



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. 11

16 – 17 March 2013

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

- V. 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**
- V. 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**
- V. 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**
- V. 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Mike McGuire, 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 Josipa Mitrovic and Carmel Delaney who died recently. We also remember Len Ryan, Cesare La Penta, Carmel Cullen, Carmela Nibali, Antonio Borromeo, Giuseppe & Gelsimina Gentile, Franca & Enrico Torresi and Monica McGuire whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Greta Mann and Nicholas Mann who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their 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: 5th Sunday of Lent: Year C

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 125 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

Saint and Feast Days:

*Mon 18 Mar: St Cyril of Jerusalem Tues 19 Mar: St Joseph
Wed 20 Mar: St Cuthbert Thurs 21 Mar: St Enda
Fri 22 Mar: St Basil of Ancyra Sat 23 Mar: St Turibius*

Next Week's Readings: Palm Sunday: Year C

Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56

Anointing of the Sick: Experiencing the Healing of Life

In close connection with the sacrament of Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick is another remedy for our fallen condition. These are also known as sacraments of healing. The scriptural texts on which the practice of anointing the sick have rested since the early days of the Church, Mk 6:7-13 and Jas 5:14-15, are connected with Jesus' and the early Church communities' attitude toward the sick. Mark's Gospel (6:7-13) indicates that the Twelve "anointed many sick people with oil and cured them." As the sacraments derive their power from the Paschal Mystery, Christ instructed that his disciples "lay their hands on the sick who will recover" (Mk 16:18). James' Letter (5:14-15) suggests that the elements of a sacrament are present, namely an outward sign of inward grace consisting of anointing with oil (the matter) and the prayer of the elder over the sick person (the form). Even though the institution by Christ of the Anointing is not explicit, it is nonetheless implicit in his ministry.

The Council of Trent considers the anointing in a single breath with penance as its special *completion*. This *complementary sacrament* corresponds above all to the situation of life coming to an end, in which the faithful are particularly threatened by the power of evil. Therefore it is called *Extreme Unction* or the last anointing / rites. Concerning the effect of the Anointing, the Council places the accent on James' Letter where it emphasises the forgiveness of sins. So the Anointing has to do with the grace of the Holy Spirit, whose anointing takes away the sins if there be any still to be expiated...it comforts and strengthens the soul of the sick person. Also the Council adds that the sick often achieve physical recovery when it advances the salvation of the soul. Overall, in the course of time, the focus of Anointing shifted from healing to forgiveness of sins and the time for receiving the sacrament was delayed to the deathbed when forgiveness of sins would also be the final preparation for eternal life.

Recent developments in human scientific knowledge has led to a better understanding of the relationship between physical, mental and spiritual healing, and liturgical developments, a renewal of patristic and scripture studies, a holistic approach to health and healing and the charismatic movement urged Vatican II to remedy the previous situation. The Council reminded the faithful that the liturgy is made up of immutable elements, divinely instituted, and of elements subject to change. These not only may but ought to be changed with the passage of time if they have suffered from the intrusion of anything out of harmony with the inner nature of the liturgy.

This was the case with *Extreme Unction*. As a result, the Council placed the Anointing once again in the context of mutual and communal prayer and concern as described in Jas 5:13-16 and which reflected more appropriately the ancient tradition. Anointing is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death but is intended for all those whose health is seriously affected by illness or old age. The technical word *periculose* means beginning to be in danger. The Anointing of the Sick can be administered to any member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger of death by reason of illness or old age; this sacrament can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes seriously or, in the same illness, is in the same danger. There are various kinds of illnesses: physical illness; stress; mid-life crisis; anxiety before a serious operation; mental illness; addictions; etc. Note that *old age* is not an illness but a natural part of life journey. To imply one is *seriously ill* simply *because you're old* can be insensitive.

Consequently, what we formerly called Extreme Unction is now more properly called the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. In perspective, viaticum (food for the journey) is restored as the true sacrament for the dying, and the Anointing of the Sick is restored as a sacrament for those seriously ill even if not at the point of death. The use of this sacrament is of concern to the whole Church:

"By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests, the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, asking that He may raise them up and save them (Jas 5:14-15). And indeed, it exhorts them to contribute to the welfare of the whole people of God by associating themselves freely with the passion and death of Christ." (LG, no. 11)

The new Rite commits the entire faith-community to the sick person, and its presence testifies to the sick that the Lord is present. So to celebrate the Anointing with the sick, especially those with terminal illnesses is to proclaim the place they hold in God's heart; it is to affirm their value and dignity, which invites us to treat them accordingly. As a part of the pastoral team at Austin Hospital, I have encountered many people who suffered from terminal illnesses. It is quite a rewarding experience in terms of ministry to the sick and their relatives. Overall, the effect of the revised naming of the sacrament of Anointing emphasises that the Lord Jesus saves and raises up the sick person, and its aim is a remedy for the whole person, body and soul. Above all, this sacrament brings the grace of salvation, of comfort and consolation to those who are sick and to relatives and friends.

