



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. 19

11 – 12 May 2013

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

- V. 1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**
- V. 2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**
- V. 3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: As we wait for the Spirit we pray: Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Peter Tongue, Carla Righetto, Glenn Evans, Alexandra Stockdale, Peter Dunbar, 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 those who have died recently. We also remember Matt Ryan, Tricia Erbacher, and Anselmo and Maria Dri whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

 **Baptisms:** We welcome Max and Reed Stacey who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their families, 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: The Ascension of the Lord: Year C

Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9	Ephesians 1:17-23	Luke 24:46-53
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Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 13 May: Our Lady of Fatima

Wed 15 May: St Carthage

Fri 17 May: St Paschal Baylon

Tues 14 May: St Matthias

Thurs 16 May: St Brendan

Sat 18 May: St Eric of Sweden

Next Week's Readings: Pentecost Sunday: Year C

Genesis 11:1-9	Psalm 103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 35	Romans 8:22-27	John 7:37-39
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Reflection of the week from Fr Thang:

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" (Acts 1:11) How high is up? Is that where heaven is? It is quite fitting on the Lord's Ascension to ponder over our true home – heaven. In reflecting on our ultimate purpose and meaning – heaven, we need to be both humble and creative. It is dealing with what is beyond the scope of any human eye, ear, or imagination (1 Cor 2:9). Heaven can be said as being drawn into the life and love of God-in-Christ. Pope Emeritus Benedict reminded us that: "heaven is always more than we could merit, just as being loved is never something "merited", but always a gift." At the centre of this vision is Christ as heaven is Christ. In the incarnation, life and paschal mystery, Jesus takes with him our whole humanity, its world and the whole universe into a final realm of existence: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth...he is before all things and in him all things hold together" (Col 1:15-17). So heaven can mean being with him and sharing in his joy: "For life is to be with Christ; where he is, there is life, there is the kingdom."

According to Fr Anthony Kelly CSsR in *Eschatology and Hope*, if we are called to live to the fullness of life, then there are three features of eternal life that all vocations share, namely, love, vision and resurrection. Love: heaven is Love because it is the complete embodiment of our existence in Christ. It is our entry into the love-life of the Trinity, we can conceive of eternal life as an ultimate state of being-in-love. It shares in the love life that God is.

Vision: heaven is the complete participation in the life of God – seeing God as God is. The saints in glory now have "inside" knowledge of God. They participate, transformed, in what God is, self-giving, infinite life.

Resurrection: our Christian hope for life to the full necessarily expresses itself as belief in the resurrection of the body. God will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Heaven is an irreplaceable symbol in the language of our ultimate hope. It is irreplaceable since hope is always looking to its fulfilment in terms of its Christ, its God, its body, its loves, its questions. Yet to such a hope, heaven remains a symbol of what is not yet, and of what in this life can never be fully known. Its meaning radiates within the light and darkness of our present, where the truly ultimate always surpasses human imagining, to be best known in humble adoration and sense of restlessness: "our hearts are restless till they rest in you." (St Augustine)

Our faith life is impossible without such hope: "For in hope we are saved" (Rom 8:24). Our life cannot be reduced to "watching a replay of highlights" – once our footy team has won. We are in the world, not as spectators but as participators in a great preparation of coming home. May the event of our Lord ascending to heaven inspire each one of us to prepare daily for the journey to our true home – heaven. May his Spirit be with us to help us to love one and other as he commanded us before his passion, because it is only through this sign that people recognise us as Christ's followers. So Lord Jesus Christ, seating at the right hand of the Father, intercede for us. Amen.

Sources: Kelly, Anthony. *Eschatology and Hope*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2006.
Ratzinger, Josef. *Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life*. Washington DC: CUA Press, 1988.

Mother's Day

Felitsa is a beautiful instrumental piece of music composed by a well-known composer, Yanni. He dedicated this piece to his mother. Personally Felitsa has been an instrumental component of my spiritual life since my first visit to my family in 1998. Whenever I was down, disheartened and sad, I simply lay on the couch and listened to Felitsa over and over again. I have introduced Felitsa to prisoners, children who mourned for their mothers, elderly people who I visited, people in the hospital, women who were having difficulty giving birth and children in retreat. All have found it was very moving. Felitsa will be playing during this weekend Masses in order to remember and honour our mothers, those who have played motherly roles in our lives.

Happy Mother's Day

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 11 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 14 May	9.15am	Mass & MOG School Grades SG & ST	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 14 May	7.30pm	Confirmation Choir Practice	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 15 May	12 – 3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 15 May	7.00pm	Confirmation Class 4	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 15 May	7.30pm	Nurturing Gifts of Parish Lay Leadership	See item in newsletter
Thursday 16 May	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee	

Friday 17 May

9.15am

Mass & St B School Grade 3/4H

St Bernadette's Church

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those concerned from the PLT, Outreach Group and parishioners who prepared and organised a parish gathering to celebrate the occasion of my 40th birthday last Saturday evening at the Cunningham Centre. Please accept my sincere thanks for your presence and gift at the gathering, as well as the many best wishes, cards, gifts and posters received from parishioners, church and school communities. - **Fr Thang**

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Archdiocesan Mass Census for the month of May 2013:

For the weekends: 11-12, 18-19 & 25-26 May all present (including children and babies) at Mass in each parish church will be counted as part of the Archdiocesan Mass Census 2013.

