



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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6 – 7 October 2012

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

V. 1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

V. 2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;

Your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

V. 3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Fr Burns Huggan, Phillip Reed, Lois Caleo, 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 remember Concetta Stramandinoli whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Liam Dermott 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: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 8 Oct: St Pelagia

Wed 10 Oct: St Paulinus of York

Fri. 12 Oct: St Wilfrid

Tues 9 Oct: St Denis & Companions

Thurs 11 Oct: St Canice

Sat. 13 Oct: St Edward the Confessor

Next Week's Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Wisdom 7:7-11 Psalm 89:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

REFLECTION:

During World War II, Mary was one of hundreds of Australian women who fell in love with an American soldier. She married her Episcopalian Army Major at the side altar in a Catholic Church in 1945. He was dashing and handsome and by the time it came for him to return to Philadelphia in 1946, they were expecting their first child. Upon arrival at her new home Mary found that her brave soldier was not as fearless as she thought. He was completely dominated by his aristocratic, wealthy mother who made it clear from the beginning that she opposed the marriage. Mary's life in the family home was a nightmare. The tensions boiled over when Brendan was born. Regardless of the promises his father had made in Australia to have their children baptised Catholics, the soldier waged no war against his mother who declared that if any grandchild of hers was baptised a 'papist' she would disinherit the three of them. The Major buckled under the maternal pressure and demanded that Brendan be baptised an Episcopalian. Mary was devastated. She gathered her few possessions together, had her son baptised a Catholic and fled home.

In 1950, by now a divorcee, she met Maurice, a wonderful man who wanted to marry her and be a father to Brendan. When they went to see the local parish priest, he told them they could not be married in the Church and if they contracted a civil marriage they ran the risk of going to hell for eternity. They were tough days. Catholicism was one of the reasons Mary left the USA. In turn, the very Church she defended shut her out.



In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks directly about marriage and divorce. In Jesus' day only a few women had rights before the law. These were wealthy women from the priestly families. They could divorce their husbands. The vast majority of women, however, were seen as possessions of their father, husband or son. A husband could draw up a divorce writ for any reason he wished and so force his wife out of their home into destitution or humiliate her by sending her back to her own family. No wonder Jesus lays down the law so strongly about fidelity and commitment. His new interpretation of the Law of Moses defended women's rights to dignity and security.

Every Catholic parish today has parishioners who are divorced and remarried; no doubt some are here at this Mass. In the face of the negative messages you hear, I want you to know how much we admire your often heroic faith, how much God loves you and how grateful we are that you hang in here with us. The problem for the Church is that, on the one hand, we want to keep affirming the permanence of married love, and yet, on the other hand, we have an increasing number of Catholics who are divorcing. We are caught between the fine ideal Jesus teaches and the frail human condition we all carry in different ways. We have not got the balance right yet.

The Church's remedy to marriage breakdown is an annulment. An annulment is not a Catholic divorce. A civil divorce says the parties that were married are not now. An annulment says that there were factors, often unknown to the couple on the day, which meant that there was never a full and true Christian marriage in the first place. The sacrament is therefore null and void.

Some Catholics, and certainly people who are not Catholic, cannot face up to the long, complex and legal process involved in an annulment. It can be a traumatic experience. Others argue that the Church might step away from the more recent legal approach to dealing with marriage and, like the Orthodox Churches, use the Sacrament of Penance to nullify the Sacrament of Marriage. Whatever of the process, Christian teaching on this issue must always be metered with compassion.

From 1951 until 1993 Mary and her second husband did not receive the Sacraments. At my encouragement, she instigated annulment proceedings in 1990. In 1993 they received communion for the first time in 42 years. God had never moved away from them, embracing them in his arms, laying his hands on them every day and blessing them.

At that Nuptial Mass in 1994, Maurice's best man was Brendan, born in Philadelphia in 1946. Maurice had legally adopted Brendan the day after he married Mary. And as we all received communion, with tears streaming down our faces, we understood that it is to human, frail and open hearts that the Kingdom of God belongs.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 6 Oct	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 8 Oct		School Term 4 commences	
Wednesday 10 Oct	10am	E – Conference in Mary Immaculate Hall	See newsletter item
Wednesday 10 Oct	7.00pm	Eucharist session 1 – Catechist students	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 10 Oct	7.30pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	St Pius X
Saturday 13 Oct	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church

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

**E-Conference: Vatican II: An Event of Grace (via the web) - “Grace That Speaks to Our Times”
Wednesday 10 October – Mary Immaculate Hall:**

Celebrating 50th 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.

10.40 am “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

12.50pm “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.

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	13 Oct	X. Nolan & E. Farmer	
9.00am MI	14 Oct	G. Rogan & X. Jansz	C. Maffei & S. Riordan
10.30am MOG	14 Oct		N. Hartley & M. Iuliano

Mary Immaculate Primary School – 90th Birthday:

Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School requests the pleasure of the company of parishioners, past parents and pupils to celebrate our 90th Birthday on Wednesday 17th 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@miivanhoe.catholic.edu.au

From PLT Meeting - 20.09.12:

- An E-conference will be televised in Mary Immaculate Hall on Wednesday, 10th October - the 50th 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.

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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. We wish Chris well in this regard.

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, please contact Ruth 9499 1515

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

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

Arthritis Information Session Friday 19th October:

Presented by Arthritis Victoria

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

Date: Friday 19th 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 15th October

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

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

Social Justice in the City: Dr John Falzon - Wednesday 17 October, 12pm to 1pm:

The October Social Justice in the City presentation will be presented by Dr John Falzon, CEO St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia, on the topic, "Intrusion of the Excluded". This event is hosted by Francis Conference Melbourne which is a part of the St Vincent de Paul Society. All are welcome and complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits will be served. Where: St Francis Pastoral Centre – MacKillop Room, St Francis' Church annex, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne. Contact: Paula 9895 5800 or paulas@svdp-vic.org.au

Sixth Annual Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture - Tuesday 30 October:

The Hon. Tim Fischer AC will be presenting on the topic, "The Papacy and the Holy See: why they still matter in the 21st century". Where: Christ Lecture Theatre, ACU, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy Cost: Free Refreshments will be available from 5.45 to 6.15pm. **6.30pm talk**

RSVP: 25 October for catering purposes Contact: Pat Heywood 9459 1798 or patron2@dodo.com.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 13 – 14 October 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** C. Dixon **Special Ministers** J. Gray, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** K. Bator **Reader** X. Jansz **Mass Coordinators** M. Gilbo **Counters** L. McInerney, M. Rocco
G. Rogan

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** P. Verocchi **Lector** E. Mount **Special Ministers** T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame
Altar Society: A. Moloney **Choir Coordinator:** A. Pollard

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