordinator:</b> School Holidays

Sunday 10.30am

**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$2,131.90 Loose cash: \$608.45 **Total: \$2,740.35**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:** **\$ 759.75**

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