

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. 47

17 – 18 November 2012

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

V. 1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

V. 2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

V. 3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,

At your right hand happiness forever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Let us seek the truth with faith, hope and love: **Lord, hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the 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 those who have died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Giovanni Di Ienno, Rosa & Arialdo Di Ienno and Mario Di Ienno. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Ryder Collins and Indigo Meade 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.



First Eucharist: The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe congratulates the Parish catechist children who celebrate their First Eucharist at Mother of God Church this weekend. We welcome their families, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion with them as part of their ongoing faith journeys. We thank all who have prepared the children in the parish and at home.

This Week's Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Daniel 12:1-13 Psalm 15:5, 8-11 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 19 Nov: St Nerses I

Tues 20 Nov: St Edmund

Wed 21 Nov: Presentation of Our Lady

Thurs 22 Nov: St Cecilia

Fri. 23 Nov: St Columban

Sat. 24 Nov: St Andrew Dung-Lac

Next Week's Readings: Christ the King: Year B

Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm 15:5, 8-11 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32

REFLECTION:

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war.

Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.



In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting. This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives.

One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven'. The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way. John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime. The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.

And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 17 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 18 Nov	9.00am	Annual Memorial Mass	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 18 Nov	10.30am	Mother of God – First Eucharist, Catechists	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 20 Nov	9.15am	Mother of God School – Middle School	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 21 Nov	9.15am	Mary Immac. School 5/6T & 5/6SL	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 28 Nov	8.00pm	PLT Meeting	Parish Office
Saturday 24 Nov	8am-12 noon	Working Bee: Parish Office & MI Church	Office & MI Church
Saturday 24 Nov	10am-4.00pm	Mother of God School Fete	Mother of God School
Saturday 24 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 26 Nov		MI School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Tuesday 27 Nov	10.00am	End of Year Mass for Parish School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 27 Nov	8.00pm	Ross McKinney Advent Lecture	E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church
Saturday 1 Dec	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church



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

We welcome all those who have gathered together as part of the Memorial Mass to remember loved ones, family and friends who may no longer be with us as part of our parish, as well as those outside our parish community. Morning Tea is available in the Mary Immaculate Hall after Mass (behind the Church) which will be served and provided by the Outreach Group.

Memorial Books:

Memorial books with the names of those who have gone before us are available in each church 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	17 Nov	Marcus Miot & Alana Bryant	
9.00am MI	18 Nov	Gabrielle Kennedy (1 st Reading)	Kyah Tieppo & Ruby Valentino
	25 Nov	Conor O’Sullivan (1 st Reading)	Amy Vaughan & Sophia Ziebell
10.30am MOG	25 Nov		Valentina Pettofrezza & Kirra Pozzebon

News from Ryder Cheshire:

- a. A letter of thanks has been received by the Outreach group for a donation directed to the work at Klibur Domin - the home in East Timor.
- b. Ryder Cheshire Homes, Victoria has arranged a Christmas Stall at the Latrobe University Community Market **Sunday 25th November** from 9.00am-1.00pm Cards, calendars and gifts suitable for Christmas and birthdays, all at realistic prices!!
- c. Ryder Cheshire Homes, Ivanhoe. The usual **Morning Coffee** - Friday, 30th November, 10am at 10 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe - this time the ‘Christmas special! And remember there is a **trading table**, too.

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.

Mother of God School Fete:

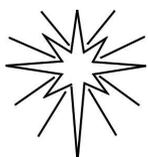
Parishioners are invited to the Mother of God School Fete which will be held on Saturday 24th November from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Andrew and Fiona Tosolini are responsible for the **Plant Stall** and would appreciate any donations from parishioners, e.g.2 pot-plants, 2 cuttings or 2 empty pots. Donations can be given to either Fiona or Andrew or through MOG School Office. - Andrew & Fiona

Outreach News for November & December, 2012:

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.

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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Christmas Lunch at Mother of God Church:

Christmas Lunch and drinks will be available after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 16th December at Mother of God Church. All are invited and all are welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share.

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.

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

Exploring the Labyrinth of Advent - December 5th at 7:00 pm:

Our Host: St John's Heidelberg, 52 Yarra St Mel 32A5

Please join us, the people of the Yarra Deanery, in the labyrinth in the gardens of St John's and spend a few moments of quiet as Advent gets underway. Life gets complicated and takes over and the path to Christ can seem uncertain: walking the labyrinth helps open our hearts and minds and make straight the way of the Lord, meeting new and old friends. (Followed by Pizza and Refreshments)

Programme: 7:00 pm: Gather & Prayer in the labyrinth; 7:45 pm Food; Finish by 9:30 pm. Cost: \$0.00

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 21 November 8.00pm Session 6: Growth & Transformation

Wed 28 November 8.00pm Opportunity to witness to Life in the Spirit Seminar experiences

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 24 – 25 November 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** J. Murphy **Special Ministers** B. Jowett, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** Costa family **Reader** C. O'Sullivan (1) **Mass Coordinators** Costa family **Counters** L. McInerney, M. Rocco
Costa family (2)

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** P. Verrocchi **Lector** I. Chiera **Special Ministers** T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame
Altar Society: P. Caddy **Choir Coordinator:** M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,837.05 Loose cash: \$602.30 **Total: \$2,439.35**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 749.75**

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