Prayer of Anointing (forehead and the hands)

Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.

Prayer after Anointing

Father in heaven, through this holy anointing grant our brothers and sisters comfort in their suffering. When they are afraid, give them courage, when afflicted, give them patience, when dejected, afford them hope, and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 16 March	10.00am	Reconciliation – Lenten – 2nd Rite	Mother of God Church
Saturday 16 March	6.30am	Mass & St B School Family Mass 5/6	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 18 March	7.30pm	Singing Practice for Holy Week	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 19 March	9.15 – 1pm	Mother of God School Open Day	Mother of God School
Tuesday 19 March	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lecture	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 19 March	6.30pm	St Bernadette's School First Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Wednesday 20 Mar	9.15am	Mass & MI School SG & ST	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 20 Mar	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 21 March	7.00pm	Mary Immac. School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Thursday 21 March	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee	
Friday 22 March	9.15am	Mass & St B School Grades 1/2H	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 25 March	7.30pm	Singing Practice (after Reconciliation)	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 26 March	11.45am	Mother of God School First Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 27 Mar	11.30am	Mary Immaculate School First Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

Stations of the Cross 8.00pm at St Bernadette's Friday 22 March: Parishioners are invited to attend Stations of the Cross with Fr Thang at 8.00pm at Friday 22 March – Please note change of time.

St Bernadette's School Family Mass 5 / 6:

Children and families from Grades 5 & 6 will be attending the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's on Saturday 16th March. All are welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass. – Sue Moorhen

First Reconciliations: The children in our three Parish schools are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in coming weeks. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Prayer for the Year of Faith: - Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe February 2013

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.

Lenten Reconciliation Services:

Second Rite – Communal Rite followed by Individual Confessions:

- ❖ Saturday 16th March 10.00am Mary Immaculate
- ❖ Saturday 23rd March 10.00am St Bernadette's
- ❖ Monday 25th March 7.30pm Mother of God

First Rite - Individual Confession:

- ❖ Good Friday 29th March After 3.00pm ceremony Mary Immaculate
- ❖ Saturday 30th March 10.00am St Bernadette's

Please Note: Reconciliation available after the 3.00pm Good Friday liturgy on Mary Immaculate Church

Prayers of Contrition

- ❖ Oh my God, I am sorry that I have sinned against you, because you are so good, and with your help, I will try not to sin again. Amen.
- ❖ Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner. Amen

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Singing Practices for Holy Week:

Please come to the practice if you possibly can so that the music will really contribute to the spirit of these special days: **Monday 25th March - at 7.30pm at Mother of God (after Reconciliation Service)**

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 - Merle 9497 1691

Lenten Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2013:

Dr Muriel Porter OAM presents: *'Twenty years of women priests in the Anglican Church – was it worth it?'* Lecture begins at 8.00pm. Fellowship and supper after each presentation at 9.10pm. Donation: Gold coin.

- Tuesday 19 March: Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

Mother of God School Open Day: Mother of God School Enrolments 2014

Open Day: Mother of God School on Tuesday 19 March 9.15am – 1.00pm. School contact: 9497 1094

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee: Friday, 22nd March, 10 am at 10 Donaldson St. Speaker, Michael Mooney, will speak about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, a condition which many people live with.

Project Compassion 2013:

Project Compassion boxes or packs need to be returned Easter weekend or no later than the end of April. If a **receipt is required, please fill in relevant details on the box lids or back of envelopes**. Receipts are issued as soon as possible when returns are processed and completed before sending to Caritas. – Ruth

Parish Working Bee Saturday 6 April - 8 Am to 12 Noon: Working bees are wonderful communal events; the cuppa and chat afterwards alone make it worthwhile! Hoping you, parishioners and school families can spare an hour or two to help the Parish in this practical way. This time, it is mostly a garden clean up around the Parish Office, Mary Immaculate Hall and Church, and any other small jobs that are easy for us to do! BYO gloves and useful gardening/pruning/cleaning equipment... Morning tea will be provided

Outreach Excursion for Wednesday 20 March:

Suggested arrival 9.00am at Waverly Ave because bus is leaving **9.15am promptly** to travel to Mornington. Depending on the weather we hope to return to the city via the Beach Road and arrive in Ivanhoe before 5.00pm. Cost: \$50 per person includes lunch and admission. **There are a few places available – bookings and payments ASAP** Please contact 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 **Closing date: Friday 22 March 2013**

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 23 – 24 March 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

J. Pidutti

Reader

C. Nguyen

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

M. Hoban

Special Ministers

M A Darcy, J. Ellis

Altar Society: P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,206.35 Loose cash: \$337.45 **Total: \$1,543.80**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 599.55**

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