



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. 8

23 – 24 February 2013

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- V. 1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? **R.**
- V. 2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **R.**
- V. 3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R.**
- V. 4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: God of mercy and compassion: **Hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

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

We remember Martin Pham and Lucia Sfirro who died recently. We also remember John Duffy whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Zoe Andrews and Carter Lacy 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.

This Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent: Year C

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Psalm 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 25 Feb: St Ethelbert of Kent

Wed 27 Feb: St Gabriel

Fri 1 Mar: St David

Tues 26 Feb: St Alexander

Thurs 28 Feb: St Oswald

Sat 2 Mar: St Chad

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent: Year C

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

REFLECTION:

Baptism: Experiencing Our Birth to Divine Life

The New Testament offers a great number of statements that were later to contribute to our understanding of Baptism:

- It is done in the name of Jesus, the Christ-salvific-event (Acts 2:38; 8:16)
- Paul's description that baptism is to die with Christ (Rom 6:1-11)
- We are baptised into the Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:13)
- The image of salvation through water (1 Pet 3:19-21)
- The symbolic action of water baptism, and Spirit-baptism in faith to a new Christian life (Jn 3:5; Titus 3:5).

The classical teachings on Baptism were: the lending or *pouring in* of justifying grace through which *original sin* is taken away and the soul is healed; the remission of all punishment for sins so that the one baptised escapes the threat of hell and becomes a candidate or aspirant for heaven; and the imprinting of the *baptismal character* as a seal of God's ownership and *resemblances* with the eternal high priest. This reflects a mentality of a certain individualism and ritualism which occurred in the past.

In the light of Vatican II and recent teaching, there has been a shift to two other aspects: incorporation or reception into the faith community – the Body of Christ; and the initiation of a personal faith-history which is supported by that community. As a result, Baptism is seen in its ecclesial dimension in which the communal faith is understood as the support of all personal faith-life.

In the case of infant Baptism, this happens before the child's growing to adulthood. Consequently, God's self-communication occurs as a special grace and the confession of faith is made on behalf of the child by their parents and sponsors. In other words, the child is baptised in the faith of the community, meaning that the practising Catholics in the community have a duty to foster the child's faith pastorally. However, the entire process is directed toward a personal decision-making journey in which the individual takes a position for or against the Church and its Creed. This decision is an ongoing journey until the end of one's life.

In the case of adult Baptism through the Rite of Christians Initiation of Adults (RCIA) the baptismal candidate is invited to make an-going personal decision of faith. If the candidate decides to accept the Creed of the Church as a way of life, they enter the communion of the Body of Christ. So, Baptism of itself is a beginning of a person's journey of faith, for it is directed toward the development of fullness of life in Christ.

However, Baptism should be seen foremost in trinitarian terms. By a washing with water, and the invocation of the Trinity with the words: "I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19), those who receive Baptism become partakers in trinitarian life. In similar words, the Fathers of Vatican II teach:

'By baptism men and women are implanted in the Paschal Mystery of Christ; they die with him, are buried with him, and rise with him (Rom 6:4; Eph 2:6; Col 3:1; 2 Tim 2:11). They received the spirit of adoption as sons and daughters in which we cry, *Abba, Father...*[and through baptism] we are formed in the likeness of Christ: "For in one Spirit we are all baptised into one body" (1 Cor 12:13) (SC, no. 6; LG, no.7)

Even though Baptism leads us into the Church, it is the work of the triune God in whose name the Church is administered. Baptism is the gateway [initiation] to the sacraments. All other sacraments, including Reconciliation are mediated through the gift of initiation and its historically ongoing faith journey. Sacraments offer healing and freeing for service of God and his people. That is why the Fathers of Vatican II emphasised that, 'incorporated by their baptismal character to Christian worship, reborn as sons & daughters of God, they must profess before people the faith they have received from God through the Church.' (LG no. 11; cf AG no. 15)

About our Baptism

Ask my Parents or Godparents: Was I baptised as an infant? Why or why not? Where was I baptised and why there? Are there any photographs or mementos of the day that could be shared with me?

Look It Up

Why was I given my name? Is my name important in the traditions of my family? Who is my patron saint?

Visit the Parish of my Baptism

I may still be a member of the parish where I was baptised, or it might still be convenient to visit there.

Celebrate the Anniversary of my Baptism

As a Christian, the day of Baptism is more important than the day of physical birth. Find out the date of my Baptism which is recorded in the parish where I was baptised. The date of Baptism can be celebrated each year by making a more conscious effort on our anniversary to live as Christ in whose life I was immersed. The Baptism candle may be lit at this time, as well as on other significant sacramental occasions such as Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. - Fr Thang Vu

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 23 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 25 Feb	6.30pm	Reconciliation - Families Workshop	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 26 Feb	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	
Tuesday 26 Feb	9.15am	Mass & MOG School ST & SG	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 27 Feb	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immac. School 4/4B & 3/4C	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 27 Feb	8.00pm	PLT Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 1 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School 1/2ON	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 1 March	7.30pm	Lenten Stations of the Cross	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 2 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 2 March	6.30pm	Mass & St B School Family Mass 3 / 4	St Bernadette's Church

PLEASE NOTE: No First Friday Devotions on Friday 1st March. Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

St Bernadette's School Family Mass 3 / 4:

Children and families from Grades 3 / 4 will be in attendance at the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's on Saturday 2nd March. All are welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass. – Sue Moorhen

Project Compassion 2013:

Project Compassion is a vital part of our Lenten journey which raises our awareness of needs in many parts of our world. Take a box or a set of envelopes to give much needed financial support to others in need. Join in the prayer each week as we hear stories of real people who have needs as well as hope.

