



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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| Parish Priest: | Fr. Thang Vu | 63 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East | 9499 5440 |
| Priest in Residence: | Fr. Thanh Tran | Parish Secretary: Mrs. Ruth Villani | |
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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. 10

9 – 10 March 2013

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

V. 1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

V. 2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

V. 3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

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

We remember Giuseppe Bellio and Carmel Delaney who have died recently. We also remember Mary McEvey and Kathleen Butler whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 11 Mar: St Aengas

Wed 13 Mar: St Euphrasia

Fri 15 Mar: St Louise de Marillac

Tues 12 Mar: St Theophanes

Thurs 14 Mar: St Maud

Sat 16 Mar: St Finnian

Next Week's Readings: 5th Sunday of Lent: Year C

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 125

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Reconciliation: Experience of Restoring Communion

The Sacrament of Reconciliation arises, when Christ's faithful have fallen or seriously sinned after Baptism. Currently, the Sacrament of Penance - formerly widely referred to as *Confession*, is often also called *Reconciliation*. The term *Reconciliation* captures more fully the idea of the healing of a relationship whereas the previous common term, *Confession* focused on our recognition of sinful actions.

Scriptures witness that the community of faith stands under the sign of the forgiving love of God. In the Old Testament there was a process of exclusion from the faith community: first there were warnings and reprimands; in ordinary cases the exclusion was not regarded as final; there was evidence that the separation was consciously modelled on Jewish practice (Deut 19:5; 1 Cor 5:9ff). Gospels in the New Testament provide instances of the institution of the sacrament: Mt 16:19-34; and Jn 20:23 where Jesus gives his disciples the authority of "forgiving and retaining" or "binding and loosing." Overall, the human "forgiving" of sins is impossible without the Holy Spirit of God who is given by Jesus (Jn 20:22).

The history of the sacrament of Reconciliation is complicated. There are many gaps in our knowledge of the practice of the early church. For the first three centuries, there was a strong sense of the communal dimension of the sacrament of forgiveness of sin and of reconciliation which was evident in the canonical system of penance. Up until the sixth century, the Latin Church experienced the Celtic Penance or Tariff Penance where penitents privately confessed their sins to holy persons. The Council of Trent firstly reaffirmed the practice, ritual and discipline of confession as established by the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), and secondly codified into law many of the discussions of the scholastic theologians of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries.

The Second Vatican Council called for a reform of the Sacrament of Penance. The 1973 Rite of Penance and subsequent English version of the Rite of Penance (1976) consist of three rites: (I) the rite for individual penitents, (II) for several penitents with individual absolution and, the third, (III) for several penitents with General Confession and Absolution. In particular the Council Fathers taught:

Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon through God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example and by prayer labours for their conversion. (LG, no. 11. Cf. PO, no. 5.)

Ultimately, confession is not a recitation or naming of a list of sins without any intention of conversion and repentance, but rather originates from the inner transformation that conversion has brought about within us.

Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Reconciliation.

Catholics are obliged to celebrate the Reconciliation once a year especially in Lent or Eastertide.

When was the last time you celebrated or participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Acts of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.

Or

O my God, I am sorry for my sins because I have offended you. I know I should love you above all things. Help me to do penance, to do better, and to avoid anything that might lead me to sin. Amen.

Or

Lord Jesus, Son of God have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen

Wonderful Prayer of Absolution

God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you have reconciled the world to yourself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the church, may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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| Saturday 9 March | 10.00am | Reconciliation | Mother of God Church |
| Tuesday 12 March | 9.15am | Mass & MOG School MMJ & MB | Mother of God Church |
| Tues 12 March | 8.00pm | Richard McKinney Lecture | St George's Anglican Church |
| Wednesday 13 Mar | 9.15 – 1pm | Mother of God School Open Day | Mother of God School |
| Wednesday 13 Mar | 7.30pm | St B School Parents & Friends | St Bernadette's School |
| Friday 15 March | 9.15am | Mass & St B School Grades 1/2DM | St Bernadette's Church |
| Saturday 16 March | 10.00am | Reconciliation – Lenten – 2nd Rite | Mother of God Church |

Prayer for the Year of Faith:

God, our Father, as we live this Year of Faith, we give thanks that you have opened to us the 'door of faith', have ushered us into the life of communion with God and have offered entry into his Church. Guide us to discover or rediscover our own faith journey, aided by the power of your transforming grace when the word of God is proclaimed and when we gather to celebrate the 'mystery of faith'.

