

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. 4

26 – 27 January 2013

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

V. 1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

V. 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

V. 3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

V. 4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight,
O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Mary Bezzina, Carmel Delaney, Kerry McGuire, Helen Bergman, Phillip Reed and Bev Horne. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Mavis Kennedy and Phoebe Mount who died recently. We also remember John Lalor and Bernard Healy whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 Psalm 18:8-10, 15 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 28 Jan: St Thomas Aquinas

Tues 29 Jan: St Gildas the Wise

Wed 30 Jan: St Aidan

Thurs 31 Jan: St John Bosco

Fri 1 Feb: St Brigid

Sat 2 Feb: Presentation of the Lord

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 Psalm 20:1-6, 15, 17 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30

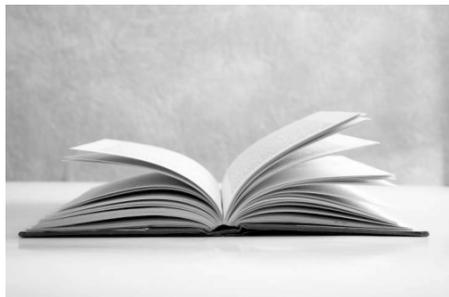
St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions – Friday 1st February:

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

REFLECTION:

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in his religion class at school. 'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.' 'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked. 'Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

Given the ways the Scriptures have divided Christians over the centuries and because previous generations wanted to protect the truth of the Bible, we were often taught that the Holy Spirit dictated the text. In this schema, the real skill of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John seems to have been their shorthand!



Today we begin reading through Luke's Gospel. And in the opening verses of this extraordinary document, Luke puts paid to the idea that he is simply listening to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit in his ear. What we now call the Gospel of Luke was the first instalment of a two-part letter written to his friend and disciple, Theophilus. Epic letters like this one and the Acts of the Apostles, which is its sequel, where the writer praises the deeds of a great man and lists his achievements, were very common in the Hellenised world of Ancient Rome. Luke knew how to write it and, more importantly, Theophilus knew how to read it.

It is not a documentary on the life of Jesus, recording a series of facts. If it were, then it cannot be reconciled with the other Gospels for they disagree with each other about many important details. As Catholics we believe the Holy Spirit guided the writing and selection of the scriptural record so that it contains no errors regarding our salvation. Our life lived in harmony with the scriptures is its own testament to our belief that the Bible is not a book of facts: it is a book of truth.

Luke knows that Theophilus has already been instructed in the way of salvation in Christ, and he makes it clear that the truth of this way is what he is attending to. In this Gospel he paints a vivid and intimate portrait of who Jesus is and why he has the message of salvation for all people everywhere.

These days we often hear people asking others to be 'up front' and to 'lay your cards on the table'. Long before it was trendy, Luke does precisely this in the second part of today's Gospel. At the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry, Luke summarises the story he is about to tell Theophilus and his community in what is called 'the programme'.

In the tradition of the greatest of the prophets, we are told Jesus has come for those of us who are poor, captive, blind and oppressed. But, unlike the former prophets, Jesus is not only a companion in our distress or an advocate on our behalf, he has also come to turn the world upside down and establish the definitive reign of God in our lives. In Jesus, all that Israel longed to see is fulfilled.

And so to us. As the spiritual children of Jesus, Luke, Theophilus and his community, we are inheritors of a tradition that is upfront in what we are called to do. Our programme is explicit. We are called to be companions to the poor, to set prisoners free, to fight oppression, to enable others to confront what they would prefer to ignore and to boldly proclaim that there is no one beyond God's favour.

As tough as these demands are, they are not optional extras. They define who we are as Christians and how we are sent to change the world.

May this Eucharist give us courage for the task at hand.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 26 Jan	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Thursday 31 Jan	9.00am	Parish Liturgy Group – resumes	Parish Office
Friday 1 Feb	9.15am & 4pm	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 2 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

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Fr Peter Thanh Tran:

Fr Tran completed his seminary formation here in Melbourne at Corpus Christi Regional Seminary, and was one year behind me. After that he returned to Vietnam and was ordained in 2010. Since that time Fr Thanh has been in Vinh Diocese, Vietnam and was Rector of the Preparatory Seminary, Vinh Diocese. In 2013 his Bishop sent him here to do further studies at John Paul II Institute.

During this time, Fr Thanh will be in residence at the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe in 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. We welcome Fr Thanh to the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe and wish him well in his studies. – **Fr Thang**

News from Parish Office:

- Ruth will be on a week's leave Monday 28 Jan– Friday 1 Feb. The Parish Office will be attended as normal.
- The Parish newsletter for 2 – 3 Feb has been prepared and printed in advance. Parish newsletters for this week and next week have been collected and delivered to each of the churches. Notices received after this time will be placed in the newsletter for 9 – 10 February 2013.
- Notices and items can be left in the locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Contact details: phone 9499 1515, fax 9499 9959; or email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com

Christian Meditation “Be still and know that I am God”:

Meditation meetings will start for 2013: Tuesday 5 February at 4.15 pm, Mary Immaculate Hall, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. All are welcome. For further information, please ring Kathy Gillespie: 0438 530 324.



