



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. 14

6 – 7 April 2013

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

- V. 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**
- V. 2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**
- V. 3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: With Easter faith we pray: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Bishop Joe O'Connell, 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 all those who have died recently. We also remember Feliciano Torcasio, John Dolzan and Adelina Stocco whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

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

Acts 5:12-16

Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 8 April: Annunciation of the Lord

Wed 10 April: St Terence

Fri 12 April: St Zeno

Tues 9 April: St Mary of Egypt

Thurs 11 April: St Stanislaus

Sat 13 April: St Hermenegild

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

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Psalm 29:4-6, 11-13

Apocalypse 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Reflection: Matrimony

Commitment is a big issue in our society. Yet it is essential for human growth. The sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders are the two sacraments of commitment within our faith. For the next two weeks we will revisit these sacraments in the lights of Scriptures, tradition and especially Vatican II.

Marriage: Experience of Union

Marriage is a vitally important institution of a fundamental human relationship in human society and in the Church. Today extra efforts are made to tackle new and serious threats to the stability of marriage as an institution. In our country, numerous factors have become ever widespread and influenced people's attitudes and commitment namely: the decline of religious influence in the life of the people; the influence of media on attitudes towards sexuality and commitment; increasing numbers of marriage break-downs, divorces, *defacto* relationships, abortions, and same-sex relationships.

Hebrew Scriptures provide a rich source of revealed knowledge about Marriage: Gen 2:18-25 [a relationship needed to overcome aloneness]; Gen 1:26-28 [union of a man and woman should be fruitful, implying an equality of partnership]; the goodness of sexuality is extolled in the Song of Songs; and marriage is described as a symbol of the covenant between God and his people in Hosea. The New Testament continues to protect the institution of Marriage: the absoluteness of marriage (Mk 10:2-12 [divorce]; Lk 16:18 [adultery]; Mt 5:31-32 [adultery]; 1 Cor 7:10 [no separation]; Eph 5:22-31 [love and respect as Jesus loved the church]. However, the Scriptures also provide exception clauses: Mt 19:3-12; 5:31 about *porneia*, and 1 Cor 5:22-31 (known as the Pauline privilege) which show some ecclesial ability to adjust Jesus' teaching regarding the sacred nature of marriage.

Historically, until 1000 AD the Church's tradition reflects ambivalence between the goodness of Marriage and the view that marriage is exclusively for having children (based mostly on the teaching of St Augustine). From 1000 AD till the early 1960s the theology of Marriage was dominated by Canon Law and discussion on the ends of marriage. The Council of Trent affirmed that Marriage was a sacrament, over which the Church had authority and it rejected the practice of divorce.

With the insight of human sciences, especially of psychology and sexology which seek to better understand the essence of marital love in a Christian vision, Vatican II presents Marriage as an "intimate [mutual] partnership of life and love," rooted in the "contract of its partners, that is, in their irrevocable personal consent." The Church avoids using the word "contract", and replaces it with the more biblical expression "covenant", reflecting the covenant between God and the people of Israel. In particular the Vatican II teaches that:

Marriage [is] not instituted solely for the procreation of children: its nature as an indissoluble covenant between two people and the good of the children demand that the mutual love of the partners be properly expressed, that it should grow and mature. Even in cases where despite the intense desire of the spouses there are no children, marriage still retains its character of being a whole manner and communion of life and preserves its values and indissolubility. GS no 50

So the Church's teaching on Marriage has not changed, but the vision of marriage has become less juridical and more personal. This is to avoid the common distinction between procreation and conjugal support as primary and secondary ends of marriage respectively.

In the Rite of Marriage, as the man and the woman celebrate the sacrament with the free exchange of consent, they are the ministers of Marriage. Deacons and priests act as official witnesses to the Marriage. Overall, in the midst of a culture where sexual self-giving has been debased to the level of functionality and usefulness to the individual, the Church speaks of the beauty of marriage.

In a Christian vision of Marriage, the sacrament makes available special graces to enable the spouses to faithfully live out their vocation through all its joys and hopes and, of course, inevitable trials and challenges.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Tuesday 9 April	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Saturday 13 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 16 April	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 17 April	7.00pm	Confirmation Class 1	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 18 April	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee	
Saturday 20 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Weekend 20 – 21 April		Confirmation Rite of Enrolment as part of the Mass at all three churches	

Thank you:

Thank you to all who prepared for and participated in the respective liturgies during Holy Week and Easter – the many people who provided service and commitment to our parish both in a public manner and behind the scenes. We thank Fr Thanh who celebrated and concelebrated the various ceremonies in our parish, as well as Fr Youn who concelebrated at the Easter Vigil. We also thank the Korean community for their invitation to share supper with them after the Easter Vigil Mass, and prepared and provided supper for those who attended. Personally, I would like to thank parishioners for their best wishes, cards, gifts and contributions. – **Fr Thang**

Annual Collection for the Holy Lands on Good Friday:

Sincere thanks to all concerned for contributions to the Collection for the Holy Lands which totalled \$1110.70

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

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



Mass of Anointing and Blessing - Tuesday 23rd April at Mother of God Church:

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Tuesday 23rd April at 10.30am at Mother of God Church. Families from Mother of God School have kindly offered to provide Morning Tea after Mass. If you require assistance with transport please contact Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793.

Please note: There will be no 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 23rd April at Mother of God

Outreach News:

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

Divine Mercy Sunday: Copies of Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena are available in each church.

