



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. 5

2 – 3 February 2013

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will sing of your salvation.

V. 1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

V. 2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me;

For you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

V. 3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**

V. 4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help.

O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. **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: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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 all who have died recently. We also remember Bill Dowling whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 4 Feb: St John de Britto

Tues 5 Feb: St Agatha

Wed 6 Feb: St Paul Miki & Companions

Thurs 7 Feb: St Mel

Fri 8 Feb: St Josephine Bakhita

Sat 9 Feb: St Teilo

Next Week's Readings: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

INCLUSIVENESS

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REFLECTION:

At the end of today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' hometown crowd were so outraged by his words that they wanted to throw him off a cliff. How things have changed! These days many young adults tie a rope around their ankles and willingly hurl themselves from any precipice available!

It seems that some young people enjoy the challenge of facing down their fears, trusting the generally good track record of those who have done it before them and publicly showing their courage, even to the brink of death. Those of us not courageous or stupid enough to attempt a bungee jump have to concede that to do it, for whatever reason, is heroic stuff.

Heroic stuff is at the heart of today's readings. Even though the crowd hated what they heard, Jesus preached boldly to his own people. Jeremiah was similarly courageous in his teaching, in the face of enormous persecution from his people. And Paul knows the only reason one can endure hardships and rejection and even be seen as stupid in the eyes of the world is for the sake of love.

The word 'love' has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, holiday, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make.

Indeed as St John was to sharply say in his letter in the New Testament, 'If you say you love God and hate your neighbour, you are a liar'. We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals.

There is no getting around it: Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice. So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this?

We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it. That's love.

We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. That's love. And we can plunge into the unknown, even to the brink of death, because along with others we have held on to hope in the face of difficult times. That's sacrificial love and that is what Christian love is all about.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the full. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us.



From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, even to the brink of death and leap into the future with only three ropes tied to our ankles. On one is written 'faith'. On the second is written 'hope' and on the third and strongest rope is written 'love'.

Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them, even to the point of death.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 2 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 4 Feb	7.30pm	Mother of God School PRC Meeting	Mother of God School
Monday 4 Feb	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 5 Feb	4.15pm	Christian Meditation Session	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 5 Feb	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Board Meeting	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 6 Feb	12noon	Outreach Social Afternoon	Mother of God Church
Thursday 7 Feb	9.00am	Liturgy Group	Parish Office
Saturday 9 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Sunday 10 Feb	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God School	Mother of God Church

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**

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 a Mass of Anointing 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 Saturday February 9 as the cost rises significantly if we can't reach a minimum 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.

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.

Ivanhoe Playgroup:

The Ivanhoe Playgroup offers a welcoming and supportive environment where parents and children can play, learn and have fun. **Ages:** The playgroup suits children aged between 0- 4 years

Venue: Mary Immaculate Church Hall, 4 Waverley Ave. Ivanhoe

Session Times: Wednesday 9 - 11am or Thursday 9 - 11am

What to bring: Healthy snack & drink bottle for Morning Tea-nut free please. Sun hat/sunscreen for hot days

Activities: Weekly art/craft activities, educational toys to explore, books, shared singing time, large sandpit and bikes for outdoor play and so much more.

Further details: Contact Liz Shearer: Phone 0411 345 664 or Email: liz.shearer1@gmail.com

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.

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. For further information please refer to Xavier College website: www.xavier.vic.edu.au/employment
Applications close 5pm Sunday 3 February.

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 and has worked with the Office of Housing for 12 years. This gathering is 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, Melbourne. **Contact:** Paula 9895 5800 or paulas@svdp-vic.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 9 – 10 February 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
P. Callahan

Reader

C. Nguyen

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

E. Ballao, T. McKinley

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

J. Hodge

Special Ministers

E. Brownstein, M A Darcy, J. Ellis

Altar Society:

MOG Mothers

Choir Coordinator:

M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$

Loose cash: \$

Total: \$

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$

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