Outreach Group 2013: We begin again with our Social Afternoon on Wednesday 6 February. 12.00pm at Mother of God Church foyer, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. Come for lunch, cards, scrabble, knitting or a chat with others. Everyone is welcome. - Sue, Helen and Eileen

Outreach News, 2013

- Further information will be available soon in regard to an Anointing Mass and Morning Tea at MI during the later weeks of February.
- We would like to arrange a bus trip to St Kilda for a recommended Morning Melodies on March 20. The cost pp for 45 people is \$50. The bus would depart by 10.15am and return approx. 2.30pm. The outing is inclusive of lunch, soft drinks and entertainment. **We must know if you are likely to book this outing by February 9 as the cost rises significantly if we can't reach a min. of 45 attendees.**
- In the event this outing proceeds we will give notice in this bulletin and bookings will be open till February 28 to Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120

Sacramental Programme 2013

2013 Sacramental Brochures are available in each church for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2013. Enrolments are only accepted from families **who live within the parish which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.**

Please note: Only children **who do not attend** Parish schools or **who have transferred out** of Catholic Primary schools need to enrol in the Parish Program. *Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program.*
It is recommended that preparation for sacraments takes place in the parish in which the catechist lives.

Enrolment forms are available from Parish Office 9499 1515 and website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com

NB. Closing date is Friday 22 March 2013 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.

Part time Volunteer Coordinator Position – Xavier College:

Applications are invited for a part time role (2 days /week) as Volunteer Coordinator for the Xavier Social Justice Network (XSJN) at Xavier College (Senior Campus, Kew).

XSJN seeks to engage the wider Xavier College community - current parents, past parents, staff and Old Xaverians - in becoming compassionate and reflective men and women who are committed to serving those in need through direct service and through raising awareness about social justice. The responsibility of this role is to support volunteers from the Xavier community who are working in a range of social service organisations in Melbourne and to work collaboratively with those organisations in placing volunteers with them. Further information please refer to the Xavier College website: www.xavier.vic.edu.au/employment
Applications close 5pm Sunday 3 February 2013.

Getting it Rite Liturgy Seminar for Lent, Holy Week and Easter - Saturday 9th February, 2013:

This gathering entitled *The Grace of Faith - Liturgy Seminar for Lent, Holy Week and Easter* is hosted by the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on Saturday 9 February 2013 at the Thomas Carr Centre from 9am - 3pm. The celebration of Christ's paschal mystery over the three days of the Easter Triduum is the highpoint of the Church's liturgical year & an important time for those supporting catechumens & candidates in parishes as they prepare for Baptism and incorporation into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Keynote speaker: Dr Rosemary Canavan, Associate Dean (Postgraduate & Research) at Catholic Theological College who will address the theme - *Jesus Christ, Crucified & Risen Today*. After the presentation, participants will be able to take part in the series of workshops which pertain to Lent, Holy Week and Easter:

- (a) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – Fr Tony Feeney PP, Mrs Joy Adriaanse
- (b) Christian Prayer: Lectio Divina – Fr John Dupuche PP; Christian Meditation - Mr Chris Morris
- (c) The Liturgy of the Word – Ms Kath Boyle (d) Liturgical Environment – Sr Moira Broderick CSB
- (e) Liturgical Music – Mr Tony Way and Ms Larissa Cairns
- (f) Rites of Anointing and Reconciliation – Fr Tony Doran PP.

Participants will also enjoy morning tea and lunch. There will be opportunities available to purchase liturgical and musical resources from Central Catholic Bookshop.

If interested, please contact Parish Office 9499 1515 for timetable and registration form.

Dominican Retreat:

The Dominican friars will be holding a retreat for young men aged 18-30 at Nazareth House, 16 Cornell Street, Camberwell, from 22-24 February 2013. Speakers include Fr Anthony Walsh, Fr Dom Murphy and Fr Paul Rowse. Theme: "Wisdom". Cost \$50 – includes meals and accommodation. Register by 5 February as spaces are limited. More information and to register contact: Br James Baxter OP – james.baxter@op.org.au.

Meet the Organ Day - Sunday 17 February, 12.00 – 6.00pm:

The Council of the Society of organists (Victoria) is passionate about fostering the development of young organist and introducing young people to the instrument. The Society has partnered with the City of Melbourne to host an organ day to promote the pipe organ and to encourage young players to perform.

12-3pm: Open console, on the hour tours to visit the organ museum and to visit the inside of the pipe organ

3pm: Special presentation of the organ for children and young people

3:45pm: Queue up to play the big organ - children and young people only

5pm: Young Performer's Concert. **Where:** Melbourne Town Hall **Cost:** Free

Contact: 0410 844 552 or bachbwv000@gmail.com

Social Justice in the City: Anne Tuohey - "Tales from the Biscuit Tin: Social Justice in Society Today":

Wednesday 27 February 2013, 12.00pm Anne has over 15 years of experience in social policy and research roles with the community sector. Prior to this she worked with the Office of Housing for 12 years. Anne currently consults privately, focusing particularly on writing projects. Hosted by Francis Conference Melbourne, part of the St Vincent de Paul Society. All welcome. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served.

Where: St Francis Pastoral Centre – MacKillop Room, St Francis' Church annex, 326 Lonsdale St, Melb.

Contact: Paula 9895 5800 or paulas@svdp-vic.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 2 – 3 February 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
J. Pidutti

Reader

F. Tosolini

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

B. Brownstein

Special Ministers

T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame

Altar Society:

A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,388.10	Loose cash: \$439.20	Total: \$1,827.30
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 547.05

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