



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. 9

2 – 3 March 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful.

V. 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

V. 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,

Who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

V. 4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will
become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Sheila Ryan, 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 Edna Gunewardena who died recently. We also remember Nick Buttifant whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptism: We welcome Henry Rowe 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.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 4 Mar: St Casimir

Wed 6 Mar: St Colette

Fri 8 Mar: St John of God

Tues 5 Mar: St Kieran

Thurs 7 Mar: Ss Perpetua & Felicity

Sat 9 Mar: St Frances of Rome

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent: Year C

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 33:2-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Confirmation: Experience of the Spirit's Action in Special Way

The Scriptures witness to the Spirit as the gift of the Father through the Son. On the one hand, the Spirit is already given to us who represent God's new humanity and in whom, by the power of the Spirit, eternal life has already begun (Gen 48:15; Acts 1:8; 2:32-33). On the other hand, the Church can effectively pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit for a particular purpose (Acts 2:22-36 [giving witness to the faith]; 8:29, 39 [missionary work]; 10:19; 11:12 [making important decisions for the life of the Church]). So it would contradict the Scriptures to think that the presence of the Spirit in human hearts is dependent on the administration of a sacrament. However, it would not be contradictory to regard a sacrament as the prayer for the Spirit's coming and acting in a special way. This is a better understanding of Confirmation.

Theologically, the sacrament of Confirmation should not be treated separately, but rather finds its proper place within a single Baptism-Confirmation complex. If Baptism is the sacrament of *spiritual birth*, then Confirmation is the sacrament of *spiritual strength*. This special gift of the Holy Spirit not only completes Baptism but also introduces the newly baptized into the public Eucharist. Historically considered as a simple post-baptismal anointing as part of the baptismal rite, Confirmation developed as a distinct sacrament due to the rise in the number of baptisms performed by priests, with the post-baptismal anointing being performed by a bishop. In these situations, Confirmation marked an entry into adult faith life. So it is possible to regard this sacrament as that symbolic action in which the Church prays for a special effectiveness of the Holy Spirit in and for a baptized person.

Vatican II emphasises the intimate connection between Baptism and Confirmation by having the candidates renew their baptismal promises before being confirmed (SC no. 71). In addition, the Council also stresses the effects of Confirmation based on a comparison with Baptism, stating that the faithful are "bound more intimately to the Church...; endowed by the Holy Spirit with special strength; and called to an apostolic mission [as true witnesses]." (LG nos 11; 33)

Confirmation today consists of a prayer for the coming of the Spirit, an imposition of hands and anointing with Chrism with the words: "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." Ordinarily, a bishop celebrates Confirmation, but priests may also confirm in the cases of adults and through Bishop's delegation. When adults are baptised and confirmed, the order of sacraments of initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. This is a great opportunity for Catholics, who were baptised as infants, to witness the closeness of sacraments of initiation. Overall, Confirmation is important for salvation as Aquinas pointed out that while Baptism is necessary for salvation in the sense that there is no salvation without it, Confirmation is necessary for the perfection of salvation. - **Fr Thang Vu**

The following is a highlight from Fr Thomas Richstatter OFM <http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay0497.asp>

Let us examine the principal symbols of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

1. Community: The primary symbol of Confirmation is the community itself. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are Sacraments of Initiation, initiation into a community. The community is the sign of Christ's presence for you.

2. Baptism: Every Confirmation begins with Baptism; whether the Baptism was celebrated only a few moments before Confirmation (as in many Eastern rites and in our RCIA), whether the Baptism was celebrated six years before, 14 years before Confirmation. Confirmation complements the symbols of Baptism and means all that Baptism means.

3. Anointing: For Jews, our ancestors in the faith, oil is the sign of God appointing someone to be a priest, prophet and king. As "Christ" means "anointed," we call ourselves "Christians" because we are the anointed ones, the "Oiled People," so to speak. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist initiate us into that "oiled" community, the community anointed to continue the vocation of the Messiah, the Christ.

4. Touch: In Confirmation, the presider places his hand on the head of each one to be confirmed and prays that the Holy Spirit descend upon them. You will hear this prayer: "All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence" (*Rite of Confirmation*, #25).

5. Words: When you are anointed, the presider first says your name and then says, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Think about the significance of each of these words. Your name: What does it mean to be called by name? In Confirmation we hear again the name we were given in Baptism. Confirmation begins with Baptism. (Some people take a new name at Confirmation in order to have an additional heavenly patron.)

6. The Minister: The minister of Confirmation (for those Catholics who were baptized as infants) is ordinarily the bishop. In our Archdiocese, priests can be delegated to confirm. When you are confirmed by the pastor of your parish, this symbol reminds us of the unity of the Sacraments of Initiation: We see the same minister leading us at Baptisms, Confirmation and celebrations of the Eucharist. When the bishop is the minister of Confirmation, this symbol reminds us that the bishop is the original minister of all the sacraments. The bishop presiding is also a symbol of the fact that we are initiated into a Church which is much larger than our parish.

