



# 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*

<b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr. Thang Vu	63 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East	9499 5440
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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. 16

20 – 21 April 2013

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR C

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

V. 1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

V. 2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him,  
We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

V. 3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** God of all: Listen our prayer

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Glenn Evans, Alexandra Stockdale, Peter Dunbar, 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. We also remember Tom Mullens, Karin West, Richard Erbacher and Mr A. Anthony and Mary Anthony whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



**Baptisms:** We welcome Alisha Rowlands who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the lifelong journey of faith.

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES RITE OF ENROLMENT



#### Parishioners Statement of Support:

We believe in the life of God's Spirit so much that we want to welcome you further into this community. We believe in the Mission of Jesus Christ and are ready to support you as you prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

**Confirmation Candidates:** *I commit myself to join as fully as possible in the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Spirit of God be with me and all those who help me prepare, especially my parents and family*

*and those responsible for this programme.*

## Reflection: Thanh Tran's Vocational Story

My priestly journey has been blessed and meaningful, with a deep sense of satisfaction with the choice I have made. It has led to me to Australia to study in the seminary, to my return to Vietnam for ordination and role as Rector of Xa Doai Preparatory Seminary, and here I am as a diocesan priest in Melbourne. There have been moments of awe, joy, peace and love beyond worldly comparison, as well as various challenges.

I have a strong conviction that my call to the priesthood is a mystery, and that it is an experience of God's love. I realise that God has called me into a loving relationship with him, which required an active response on my part.

During my school years I preferred being with friends and being involved in sport and physical games. I paid little attention to study and did not realise the opportunities and advantages of a school education, which was not always available in my village. Most families in my village expected their children to work on the farm. Many young people in the village did not expect to get a decent education.

Unexpectedly my father summoned me and said that he wanted me to continue my secondary school in Hue with a view to my brighter future. I did not welcome the news at all, for on the one hand, I did not want to get out of my comfort zone, and on the other, I disliked study. After encouragement from my parents, I respected their decision and left home on August 22, 1992 at the age of 16 for Hue, a city about 400 kilometres south away to continue my secondary education.

In Hue I was fortunate to live in a boarding house run by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Congregation. I was gradually changed as I witnessed the good examples of the lives of the Brothers. I began to commit more time to study even though I found it difficult. I also began to consider thoughts of becoming a priest to bring people closer to God, and these thoughts continued during my secondary and tertiary education. Even when I graduated from Hue University of Sciences in 1999, I struggled with this strong sense of calling, and decided to give myself more time to discern this call. For three years I worked as accountant, supervisor and purchasing officer at Nghe An Tate & Lyle Sugar Company. I found that I was unable to make a life commitment with my girlfriend because the call to priesthood had become so strong. In 2001 I entered Xa Doai Preparatory Seminary as a crystallization of 9 years of searching and discernment with strong support from my family. In April 2003 I was sent to Corpus Christi College, Melbourne for priestly formation, and was ordained to priesthood on 19 June 2010 with 19 other deacons of my year group for the diocese of Vinh in Vietnam.

I am now a strong believer that God has a particular plan for each person. The Church terms it a *calling* or a *vocation*, be it married or single, or consecrated or priestly life. A divine calling requires a human response, not for God's benefit but for our own salvation and the salvation of all humankind. While responding to God's call is a matter of one's *free* choice, it is terribly important that a person's choice makes him or her who they are; and the fulfilment of one's life depends very much on what vocation he or she may take as well as how one responds to it. - **Fr Thanh**

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## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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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	
Tuesday 23 April	10.30am	<b>Mass of Anointing &amp; Blessing</b>	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 23 April	10.30am	Mass & MOG School SG & ST	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 23 April	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 23 April	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 24 April	9.15am	Mass & MI School 3/4B & 3/4C	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 24 April	6.30pm	Confirmation Family Workshop	Cunningham Centre
Wednesday 24 April	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Thursday 25 April	8.00am	<b>ANZAC Day Mass</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 26 April	9.15am	Mass & St B School Grade 5/6P	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 27 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 30 April	10.30am	Mass & MOG School MB & MMJ	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 30 April	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 1 May	1 – 4.15pm	Outreach Film Afternoon	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 1 May	7.00pm	Confirmation Class 2	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 2 May	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School



**A Prayer for Peace:**

God of all nations, have mercy on our broken and divided world.  
Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all people and banish from them the spirit of war.  
May we honour the sacrifice of those who we remember today by dedicating ourselves to the cause of justice and peace.

**A Reason To Celebrate!!**

A special member of our community has a significant birthday.

In case you haven't heard, Fr. Thang has a milestone birthday soon. Just quietly, it's the big 40.

We're sure you'll agree that the very best ways to mark this occasion is to say to everyone:

'Let's get together for a gathering, as a whole parish'. Do mark the date now and come!!

