



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

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23 – 24 March 2013

PALM SUNDAY: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

V. 1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

‘He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.’ **R.**

V. 2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

V. 3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

V. 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. ‘You who fear the

Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel’s sons.’ **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Nora Brown, Danka Saric, 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 Norberto Bolzon and Paul Murphy who died recently. We also remember Gildo and Armida Pascolo, Giovanni Rombai, Maria Martino, Biagio Ciliberti, Vinicio Ciliberti and Biagio Martino whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 25 Mar: St Dismas

Wed 27 Mar: St John of Egypt

Fri 29 Mar: Good Friday

Tues 26 Mar: St Cletus

Thurs 28 Mar: Holy Thursday

Sat 30 Mar: Holy Saturday

Next Week's Readings: Easter Sunday: Year C

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

The Paschal Mystery:

Paschal Mystery refers to the events of Jesus' passion, death, resurrection and ascension. It is the core of Jesus' life, which liturgically has been the essential proclamation of the Church throughout the ages: We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again. From the outset, we Christians know ourselves to be baptised into the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus; and our celebration of the Eucharist means proclaiming the death of our Lord until he comes again. In the next two weeks, we will examine the Paschal Mystery of our Lord.

The following was based on Fr Gerry Hall SM article <http://dlibrary.acu.edu.au/staffhome/gehall/XTOLOGY4.htm>

Jesus' Crucifixion and Death: The Lead-up to and the Charges behind Jesus' Death

The crucifixion and death of Jesus should always be seen in the context of his life and ministry. Although Jesus was not concerned with establishing a political kingdom, his teachings on God's reign were deeply challenging to traditional Jewish institutions and practices. Jesus took a dangerous path: he attacked power and wealth; he overturned social attitudes that oppressed unclean or unworthy people; he called people to freedom and empowerment in the face of injustice; he named the religious leaders a breed of vipers for their manner of sponging off the poor and the needy. In other words, Jesus made enemies among the Jewish leaders and their Roman overlords. These wealthy and powerful people came to be threatened to the point that they needed to do away with him.

So what offence lies behind Jesus' death? At the hearing before the Sanhedrin, Jesus' opponents, who gave witness against him, alleged that he had said, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands" (Mk 14:58). The high priest accused him of blasphemy for claiming to be "the Messiah, the son of the blessed One" (Mk 14:61). Others mocked him, saying *prophesy* (Lk 22:64), implying that he claimed to be a prophet. At the trial before the Roman procurator, Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" (Lk 23:3). So a number of charges emerge – a threat to destroy the Temple, blasphemy, the accusation of being a false prophet, and messianic pretensions – which obviously would have been perceived as a threat to the Roman occupiers. Although there are many unknowns with regard to the events surrounding Jesus' death, we can surmise that there was a deal struck between the Jewish leaders and the Roman authorities. Both had a stake in eliminating Jesus' brand of religion: the Jewish leaders had power and status to protect; the Romans were more concerned with law and order.

Interestingly, most scholars now agree that Jesus performed a dramatic action in the Temple, and that this was one the main factors leading to his execution. The story of his provocative Temple action is told in all four gospels. The Temple was the symbol of the entire Jewish faith and its religious authority structure. So when Jesus announced the end of the present age, he rejected the turn to violence against the Romans as a way of restoring Israel, saying that those who took the sword would perish by the sword. His proclamation of the coming of the Reign of God presumed a reconstruction of Israel, without a future role for the Temple. This is why most scholars agree that Jesus' action in the Temple is a trigger for his crucifixion.

Jesus' Approach to His Death

It is highly probable that Jesus must have seen the possibility of death well prior to the end of his ministry. He was aware of the beheading of John the Baptist and he knew of the tragic fate of many prophets before him. Also, many of the charges levelled against Jesus - casting out demons in the name of Beelzebub, being a false prophet, breaking the Sabbath, the accusation of blasphemy - were traditionally punishable through death by stoning. Consequently, by going to Jerusalem, Jesus went willingly and knowingly to his death in obedience to his Father's will, and he was not deliberately provoking the leaders to execute him, nor was he wishing to die.

In assessing Jesus' response to his death, we should note two things. First, the words of the psalm attributed to Jesus on the cross – "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mk 15:34) seem to imply that Jesus went to his death with feelings of despair and total abandonment by God. However, they need to be read in terms of the complete psalm which is, ultimately, a prayer of complete trust in God despite the evil that surrounds us. Even more profound, the cross-event involved an absolute surrender both of the Father and the Son: "God did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all" (Rom 8:32) and "the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20).

Second, it is most important that we should not depict Jesus going to his death as passive person who was blindly following some set divine plan. It is incorrect to think that the human, historical Jesus had some kind of immediate access to God's will for him. Jesus made his life-decisions in the way that we all do: in the face of uncertainty and risk. He prays that he will come to know the Father's will and make the right decisions in view of his prayer and discernment. Aware of the risks, Jesus had made the crucial decision to take his mission to the heart of Judaism. Now he knows he must live with the consequences of that decision, including death itself.