7. Eucharist: The final and most important symbol of Confirmation is Eucharist. Eucharist is the fullness of Confirmation and the completion of Christian initiation. In Baptism our sins are washed away; in Confirmation we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Our praise of God culminates in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the repeatable part of Confirmation. In each Eucharist the Holy Spirit comes upon us anew to strengthen us for service. At the Eucharist we ask God to send the Spirit upon our gifts of bread and wine to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ in order that we who receive these gifts from the Father might become the Body of his Son.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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
Monday 4 March	7.30pm	Mother of God School Parents Rep. Council	Mother of God School
Monday 4 March	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 5 March	9.15am	Mass & MOG School Prep, JG & JW	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 5 Mar	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tues 5 March	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lecture	E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church
Wednesday 6 Mar	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immac. School Prep & 1/2	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 6 Mar	12 – 3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 6 Mar	6.00pm	Convent Public Meeting	See notice in newsletter
Friday 8 March	9.15am	Mass & St B School Grades 3/4G	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 8 March	7.30pm	Lenten Stations of the Cross	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 9 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church

St Bernadette's School Family Mass 3 / 4:

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

Our Maundy Thursday Meal:

We are so pleased to be able to spread the news that we will again gather to celebrate this very significant day in our lives as Christians. It will be on Thursday, 28th March, 5.30 for 6pm at the very welcoming Uniting Church Community Centre in Seddon St, Ivanhoe. Tickets: \$20 (still) are now available

Project Compassion 2013:

- 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.

Convent Public Meeting:

The Parish has been working for some time towards a new use for the Convent at 95 Bond St Ivanhoe, and we are finally ready to welcome ARAFEMI as our new tenants. We would like to invite interested neighbours and parishioners to a short presentation and discussion on ARAFEMI's proposed use of the Convent which is hosted by the Parish and ARAFEMI. The meeting will be on Wednesday 6th March at 6.00pm at the Convent, 95 Bond St. Tea will be provided.



Outreach Social Afternoon: Our Social Afternoon on Wednesday 6 March, 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

N.I.C.K. Foundation Players Annual Production:

The **N.I.C.K. Foundation** (Nurturing, Independence, Commitment and Knowledge) was set up four years ago, after one of our own parishioners, Nick Buttifant, as a non for profit organisation to assist young people to set achievable goals for a positive future and to assist their parents in the best ways to support their children through the often challenging formative years. Each year the foundation puts on a highly successful musical comedy stage show. All the performers are teens and young adults, with other young people involved in other areas of the production team. Due to the past successes, the show will be performed over two weekends at the Union Theatre at Melbourne University, on the 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd March.

This year's show, ***Robin the Hood***, a comical entertaining spin-off of the traditional Robin Hood legend. For tickets sales: www.tyrbooking.com/CIWS or contact Fiona Trehwitt 0407 399 589. More information: Go to Facebook or www.nickfoundation.org.au. Please support this cause and in turn help our youth.

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.

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

Mother of God School – 50 years:

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.

Outreach – Note change of plan for March 20 excursion:



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. (Image acknowledgement: Frankston City Council: www.frankston.vic.gov.au)

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

Sacramental Programme 2013

2013 Sacramental Brochures are available in each church for Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2013.

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.

Spirit of the Spine - Tuesday 5 March, 6:30pm: CatholicCare is pleased to invite you to the book launch of *Spirit of the Spine*. This book tells a fascinating story in pictures and words about the Victorian bushfires of 2009 and their aftermath, drawing on the experiences of people from the fire-affected regions. The book will be launched by Archbishop Denis Hart and Deputy Premier Peter Ryan. *BEYOND Black Saturday*, a report describing the recovery work made possible by the generosity of Catholics, will also be launched.

Where: BMW Edge @ Federation Square **Contact:** 9287 5529 or RSVP to janet.cribbes@ccam.org.au

The Catholic Man Breakfast Series - Thursday 21 March, 7- 9am:

The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. The guest speaker is Tim Kirk, a leading Australian Winemaker and CEO of Klonakilla Wines. He will speak on being "Fearless, Faithful and Fruitful". Where: CQ Function Centre, 123 Queen St, Melb. Dress Code: Long-sleeved button-up shirt and trousers (no jeans, shorts or sneakers).

Contact: Michael Bohan 0439 172 465, menALIVE General 0412 745 734, or www.menalive.org.au

Facing The Truth: For information about the Parliamentary Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other non-government organisations, *Facing the Truth*, the submission of the Catholic Church to the Inquiry, fact sheets and updates please refer to www.facingthetruth.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 9 – 10 March 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Reader

Mass Coordinators

Counters

Sunday 9.00am

Conroy family Conroy family M. Gilbo

J. & H. Pidutti
R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

M. Hoban

Lector

I. Chiera

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society:

MOG Mothers

Choir Coordinator: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,287.00

Loose cash: \$535.05

Total: \$1,821.05

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 772.40

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