**Where? Cunningham Centre behind St. Bernadette's Church & across the road from the school.**

**When? Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**What time? After 6.30 pm Mass**

**What to bring? A 'plate to share' and drinks, soft and alcoholic, for the bar**



**Mass of Anointing and Blessing - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10.30am, Mother of God Church:**

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Mother of God*

**ANZAC Commemoration Services:**



- Commemoration Ceremony and Wreath-laying Service. Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2.30pm. Begins at Ivanhoe Library Car Park and concludes at the Soldiers' Memorial at Studley Rd, Ivanhoe. After the ceremony, you are invited for refreshments and Afternoon Tea in the Ivanhoe RSL Club Rooms.
- ANZAC Commemoration Mass: 8.00am on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at St Bernadette's Church

**Our Confirmation Choir:**

Once again, as the whole Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, we have the chance to support our children when they are confirmed in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. The first practice will be on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April at Mary Immaculate Church at 7.30pm and thence on the first three Tuesdays of May – 7 May, 14 May & 21 May. Everyone interested is most welcome, and of course it is understandable if you may not make all of these. Just come as often as you can. – Merle 9497 1691

**Outreach Planned Activities:**

- ◆ Note the change of days for our May activities. May 1, at 1.00pm. We welcome everyone to celebrate 'Ladies Month' with the film Carousel (remember the moving music?) and a champagne high tea in Mary Immaculate Hall. The charge per person is \$10. We have had excellent reviews for past functions.
- ◆ On Wednesday, May 15 we will have our monthly lunch / games day in the MOG foyer. We are making these changes to accommodate a Diocesan function planned for the evening of May 15.
- ◆ We also support the Anointing Mass at Mother of God Church on Tuesday, April 23 at 10.30am.  
- Sue 94991584, Helen, 9499 7793 and Eileen 9499 7120.

**Free Community Event - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1.30 – 2.30pm:**

Fr Ted Teal & Sister Loreto invite you to join them for a free one hour seminar on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee:**

On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, at 10 am at 10 Donaldson St. Ivanhoe. Please think about coming to support this home where country or interstate people can stay when they need to be in Melbourne for medical treatment. The speaker this month will be Ian who will tell us about what it means to be a Yarra River Keeper.

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**Immaculate Church Rosters** are available for collection this weekend. Thanks to all who serve our community by doing these important tasks for us all. I'd be so pleased to hear from you if you would like to join in. Merle 9497 1691 or merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

**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 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, **most importantly floral items at this stage:**

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

Please contact 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 Mary Immaculate School Office 9497 1827.

**Anima Education Presents Vatican II Monday 6 May - Monday 24 June, 6:30pm:**

A 6 week course with a *Year of Faith* focus on the decrees of the Second Vatican Council.

Monday 6 May	Monday 27 May	Monday 17 June
Monday 13 May	Monday 3 June	Monday 24 June

**Cost:** \$15 per night (\$90 for the whole course) **Where:** Mary Glowrey House, 132 Nicholson St, Fitzroy

**Contact:** David Schutz 0400 978 938 or dschutz@cam.org.au

**2013 Knox Public Lecture: Reading the Bible in the Twenty-first Century:**

**Wednesday 15 May, 7:30pm** - Professor Harold Attridge has been Sterling Professor of Divinity at Yale University and Dean of Yale School of Divinity 2002-2012. Currently he is Visiting Research Scholar to MCD University of Divinity. Professor Attridge will deliver a public lecture on the topic "*Dei Verbum* Today: Reading the Bible in the Twenty-first Century." **Cost:** Free

**Where:** Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

**Contact:** jill.allen@ctc.edu.au

**This Week's Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Year C**

<b>Acts 13:14, 43-52</b>	<b>Psalm 99:1-3, 5</b>	<b>Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17</b>	<b>John 10:27-30</b>
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*Saint and Feast Days:*

Mon 22 April: St Theodore

Wed 24 April: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Fri 26 April: St Cletus

Tues 23 April: St George

Thurs 25 April: St Mark the Evangelist

Sat 27 April: St Asicus

**Next Week's Readings: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Year C**

<b>Acts 14:21-27</b>	<b>Psalm 144:8-13</b>	<b>Apocalypse 21:1-5</b>	<b>John 13:31-35</b>
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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 27 – 28 April 2013**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

K. Gillespie

**Special Ministers**

T. Nibali, J. Gray

**MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

Leader  
M. Sibillin

**Reader**

E. Donhart

**Mass Coordinators**

E. Ballao

**Counters**

S. & P. Kelly

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

E. Mount

**Lector**

I. Chiera

**Special Ministers**

J. Ellis, M A Darcy

**Altar Society:** MOG Mothers

**Choir Coordinator:** P. Verrocchi

**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$1,574.50    Loose cash: \$639.15    **Total: \$2,213.65**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:** **\$ 935.70**

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