Christian Meditation:

Christian Meditation meetings continue on Tuesday 4.15 pm at Mary Immaculate Hall, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. All are welcome. Further information, please ring Kathy Gillespie: 0438 530 324

Banyule Interfaith Network – Sunday 14 April:

You are invited to join speakers from Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Baha'i faiths for a discussion on 'Faith and Marriage' on Sunday 14 April from 2 – 5pm at Ivanhoe Uniting Church Hall, Seddon St, Ivanhoe. Afternoon Tea provided.

Free Community Event - Wednesday 24th April 1.30 – 2.30pm:

Fr Ted Teal & Sister Loreto invite you to join them for a free one hour seminar on Wednesday 24th April at St John's Parish, 52 Yarra St, Heidelberg: 'What do I say to people who are hurting?' which may include loss of a loved one, break up of relationship or marriage, loss of health and mobility, moving house, family distance and family issues, loss of employment and / or dream, natural disasters... Presenter of seminar: Vincent Peile, Community Relations Adviser, InvoCare Australia. Please register at 1.15pm. Seminar is from 1.30 – 2.30pm.

ANZAC Commemoration Services:



- **Commemoration Ceremony and Wreath-laying Service.** Sunday 21st April at 2.30pm. The march will begin from the Ivanhoe Library Car Park and conclude at the Soldiers' Memorial at Studley Rd, Ivanhoe for the Commemoration Ceremony and Wreath-Laying. After the ceremony, you are invited for refreshments and Afternoon Tea in the Ivanhoe RSL Club Rooms. Transport available for Disabled & Elderly Veterans: RSL: 9499 2051
- **ANZAC Commemoration Mass:** 8.00am on Thursday 25th April at St Bernadette's Church

Thanksgiving Envelopes – other than envelopes used for Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe:

Envelopes from other parishes given as part of our parish collections cannot be recorded as part of our thanksgiving program and are normally mailed to the parish of origin in order to support that particular parish. If Thanksgiving envelopes from overseas parishes are given as part of our collections, this is not possible. If you wish to become a contributor to our Parish Thanksgiving Program, please contact the Parish Office using the following details: **Phone:** 9499 1515; **mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079, **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com. - Ruth

From the PLT Meeting - 20.03.13:

- Our three schools all reported very good and active starts to the year with satisfactory enrolments for 2013 and promises of the same for 2014. Mother of God is celebrating their Golden Jubilee with a range of events and they would welcome any memorabilia you may have stored away. Mother of God School 9497 1094
- The editing and printing of the Easter Bulletin had been completed and arrangements were discussed for its distribution.
- The future of the Convent was the subject of an open meeting on 6th March. Several local residents and parishioners took the opportunity to hear what ARAFEMI had in mind and how the necessary modifications are being carried out.
- Children in the schools and in the Catechist group will begin their intensive preparation for Confirmation when Term 2 begins. They will receive that sacrament on 26th May at St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- The Liturgy Group has been specially taken up with plans for the living of Lent and the days of the Easter Triduum. As always, it is very much an 'all of parish' activity, with very special attention to involving the children and the families in our schools.
- We noted several opportunities to take part in inter-church & interfaith activities. For example, McKinney lectures in Lent, shared meal on Holy Thursday and forums offered by the Banyule Interfaith Network.

Request from Mary Immaculate Parish Primary School - Mothers' Day preparation:

Dear Parishioners, We are planning to get the MIPPS children involved in making something special for their mothers for Mothers' Day and would like to extend an invitation to each of you to join us in this craftwork activity and/or donate any items that could be used, such as the following:

Rose petals	Bay leaves	Beads
Lavender flowers and stalks	Scented Geranium leaves	Embroidery thread
Lemon scented Gum leaves	Buttons	Fabric remnants

Please reach out to Ruth (9499 1515), Alida McKern (0417 375 707) or Alina Rizzo (0409 343 412) to express your interest in helping out. Items can be dropped off, in a sealed bag (with your name and contact details please) during school hours at the school office, or by contacting one of us during the school holidays.

Yarra Deanery – Position vacant: Yarra Deanery wants to employ a Resource Coordinator, to replace Charles Balnaves. This is a part-time position (8 hours per week) which involves working with the 8 Parish Priests of the Deanery, Pastoral Associates, Parish Leaders and parishioners, as well as Deanery Coordinator. Knowledge of the pastoral challenges of the eight parishes is important, as well as ideas and proposals that might become practical programs for the Deanery. **Closing date: Friday 19th April**

Further information: Contact Deanery Coordinator Fr. Bill Gill 9842 1480 or Charles Balnaves 0417 319 556

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students - Mercy Connect Project:

Mercy Works Ltd is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in their educational transitions in Secondary and Primary Schools across Melbourne. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is required. Retired teachers are encouraged to apply. A training program will be conducted in June 2013. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis for an application form and further information. Mercy Connect Project 9326 1895; email somml@bigpond.com

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 13 – 14 April 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm	Lector Sister Frances	Special Ministers J. Gray, Sister Carmel
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MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am	Leader J. McCormack	Reader M R Auguste	Mass Coordinators M. Gilbo	Counters P. Black, P. Fanning
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MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan M. Hoban	Lector M. Hoban	Special Ministers By arrangement
	Altar Society:	P. Caddy	Choir Coordinator: School holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,699.00	Loose cash: \$1,894.65	Total: \$3,593.65
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$1,429.90

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