- Project Compassion boxes and Lenten share packs are available in each church to take home for your use.
- There is a Project Compassion box available in each church for contributions if you wish to use this option.

Parishioners of all ages welcome!:

That was very true last Wednesday when we gathered for the first Mass of Anointing and Blessing this year. For the Grades 5 and 6, it was one of the days when they joined in the weekday Mass and, as usual, they participated fully – serving, reading, responding to Fr. Thang's questions and singing. Their presence was joy to the hearts of the 'older' parishioners who were graced by a special blessing. Then, all met in the hall where there were plenty of willing young hands to help people to seats, to serve them tea and coffee and pass around those delicious biscuits, always with a friendly smile. I'm sure I speak for all of us older parishioners when I say: "Thank you to all who 'made it happen'. We are looking forward to the next time" - Merle

"A Keen Eye Rewarded": If you read this article in the local paper, you may have recognised that our parishioner Mark Ellis was featured! Congratulations to our parishioner Dr. Mark Ellis, who was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day honours.

Mark's decade or so of volunteer work treating people with eye conditions in remote areas of East Timor and Indonesia, has been recognised and rewarded with this award. He finds volunteer work very rewarding. If you see Mark around, pass on your congratulations! Well Done Mark!

Outreach – Note change of plan for March 20 excursion:

There was insufficient interest for the Morning Melodies option as the date for payment of a deposit was due (requiring higher charge per person). With the co-operation of Mee's Bus line, we have changed the itinerary.

New Plan: We will depart Waverly Ave at 9.15am and travel to Mornington. We will spend time in the Main St where a Wednesday Market operates. After a period of free time we will travel on to Mornington RSL for a smorgasbord lunch. After lunch we will move on to Frankston where we will visit the spectacular Sand Sculpture Exhibition 'Under the Sea' with a one-hour guided tour in a wheelchair friendly environment (NOTE: not on the sand). The cost remains \$50 per person which includes lunch and admission. Depending on the weather we hope to return to the city via the Beach Road and arrive in Ivanhoe before 5.00pm.

We require the \$50 per person by March 9. We would prefer to collect the funds after Mass.

Eileen 9499 7120, Helen 9499 7793 and Sue 9499 1485

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Mother of God School – 50 years

Can you help the children in the Junior School at Mother of God Primary School?

This year is the 50th year of Mother of God and we are trying to find out what the school was like during that time. We would love to hear stories, see photos and learn about the history of Mother of God. If you or someone you know could help us to answer our questions please contact the school.

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Prayer - Friday, 1st March at the Uniting Church, Seddon St. Ivanhoe at 10.30am:

Theme: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me". Please come for the service and fellowship to follow.

Christian Meditation "Be still and know that I am God": 4.15 pm, Mary Immaculate Hall, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. All are welcome. For further information, please ring Kathy Gillespie: 0438 530 324.

St Vincent de Paul - West Heidelberg Reading Club Coordinator:

St Vincent de Paul Society which operates a Reading Club in West Heidelberg for disadvantaged children is seeking a paid Reading Club Coordinator for **5 hours a week, on Tuesday afternoons during School Term, starting Term 2, 2013.** If you are interested please visit www.vinnies.org.au/vic for full details.

Lenten Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2013:

Dr Muriel Porter OAM presents: *'Twenty years of women priests in the Anglican Church – was it worth it?'* Muriel is a journalist and author, and a laywoman in the Anglican Church of Australia who will reflect on twenty years of women priests in the Anglican Church of Australia.

All lectures begin at 8pm. Fellowship and supper after each presentation at 9.10pm. Donation: Gold coin.

- Tuesday 5 March: E Ivanhoe Uniting Church, cnr Maltravers & Lower Heidelberg Rds, Ivanhoe E
- Tuesday 12 March: St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 19 March: Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

Sacramental Programme 2013

2013 Sacramental Brochures are available in each church for 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.** (Proof of address required)

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.

Our Lady of Mercy College: Applications for enrolment for Year 7, 2014 close on Friday 1st March 2013.

Places for 2014 will be offered early Term 2, 2013 after consultation with neighbouring colleges. School tours are held throughout the year on normal school days and Twilight Tours are also offered. All tours last approx 1.5 hours. Booking must be made by contacting College Reception 9459 2511. Office hours: 8am-5pm M – F.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 2 – 3 March 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

Costa family

Reader

Costa family

Mass Coordinators

Costa family

Counters

P. Black, P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

A. Tosolini

Special Ministers

A. Moloney, G. Crawford, F. Tosolini

Altar Society:

A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: P. Verrocchi

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,745.00

Loose cash: \$476.80

Total: \$2,221.80

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 770.45

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