



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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13 – 14 October 2012

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

V. 1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

V. 2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**

V. 3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: With faith we pray: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Peter Larsen, 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 Maree Day and Jean Hannan who died recently. We remember Fr John Rogan and Ted Gannan whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms:

We welcome Mirko Black and Anna Castano 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: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 89:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 15 Oct: St Teresa of Avila

Tues 16 Oct: St Richard Gwyn

Wed 17 Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch

Thurs 18 Oct: St Luke the Evangelist

Fri. 19 Oct: St Paul of the Cross

Sat. 20 Oct: St Irene

Next Week's Readings: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

REFLECTION:

John Calvin, one of the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation, reacted against what he saw as medieval Catholicism's adherence to the sacramental law as a means to salvation. 'If you keep the law, the law will keep you.' He was right to condemn the preaching of some Catholic priests of his day. Calvin maintained that since time began God predestined those who, by faith, would be saved. Calvin argued that the rest of humanity would be lost. It was impossible to know for certain, Calvin argued, who was who. This was tough stuff! Within a few years, however, his own congregation in Geneva wanted to know how anyone could be sure they were on the right path to salvation. Calvin's disciples taught that strict and right behaviour was an indication of who belonged to those elected by God to be saved. Not dancing, drinking, swearing or gambling, but working hard, saving one's money and the careful observance of the Ten Commandments became the benchmarks of the elect. Within a few generations of Calvin's death, it is easy to see that the observance of the strict, Protestant, moral code had replaced the seven Sacraments as the way of being assured of heaven.



The rich young man wanted to be assured of salvation too. He was a good man; an observant Jew and someone Jesus looked on with love. But he was hoping the law would save him. He wanted to be sure of gaining heaven by jumping through the right hoops, at the right time, for the right reasons. Jesus doesn't reject the importance of faithful and good living, but he offers the young man a relationship that would make sense of the choices involved in following him. Without a loving relationship with God, who calls us to live the best life we can, the fulfilment of any law, civil or moral, is a tyranny. We do not believe in a tyrannical God.

We do believe, however, in a God who makes demands of us, who often challenges us in the places where we are most vulnerable. For the young man, his money was an obstacle. He could not embrace a relationship with Jesus because this would have placed in peril his wealth and the comfort that his many possessions afforded him.

For the earliest Christian community today's Gospel highlights serious issues on which people left their company: the role of the law in following Christ; the divide between rich and poor; the commitment demanded of followers in the earliest community. In comparison to our forebears in faith, we have domesticated this radical edge of the Gospel.

We often comfort ourselves with the assurance that the law will save us, whereas Jesus tells us that salvation comes from a loving relationship with him, shown in the sacrifice of our lives. To the degree that any law enables us to deepen this relationship with Jesus and to serve his people, then it is helpful and good. If a civil or religious law gets in the road, then its moral authority over us is questionable.

In a world where the vast majority of the world's wealth and resources are held and used by a dominantly white, educated and, at least nominally, Christian First World, then the demands of today's Gospel should be as confronting to us as they were to the rich young man. 'There is still one thing you lack, sell everything and come follow me.' It has suited us to move away from this financially hard teaching of Jesus. The law and money are in themselves neutral things. They can be used for good or evil. At their worst the law and money seduce us into pride, greed and power. At their best they can serve the liberation of all people and enable our world to better reflect the Kingdom of dignity, justice and equality Jesus taught and lived.

Given that all things are possible for God, let's pray in this Eucharist that we might stop domesticating the Gospel but allow it to lead us more deeply into a relationship with Jesus who looks on us, loves us and calls us to write the law of love on our hearts in such a way that there will be justice for all people.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 13 Oct	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 16 Oct	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 17 Oct	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immac. School – 90 th Birthday	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 17 Oct	11.30 onwards	Mary Immaculate School - Morning Tea	Mary Immaculate School
Wednesday 17 Oct	7.00pm	Eucharist session 2 – Catechist students	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 17 Oct	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Thursday 18 Oct	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Saturday 20 Oct	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Weekend 20 – 21 Oct		Collection for World Missions	All Masses

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	Xavier Nolen & Emma Farmer	
	20 Oct	Lachlan Gholam & Giulia Scopece	
9.00am MI	14 Oct	Georgia Rogan & Xavier Jansz	Cassidy Maffei & Spencer Riordan
	21 Oct	Lucy Munro (1 st Reading)	Jessie Molinaro & Hayley Moxon
10.30am MOG	14 Oct		Nate Hartley & Mia Iuliano
	21 Oct		Christian Kairouz & James Lloyd

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@miiivanhoe.catholic.edu.au

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate 27th October at St Patrick’s Cathedral: The Archdiocese of Melbourne invites you attend the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate at 10.00am on Saturday 27th October at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Those who will be Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate are: Charles Balnaves, Phil King, Joe Leach, Malcolm Lock, George Piech Meat and Kevin Pattison. Charles is Yarra Deanery Coordinator (Yarra Deanery includes our parish) and Pastoral Associate at St Kevin’s, Templestowe

Working Bee at St Bernadette’s Convent: Sincere thanks to the many parishioners and volunteers who attended the Working Bee at St Bernadette’s Convent on Wednesday 10th October. Much was achieved within the day thanks to a spirit of willingness and hard work!

E-Conference: Vatican II: An Event of Grace: This was truly an event of Grace. Thanks to those who facilitated the E-Conference – at Broken Bay, and here in Ivanhoe. A great opportunity!

Use of Church facilities:

If parishioners are interested in using any of the church facilities, such as Mary Immaculate Hall, for non-liturgical reasons, it is important that direct contact is made with the Parish Office in order to book in advance. Considerations of a possible booking include availability of that particular facility, conditions of use, noise restrictions, and rental if applicable. In some cases, other parishioners provide assistance as part of this process and need to be informed in advance as is the case with funeral and sacramental liturgies.

The rosters for the MI community are ready today!:

Thanks to all who take seriously our parish value of ‘service’ and serve our community by taking active roles in our liturgies. Preparing these new rosters reminded me that I should emphasize how welcome all parishioners are to be a part of this ministry. The roles are: **‘Co-ordinator’** to open the church, prepare for Mass, check that the rostered readers have arrived and invite suitable people to carry the gifts. Two readers are needed: the one we call **‘Leader’** welcomes the people, leads the response to the psalm and the Gospel acclamation, reads the Prayers of the Faithful and leads the Communion antiphon. The **‘Reader’** has the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God. No need to be concerned about ‘doing the right thing’. There are good guidelines and plenty of help. Do please think about it and contact Merle 9497 1691 or email: merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au with questions and suggestions.

Yarra Deanery:

- Yarra News, the newsletter of the Yarra Deanery is available this weekend. It is free for all parishioners. Please take a copy.
- The young people of St. Gregory’s Parish, 71 Williamson’s Rd. Doncaster are very pleased to invite all young people to a Youth Mass, 5pm on Sunday, 28th October.

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