Lead us to be constantly open to the Holy Spirit, aware of the challenges and the signs of our times and, in this 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council let us revisit its treasures which 'have lost nothing of their brilliance'.

Above all, may we be signs of living faith, as people of hope and joy and integrity, aware of the companions on our journey, especially those most in need. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.
Amen. Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us. St. Mary McKillop, pray for us.

- Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe February 2013

Gospel Reading – The Prodigal Son:

Did you know that the Australian Poet, Henry Lawson, wrote a poem about the story in today's Gospel. It is called, "The Ballad of the Elder Son."? - Merle

Project Compassion 2013: Project Compassion boxes and Lenten share packs are available in each church. - There is a Project Compassion box available in each church for contributions if you wish to use this option.

Singing Practices for Holy Week:

Please come to the practices if you possibly can so the music will really contribute to the spirit of these special days: Monday 18th March and Monday 25th March - both at 7.30pm at Mother of God.

For more information, phone: Isma 9497 2322 or Merle 9497 1691

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 now available

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 12 March: St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 19 March: Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

Lost in Cunningham Centre:

Gold necklace with gold cross and gold disc with picture of Mary was lost on Friday evening 1 March 2013. Very precious Communion and Baptism gift. If found please hand in to St Bernadette's School Office or phone Emma 0406 683 370. Reward of sincere gratitude offered.

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.

Mother of God School Open Days:

Mother of God School Enrolments 2014 – There will be two Open Days at Mother of God School on Wednesday 13 March 9.15am – 1.00pm & Tuesday 19 March 9.15am – 1.00pm. School contact: 9497 1094

Thank you:

Sincere thanks to the florist 'The Flower Club', Ivanhoe East for their donations of flowers to Mother of God Church – Fiona Tosolini

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.

Outreach Excursion for Wednesday 20 March:



Suggested arrival 9.00am at Waverly Ave because bus is leaving **9.15am promptly** to travel to Mornington. Time will be spent in the Main St at a Wednesday Market and then after a period of free time we will travel on to Mornington RSL for smorgasbord lunch. We will then move to Frankston to 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). Cost: \$50 per person 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)

There are a few places available – bookings and payments ASAP

Please contact Eileen 9499 7120, Helen 9499 7793 and Sue 9499 1485

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.

Praise & Worship at Our Lady of the Pines Church 7-8 pm on Sunday March 17, 2013:

Be Inspired ... Be uplifted ... Give Praise! You're invited to join us for an informal evening of great Christian music, an inspirational speaker and a warm social atmosphere. All are welcome!

Any age and denomination. Bring the kids – they'll love it!! Tea, Coffee & Icy Poles from 6:45pm, and light supper afterwards. Entry is free. Our Lady of the Pines Parish, 77 Carbine St, Donvale

This is not our weekly Mass service, which you're most welcome to attend at 10am.

Daniel Mannix: His Legacy: Saturday 16 March Conference & Dinner & Sunday 17 March - Bus Tour

The Daniel Mannix conference and celebrations will commemorate 100 years since Daniel Mannix arrived in Australia in 1913, and 50 years since his death in 1963. Daniel Mannix served as Archbishop of Melbourne for 46 years. **Bookings essential contact:** Rachel Naughton rachel.naughton@cam.org.au or 9926 5677

Tickets: www.trybooking.com/3857

- **Conference:** **When:** Saturday 16 March **Time:** 9am for 9:30am start - 4:30pm
Where: State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne **Cost:** \$100 Student & Conc: \$70
Keynote speaker: Professor Dermot Keogh MRIA, Professor Emeritus of History, Ireland
- **Dinner details:** **When:** Saturday 16 March **Time:** 6:30pm for 7pm - 9pm
Cost: 3 course dinner \$60 **Where:** Mannix College, Wellington Road, Clayton
- **Bus Tour on Sunday 17 March** from 8am - 5pm Starting with Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral **Cost:** \$30
Tour Itinerary: **Raheen; Abbotsford Good Shepherd Sisters' Convent Chapel**
Lunch – Purchase lunch at one of the four cafes at the Convent and later:
Newman College, University of Melbourne, Parkville & St Mary's West Melb.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 16 – 17 March 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

E. Crawley, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

A. Adams

Reader

P. Vaughan

Mass Coordinators

E. Ballao

Counters

S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verocchi

Lector

A. Patterson

Special Ministers

T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame

Altar Society:

I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

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| First Collection – Thanksgiving: | Envelopes: \$1,405.00 | Loose cash: \$542.95 | Total: | \$1,947.95 |
| Second Collection – Presbytery: | | | | \$ 816.85 |