

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. 45

3 – 4 November 2012

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I love you Lord, my strength.

V. 1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

V. 2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me.

He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Loving God, strengthen our faith: **Lord hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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 Ellen Chapman and Isabella Fisher who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jack Duffy, Bryan McEvey, Patricia Disney, Marcelo Bacarisas, Luigi Danza, Vincenzo Di Marco, Gianbattista and Maria Di Marco, and Francesco and Anna Marta Calvisi. May they rest in peace.



First Eucharist: We remember and pray for the Catechist children of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe who are preparing to receive and celebrate their First Eucharist on Sunday 18 November, 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 5 Nov: Ss Elizabeth & Zechariah

Tues 6 Nov: All Saints of Ireland

Wed 7 Nov: St Willibrord

Thurs 8 Nov: All Saints of Wales

Fri. 9 Nov: The Lateran Basilica

Sat. 10 Nov: St Leo the Great

Next Week's Readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

1 Kings 17:10-16 Psalm 145:7-10 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

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It is amazing to note how leaving out just one half of one verse of the Gospel can affect the Christian life for centuries. All of us know by rote the command of Jesus that we must love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and we must love our neighbour. But the second half of verse 31 is not usually quoted because, sadly, it is not as imbedded in our memory. It reads: 'You shall love your neighbour AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF.'

There are very clear historical reasons why the second part of Jesus' summary of the commandments was quietly forgotten. Given the chequered personal experience he had of his own body, St Augustine, in the fifth century, had very ambivalent feelings about the human body. He thought that, generally, it was to be feared as the instrument through which we would sin. He encouraged us to tame it through prayer, mortification and penance. Augustine's ideas about the body held sway until Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century and the Jesuit Theologians of the 15th century argued that while the body can lead us to sin, it is also a temple of the Holy Spirit and a vehicle of God's love and grace.

In the 16th century Cornelius Jansen denounced Aquinas and the Jesuits and argued that Augustine held the correct Christian view. No matter what the Church did to denounce Jansen at the time, his thinking took deep root in Europe, the USA and missionary countries throughout the world. Jansenism, the belief that our body and its desires are evil and that we need to harshly mortify ourselves, is, tragically, still active in Christian thought today.

Jansenism is irreconcilable with today's Gospel where Jesus tells us that the love of God, the love of neighbour and the love of self are the cornerstones of the Christian law. And the opposite must be true too. We CANNOT call ourselves Christian if we hate God, hate our neighbour or hate ourselves.

Some people argue that Western society has already gone too far in the direction of self-love. They maintain that the lengths some people go to achieve a sculptured body, the use of steroids, the growing frequency of eating disorders, the adoration of sportsmen and women, the cult of the gym and of the sex industry all point to a culture too much in love with itself. Some argue what we need is a good dose of self-control. They are only half-right.

The problem with the term 'love of self' is that we often hear in it an encouragement to 'adore self'. Nothing could be further from what Jesus is saying. We are called to love our body, not worship it. Jesus is not calling us to a narcissistic love, like we see in the sex industry and the gym cults, where the only thing we love is ourselves. If we have no sense of our own self worth, our own dignity and the personal love of God for each of us, it is impossible for us to give the same to others and to claim from others the dignity we deserve. We will either treat others as our inferiors on the one hand, or allow others to walk all over us, on the other.

Love of self is not about canonising a loss of self-control. Jesus shows us by the way he loved his Father, us and himself that true love always involves sacrifice. If we love our self in the right way, we have the self control to forgo those things that are most destructive in our life and we have the generosity to do for others the things that will enrich their lives. Jesus knew, that we can never love others if we hate ourselves.

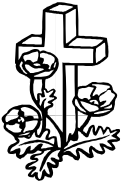
Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, that we will develop our mind, heart, soul and strength to love the One who has created us in love and love those given into our care with the same love we lavish on ourselves. The Gospel of Jesus Christ demands nothing less!

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 3 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 6 Nov		<u>No Christian Meditation</u> meeting at	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 7 Nov	7.00pm	Eucharist session 4 – Catechist students	Mary Immaculate Hall
Saturday 10 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Monday 12 Nov	7.00pm	Baptism Preparation Session	
Tuesday 13 Nov	9.15am	Mother of God School – Seniors	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 13 Nov	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 14 Nov	9.15am	Mary Immac. School 3/4M & 3/4R	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 14 Nov	8.00pm	Ivanhoe Churches Together	Parish Office
Thursday 15 Nov	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Thursday 15 Nov	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council (tbc)	
Friday 16 Nov	9.15am	St Bernadette's School Prep, T-P, P/1	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 16 Nov	4 – 9pm	Mary Immaculate School Twilight Fair	Mary Immaculate School



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.**



Christian Meditation Group News:

Please note: There will be **no Meditation Group** on Tuesday 6th November since it is Cup Day.

