



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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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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27 – 28 October 2012

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

V. 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

V. 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

V. 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

V. 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:

They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: That we will see with the eyes of faith: Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Peter Larsen, Phillip Reed and Bev Horne. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Fr Mark West who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Norah Healy, Anne Tosolini, Mariette Antar Bains, Win Overton, Angelina Galluccio, Bruna and Giuseppe Capitanio. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms:

We welcome Harvey Plunkett and Jasmine Lu 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: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 125

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 29 Oct: St Colman

Tues 30 Oct: St Marcellus

Wed 31 Oct: St Lucille

Thurs 1 Nov: All Saints

Fri. 2 Nov: St All Souls

Sat. 3 Nov: St Martin de Porres

Next Week's Readings: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

REFLECTION:

One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican and a Jesuit were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to 'play through'. By the 18th hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind. The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and the Jesuit, 'I am going to say Mass every day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight'. The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, 'I can't see why they don't play at night!'



To have any type of disability in first century Palestine not only meant financial hardship, but social segregation. Because Jesus' contemporaries did not understand the causes of disability and illness they assumed it was, to some degree, a curse sent by God in punishment for sins. They also thought the curse could be caught. So the blind, the lame, the crippled, the leper and the bleeder were desperately poor and socially outcast. Incredibly in our day, with all our supposed sophistication, some Christians have made similar statements about God cursing gay people with AIDS. Given the way Jesus acts toward those he encounters with illness, we know that God never sends disease as a curse for sin.

Bartimaeus is, however, a desperate man and in the story he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. Maybe Jesus wants Bartimaeus to name his deepest desire. Maybe Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever of his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity. American dramatist, Michael Moynahan, has written a moving play entitled *Bartimaeus* which centres around that pivotal question, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The action of the parable, as we have it in the Gospel, freezes when Jesus puts the question.

As Bartimaeus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'. The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?'. The elderly inquire whether he wants to see those 'put away because we remind you of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'. And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness and light?'. It's a gripping scene.

It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

Michael Moynahan's play finishes, like the Gospel story, with Bartimaeus requesting from Jesus the gift of sight. But in the play, in a powerful twist, as Bartimaeus follows Jesus on the path, he stops, turns and sees the human faces behind the challenging voices. He goes back, embraces them and together they walk the Christian path.

In this Eucharist, then, the same question is put by Jesus to us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let's also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with every gift.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 27 October

Reconciliation not available

Tuesday 30 Oct	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School – Juniors	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 30 Oct	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 31 Oct	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immac. School P, P/1 & 2	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 31 Oct	7.00pm	Eucharist session 4 – Catechist students	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 1 Nov		All Saints Day	<i>See notice in newsletter</i>
Friday 2 Nov	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grade 2	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 2 Nov	9.15am & 4pm	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 3 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church



MASS TIMES FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

- Thursday 1 November 9.15am Mary Immaculate Church
- Thursday 1 November 7.30pm Mother of God Church
- Thursday 1 November 8.00pm St Bernadette's Korean Mass

ALL SOULS' DAY

- Friday 2 November 9.15am St Bernadette's Church
- Friday 2 November 7.30pm Mother of God Church
- Friday 2 November 8.00pm St Bernadette's Korean Mass

Reconciliation at St Bernadette's Church 27th October:

Reconciliation will not be available at St Bernadette's Church on Saturday 27th October
 Appointments for Reconciliation can be made via Mother of God House 9499 5440 or Office 9499 1515.

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions – Friday 2nd November:

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am, and followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Devotions will conclude with Benediction at 4.00pm. All are welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament

Memorial Mass – Sunday, 18th November at 9.00am at Mary Immaculate Church:

Each year the parish celebrates a Memorial Mass to remember loved ones, family and friends whose funerals have taken place in our parish within the past year, as well as remembering relatives and friends who have died outside our parish. The Memorial Mass will take place on **Sunday 18th November, 9.00am in Mary Immaculate Church**. All are invited to attend. Names of others who have died this year can be included in the booklet, but need to be given to the Parish Office no later than Friday 9 November. ***Please note change of date and place.***



Memorial Books:

Memorial books with the names of those who have gone before us are available in each of our churches for the month of November. The pages from all previous years are still there with past names and anniversaries. Feel free to add names of those who have died **during the past year**.



