

# 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. 46

10 – 11 November 2012

## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

V. 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. **R.**

V. 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** May we hear with ears of faith: **Lord, hear our prayer**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

**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 Teresa Chiodo and Joan Ferguson who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Anna Szymanski. May they rest in peace.



**Baptisms:** We welcome Hugo Lynch 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.



**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 next Sunday 18 Nov, 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

### This Week's Readings: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm 145:7-10

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 12 Nov: St Josaphat

Tues 13 Nov: St Francis Xavier Cabrini

Wed 14 Nov: St Dyfrig

Thurs 15 Nov: St Albert the Great

Fri. 16 Nov: St Margaret of Scotland

Sat. 17 Nov: St Hilda

Next Week's Readings: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

## REFLECTION:

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of his day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may come a surprise to learn that hypocrisy is the sin Jesus condemns most frequently in the Gospels. He could not bear it. And nor should we.



Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us up for who we are. The problem with religious, political, social or even family power, and the wealth that can come from it, is that it is so seductive. The more powerful and rich we become, the more we can think everything is our due. We can take our eye off the Giver of all gifts and avoid our responsibility to share with those who are left with nothing. In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus does not praise the widow because she is poor. There is no nobility in poverty. Jesus praises her for being generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich about what really matters in life.

This story teaches a similar lesson: Centuries ago, the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jew won, the Jews could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews would leave. The Jews realised that they had no choice. They looked around for a champion who could defend their faith, but no one volunteered. It was too risky. So they picked Moshe, an old, poor man. Moshe had nothing to lose so he agreed, but on one condition. Not being a learned man he asked that neither side be allowed to speak. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moshe and the Pope sat opposite each other for a full minute before the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moshe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his fingers in a circle around his head. Moshe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moshe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

An hour later, the cardinals were all around the Pope asking him what happened. The Pope said: 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there was one God common to both our faiths. Then I waved my finger around me to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and the wafer to emphasise the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded around Moshe, amazed that this old, poor man had done what all their scholars had insisted was impossible! What happened?' they asked. 'Well,' said Moshe, 'first, he said to me that the Jews had three days to get out of here. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' And then?' asked a woman. 'I don't know,' said Moshe. 'He took out his lunch and I took out mine.'

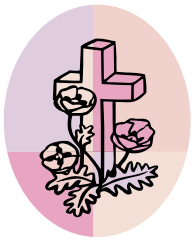
May this Eucharist, then, give us strength to avoid being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we use whatever gifts we receive to build up the entire human family and may we never stand condemned by Jesus for coming here each Sunday and saying one thing, and then leaving here and doing the very opposite.

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### **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

Saturday 10 Nov	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	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
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
Friday 16 Nov	7.00pm	Catechist – First Eucharist rehearsal	Mother of God Church
Saturday 17 Nov	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 18 Nov	10.30am	Mother of God – <b>First Eucharist, Catechists</b>	Mother of God Church



**Memorial Mass – Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday 13 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	10 Nov	Joseph De Leonardis & Shyeda Gange	
	17 Nov	Marcus Miot & Alana Bryant	
9.00am MI	11 Nov	Jessica Wignall (1 <sup>st</sup> Reading)	Joshua Sciacia & Simona Sgambati
	18 Nov	Gabrielle Kennedy (1 <sup>st</sup> Reading)	Kyah Tieppo & Ruby Valentino
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.

**Outreach News for November & December, 2012:**

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

1. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Annual Memorial Mass at 9am at Mary Immaculate Church – Refreshments available afterwards in the MI hall (behind the Church) which will be provided by the Outreach Group.
2. 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 & bookings call Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120 by Wednesday 5 Dec.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**2013 Mother of God Church Roster:**

The roster for 2013 is being prepared at the moment.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Special Minister, Sacristan, Lector or help with the flowers at Mother of God Church we would be most appreciative of your assistance. Alternatively if there are any changes affecting the current volunteer list please contact: Helen Taylor 9499 3041.



**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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**Mary Immaculate Primary School Twilight Fair:**

Mary Immaculate School is holding a Twilight Fair on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. **N. B: Parishioners are welcome to leave books 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 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 or through MOG School Office. - Andrew & Fiona, [abtconsulting@bigpond.com.au](mailto:abtconsulting@bigpond.com.au)

**Advent Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2012:**

Theme: Pilgrimage – ***Strangers on the Road and other Companions***. Speaker: ***Rev. David Pargeter***, Exec Director of Commission for Mission in UCA Synod of Victoria & Tasmania, and encourages the church to take seriously its engagement with the world especially with people of other cultures, other faiths and people of no particular faith. Lectures begin: 8pm. Supper after each presentation at 9.15pm. Donation: Gold coin

- Tuesday 27 Nov: **Silence and Other Places**  
- E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church, corner Maltravers & Lower Heidelberg Rds, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 4 Dec: **Rest - a - while** - St George’s Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 11 Dec: **The Ways are Many** - Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

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

Parishioners from all Deanery parishes are invited to the Life in the Spirit Seminar which is continuing on Wednesday evenings during November. Each session is held at Clifton Centre, Egan Drive, Bulleen

- Wed 14 November 8.00pm Session 5: Prayer for the release of the Holy Spirit
- Wed 21 November 8.00pm Session 6: Growth & Transformation
- Wed 28 November 8.00pm Opportunity to witness to Life in the Spirit Seminar experiences

**Memorial Mass for Deceased Students at Marcellin College:** Family and friends of deceased students are invited to Mass by Fr Des Fitzgerald in Marcellin College Chapel on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, followed by supper in the College Function Room adjacent to the Chapel. Enquiries: Mary Norden 9842 3080

**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 17 – 18 November 2012**

**ST. BERNADETTE’S:**

Saturday 6.30pm Lector C. Dixon Special Ministers J. Gray, T.Nibali

**MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am Leader M. Ballao Reader G. Kennedy (1) Mass Coordinators Ballao family Counters T. McKinley, E. Ballao J. McCormack (2)

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am Sacristan M. Hoban Lector C. Bellio Special Ministers C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera Altar Society: I. Chiera Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$2,025.50 Loose cash: \$434.60 **Total: \$2,460.10**  
**Second Collection – Presbytery:** **\$ 645.70**

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