Mary Immaculate Mass – Wednesday 7 November 9.15am:

There will be a Funeral Mass for Ellen Chapman on Wednesday 7 November at 9.15am in Mary Immaculate Church.

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

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	10 Nov	Joseph De Leonardis & Shyeda Gange	
9.00am MI	11 Nov	Jessica Wignall (1 st Reading)	Joshua Sciacia & Simona Sgambati
10.30am MOG	11 Nov		Holly O’Neill & Lucas Orlando

From Father Thang:

Fr Thang will be on Retreat 11 –16 November. Fr Thang will celebrate Masses on the weekend at each church and Communion Services will be held during the week. I sincerely thank those who lead Communion Services for our parishioners and provide this ministry in our parish. – **Fr Thang**

Mary Immaculate Primary School Twilight Fair:

Mary Immaculate School is holding a Twilight Fair on Friday 16th November from 4.00 - 9.00pm. Parishioners are invited and 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.

Please note: *Parishioners are welcome to leave book donations in a box in the foyer at Mary Immaculate Church*

Mother of God School Fete:

Parishioners are invited to the Mother of God 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 or through MOG School Office. - Andrew & Fiona, abtconsulting@bigpond.com.au

Outreach News for November & December, 2012:



Where has the year gone? Come and enjoy the remainder with us at:

1. Lunch and games next Wednesday, November 7, in the MOG foyer. 12 noon. Please bring a small contribution for lunch. Everything else provided.
2. MI, 9am on November 18 will host our annual Memorial Mass. Join the Outreach crew for refreshments afterwards in the MI hall (behind the Church).
3. We have booked Christmas lunch at the Yarra Valley Country Club on Wednesday, 12 December, at noon for 12.30. The cost for 3 course lunch is \$17 per person. Pay at the till as you order. Please bring a gift to the value of \$5.00 for our Kris Kringle. **Every one is invited and all are welcome.** For assistance with transport and bookings call Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120 by December 5



Christmas Cards and Calendars:

Cards and calendars are available in each church. Containers are provided for purchase **costs.**

- Christmas Cards are from St Vincent de Paul. Cost: **\$6** for a packet of 10 cards
- Columban Calendars 2013 Cost: **\$9** each.

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Working Bee at the Parish Office & Mary Immaculate Church Saturday 24 November, 8am - 12 Noon:

Working bees are wonderful communal events; the cuppa and chat afterwards alone make it worthwhile. Hoping you can give some time to the Parish in this way.

There is lots of weeding, pruning and cutting back to be done! All the wonderful lush growth there's been over the last six months, so we've booked a 4.5 m2 skip and hope you will spare some time to join us, filling it with garden waste. BYO gloves, suitable clothing for the weather, useful gardening / pruning / cleaning equipment... Morning tea will be provided.

PLT MEETING 24.10.12:

- The Christian Meditation group has now been going for two months. Attendance has been, and remains, fully flexible.
- A group of children from the parish who do not attend our parish schools are preparing for First Eucharist on Sunday 18th November under the guidance of catechists.
- Fr. Thang and John Costa attended a meeting of the Eastern group of parishes, arranged by the Archdiocesan Office for youth activities. They heard about the many options which are available and the efforts of various parishes to interest the young people.
- The E-conference, offered by Broken Bay Institute and arranged by the Communication group offered good insights on Vatican 2. Further possibilities will be followed up in 2013
- The three school Religious Education Leaders met with the Liturgy Group last week to share resources and ideas about the Family Masses on Christmas Eve. These meetings will take place regularly next year.
- Practical and legal aspects of leasing the convent are proceeding well.

Grief & 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.

The sessions are free, requiring only some of your time. Session dates and 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.

Booking for sessions: Emmy Oakley 9841 5651 or eoakley@bigpond.net.au

Charles Balnaves 0417 319 556 or deanery@charles.balnaves.org

Dates: 13, 20, 27, November and 4 December

Time: 3:15 pm for 2 hours with 20 minute break.

Location: The Meeting Place, beside the church, at Our Lady of the Pines 77 Carbine St Donvale.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 10 – 11 November 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

P. Callahan

Reader

J. Wignall (1)
L. Smith (2)

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

S, & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

B. Brownstein

Special Ministers

A. Moloney, G. Crawford, R. Matovinovic

Altar Society: A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,664.00

Loose cash: \$637.90

Total: \$2,301.90

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 733.10

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