Readers and Offertory Gifts: We welcome the following children from parish schools and their families:

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	27 Oct	Alana Bryant & Darby Todd	
9.00am MI	28 Oct	Lucy Murphy (1 st Reading)	Rose Naish & Jordyn Ponne
10.30am MOG	28 Oct		James Nadalin & Ashleigh-Rose Nicholson

Bazaar - Korean Catholic Community in Melbourne:

The Korean Catholic Community invites all parishioners to their Bazaar at St Bernadette's on Sunday 28th October from 12.30 – 3.00pm. The Bazaar includes unique gifts, homewares, fashion, new and reconditioned items, raffle and an Auction.

Mary Immaculate Primary School Twilight Fair:

Mary Immaculate School is holding a Twilight Fair on Friday 16th November from 4.00 - 9.00pm. The Fair promises to be a great night of fun and entertainment for the whole family and all parishioners are welcome to attend. Donations are a big part of any preparations for a fair, and the school would greatly appreciate any donations from parishioners, especially for our Crafts and Preserves or Used Books stalls. Donations can be left at the Mary Immaculate School Office at 9 Rockbeare Grove, Ivanhoe. Queries on the Twilight Fair can be directed to either Clare Lezaja on 0419 033 993 or Natasha Ziebell on 0412 000 490.

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

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Youth Mass – 28th October:

The young people of St Gregory the Great invite all young people around the Yarra Deanery to come to a Youth Mass at 5:00 pm, Sunday 28th October followed by food and gathering. The young at heart are welcome too of course. Join us as we celebrate and give thanks just as we enter the VCE exam period with all the challenges and delights that brings. We haven't forgotten university exams so uni youth are invited too. Join us just because you want to join us. Contact Charles 0417 319 556 or deanery@charles.balnaves.org.

Catholic Theological College Open Day 31 October: - Study your faith – Understand your Spirituality

Programme 1: 4.00 – 600pm (Light Refreshments after Program 1) Program 2: 6.00 – 7.45pm
Catholic Theological College, 287 Victoria Pde, E. Melb. Phone: 9412 3314; email jdelahunt@ctc.edu.au

Grief & Loss:

People from across the Yarra Deanery are invited to attend sessions on grief and loss. Emmy Oakley at Our Lady of the Pines Parish Donvale has arranged a series of four sessions to assist all those in pastoral ministry (being with people in need, bringing Holy Communion, visiting the sick, caring for family, etc...). It is probably not the right forum for you for attending to recent personal grief and loss in your life – for that call your Parish Priest. Areas to be covered are:

- 13/11: Grief: what is it and how can we do it well
- 20/11: How to communicate and support those in grief
- 27/11: Grief and loss throughout life and different cultural perspectives
- 4/12: Resourcing ourselves to care for ourselves and others.

Leader for these sessions is Samantha Rennie, a Community Educator with Tobin Brothers Funerals. Samantha's 20 years in nursing focussed on education, oncology, and critical care means she naturally starts from the audience and their own experiences. She brings experience of multicultural and religious responses to death and seeks to address the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual elements of grief.

Bookings for these sessions: Emmy Oakley 9841 5651 or email: eoakley@bigpond.net.au; Charles Balnaves 0417 319 556; email: deanery@charles.balnaves.org. Dates: 13, 20, 27 November & 4 December from 3:15 – 5.15 pm & 20 min break at The Meeting Place, beside Our Lady of the Pines Church 77 Carbine St Donvale

Getting It Rite: Liturgy Seminar to Prepare for Advent & Christmas Saturday 10 Nov 9.15am – 3pm:

Getting it Rite days provide formation for all people involved in any aspect of liturgical ministry in parish and school communities. With the Advent season drawing near, the theme of this Getting It Rite day is "The Grace of Waiting". Includes a keynote presentation by Dr Christiaan Jacobs Vandegeer (Australian Catholic University) followed by workshops exploring Advent and Christian Meditation, the Grace of Healing, Lectio Divina, Liturgical Music and a Repertoire for the Seasons and more. **Where:** Thomas Carr Centre, East Melbourne. **Registrations:** Suzanne Hermon on 9926 5761 or suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au

"Facing the Truth" – October 17 Update - The Church backs mandatory reporting for clergy:

Archbishop Denis Hart has announced that the Catholic Church in Victoria supports extending mandatory reporting under the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 to ministers of religion and other religious personnel, and the reporting of child abuse to police. The announcement was made following the publication of the Church's Submission 'Facing the Truth' by the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry. Read more at www.cam.org.au; and www.facingthetruth.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 3 – 4 November 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

Conroy family

Reader

Conroy family

Mass Coordinators

J. & D. Jones

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti, R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Curry

Lector

M. Hoban

Special Ministers

M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. / P. De Silva

Altar Society: P. Mendes

Choir Coordinator: P. Verrocchi

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,601.00 Loose cash: \$448.35 **Total: \$2,029.35**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 666.15**

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