The events surrounding the Last Supper and the agony in the garden are recorded in such a way to show that Jesus went to his death freely and deliberately - not because he actively chose death itself, but because he continued to commit himself to the mission of the Kingdom in the face of opposition and evil. The act of the cup and bread at the Last Supper symbolises the totality of Jesus' life, a life lived in loving service of others. Now Jesus is challenged to integrate the failure of his mission and his impending death into his life of service in. In other words, Jesus' death was marked by the same attitude that constituted his entire life. Perhaps Jesus simply believed that the promises of God would be fulfilled despite his death and the apparent failure of his mission. Or it may be that Jesus saw in a veiled way that his death would be a ransom for many, that is, an event that God would use to bring about the Kingdom – a community of

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 23 March	10.00am	Reconciliation – Lenten – 2nd Rite	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 25 March	2.30pm	Mother of God School First Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Monday 25 March	7.30pm	Reconciliation – Lenten – 2nd Rite	Mother of God Church
Monday 25 March	7.30pm	Singing Practice (after Reconciliation)	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 26 March	9.15am	Mass & MOG School Prep, Grs JW & JG	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 26 March	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 27 Mar	11.30am	Mary Immaculate School First Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Holy Week & Easter ceremonies – please refer to below			

Mother of God Tuesday 26 March: Please note that a Communion Service will take place on Tuesday 9.15am at Mother of God Church. Thanks to all who facilitate and lead Communion Services for our parish.

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.

Lenten Reconciliation Services:

Second Rite – Communal Rite followed by Individual Confessions:

- ❖ 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

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

Project Compassion 2013: Project Compassion contributions need to be returned Easter weekend or no later than the end of April. If **receipt is required, please fill in details on box lids or back of envelopes**.

Receipts are issued when returns are processed and completed before sending to Caritas. – Ruth

Green Thanksgiving Envelopes for St Gabriel's Church, Upper Holloway:

These envelopes above have been contributed to collections at St Bernadette's Mass over recent weeks. The Office would be very grateful if that family could please contact the Parish Office 9499 1515 in case parish Thanksgiving Envelopes are required and so that contributions may be recorded. Many thanks - 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 Tour to Mornington:

Thank you to all who participated in our excursion to Mornington and the Sand Sculptures at Frankston. As usual Mees Bus Line looked after us well in organising an excellent itinerary and we were blessed with good weather. Our next excursion will be 'Christmas in July' – more information later. Upcoming events:

- ◆ Mass of Anointing and Blessing 23 April 10.30am Mother of God Church
- ◆ Film & High Afternoon Tea 1 May 1.00pm... Mary Immaculate Hall
- ◆ Outreach Social Afternoon 15 May 12 – 3.00pm Mother of God Church foyer

Please note: No Social Afternoon in April. – Eileen, Sue and Helen



Holy Thursday:

8.00pm

7.30pm

9pm - 6am

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet

Mother of God

St Bernadette's Korean Community

St Bernadette's Korean Community & Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday



Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Mary Immaculate

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

11.30am

Walk of Witness begins E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church & concludes at Mother of God Church.

The Passion of the Lord - Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross

3.00pm

Mary Immaculate (Reconciliation is available after ceremonies)

7.30pm

St Bernadette's Korean Community

Holy Saturday



Easter Vigil Mass – Service of Light & Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist

8.00pm

St Bernadette's with Korean Community

Easter Sunday Masses

9.00am

St Bernadette's

9.00am

Mary Immaculate

10.30am

Mother of God

11.00am

St Bernadette's Korean Catholic Community

Annual Collection for the Holy Lands on Good Friday:

On Good Friday there will be the Annual Collection for the Holy Lands at Mary Immaculate Church. This collection promotes missionary work of the Church in the Holy Lands by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, medical centres and orphanages throughout the Holy Land rely very much on assistance from this annual collection. Responsibilities of the Custody of the Holy Land include: maintenance of biblical shrines associated with the life of Jesus (74), parishes (24), other centres (19), schools (22 – 7000+ students), orphanages and refuges (6), and guest houses (4); and charitable programs, scholarships and medical centres. Your support and generosity is much appreciated. ***Please pray that peace and harmony will become a reality*** – Holy Land Commissariat

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 30 – 31 March 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Special Ministers

Easter details to be advised

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

Reader

Mass Coordinators

Counters

By arrangement

By arrangement

L. McInerney, M. Rocco

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

Lector

Special Ministers

By arrangement

By arrangement

Altar Society: By arrangement **Choir Coordinator:** By arrangement

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$2,457.00

Loose cash: \$521.65

Total: \$2,978.65

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 550.75

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