Census sheets are available in each church for use by counters for this purpose. Completed census sheets need to be returned to the Parish Office on Monday 27th May. **Thank you for your assistance.**

Nurturing the Gifts of Parish Lay Leadership this Pentecost:

A Conversation with Sherry Anne Weddell

Wednesday 15 May 7:30pm – 9.00pm

Parish lay leaders and interested parishioners are invited to listen to Sherry Anne Weddell as she shares how we can discern our individual gifts and charisms that make each of us essential to the Church's mission. Sherry brings an understanding of how discerning your call can change your life, and how discerning your call can spread the Gospel and change the world. Sherry is Founder and Co-Director of the Siena Institute, a globally-recognised organisation that specialises in equipping lay Catholics with a better understanding of God's will in their lives. Programme includes input, discussion and supper afterwards.

Cost: Free

Where: Mother of God Primary School, Marian Centre, 66 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East

RSVP: Monday 13 May

Contact: Parish Office 9499 1515 or 9926 5761; evangelisation@cam.org.au



Outreach Social Afternoon:

On Wednesday, May 15 we will have our monthly lunch / games day in the foyer of MOG Church. We are making these changes to accommodate a Diocesan function planned for the evening of May 15.

- Sue 94991584, Helen, 9499 7793 and Eileen 9499 7120

Confirmation Choir:

A reminder that many voices are needed to fill our massive Cathedral!!

And every voice makes a difference. We'll be singing some familiar hymns and a few new ones. The latter need to be learned and the old ones, given new life so please come to as many of the practices as you can.

Singing practices are on Tuesdays of May: 14th and 21st May, 7.30pm at Mary Immaculate Church

Confirmation will be on Sunday, 26th May at 2.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral

For any information, contact Merle on 9497 1691, or email: merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2013 – Sunday 19 May:

Special Collection next Sunday 19 May

Chaplains – Companions of Hope “We are with people at their most vulnerable time” - Catholic Chaplain

Every day in our Archdiocese, Chaplains visit hospital wards, walk through prisons and visit young people in detention. They are also present with those affected by mental illness and HIV/Aids, as well as supporting men and women working at sea. Catholic Chaplains are tangible signs of God's presence. They are the face of hope at times of greatest need, a healing presence, a kind and gentle ear. On Sunday May 20, you are invited to donate to this important work in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, via the Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in your local parish. Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- Those affected by mental illness
- Men and women in Prisons
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Seafarers
- Info: The Development Office, 9926 5714



Confirmation posters:

Parishioners are invited to write their names on the enrolment posters displayed in each of our churches as part of praying for the children preparing for Confirmation on Sunday 26th May. After Confirmation, the posters will be returned to the children from the parish and each of our schools as a memento of their Rite of Enrolment and Confirmation.

From Mary Immaculate School:

Dear Parishioners, Mary Immaculate Parish Primary School community would like to thank you very much for your kind and generous donations of beads, buttons, embroidery thread, fabric remnants, leaves and petals. We made wonderful gifts with your treasures. Thank you once again. - Alida and Alina

INCLUSIVENESS**HOSPITALITY**Feast**SERVICE**of St**MISSION****Peregrine Sunday 19th May:**

The Servite Friars invite you to celebrate the Feast of St Peregrine, patron of cancer sufferers, at 2.30pm on Sunday 19th May at St Brigid's Church, corner Nicholson St and Alexandra Parade, North Fitzroy. Program includes Servite Rosary, Mass and Anointing of the Sick. St Peregrine Apostolate 9347 8191; fax: 9349 2633

Christian Meditation - "Cultivating the Contemplative Family"- Sunday 26 May, 10am - 4pm:

'Amberley', 7 Amberley Way, Lower Plenty Join us for a **Family** experience of **Christian Meditation** – a way of prayer for families with children. A donation of \$10 per family is suggested for the day.

BYO picnic lunch. Tea and coffee provided. RSVP 12 May.

Information: mirellapace49@gmail.com – Mobile 0408 470 114 www.christianmeditationaustralia.org

Day of Reflection at Carmelite Monastery:

Parishioners are invited to attend a day of reflection on Friday 24th May from 10.00am – 3.15pm at the Carmelite Monastery, 94 Stevenson St Kew.

Spiritual Director: Fr Francis Merlino OFM.

Enquiries: Donna 9850 2549 or Margaret 9853 1107

Great Moments From Opera:

On Saturday 25th May, Heidelberg Choral Society, in conjunction with Box Hill Chorale, will perform opera choruses in concert. Under the direction of Heidelberg's conductor Peter Bandy, and Box Hill's Andrew Wailes, the combined choirs and Opera Festival Orchestra will present a selection of opera's most stirring and uplifting choruses with music by some of the world's greatest opera composers, including Bizet, Mozart, Verdi, Leoncavallo, Mascagni, Purcell, Puccini and Wagner.

A highlight of the concert will be performances of best-known arias, sung by renowned soloists Alexandra Flood (soprano), Lotte Betts Dean (mezzo soprano), Nathan Lay (bass baritone) and Michael Lapina (tenor).

When: Saturday 25th May, 2013. Matinee: 2.30pm Evening: 7.30pm

Where: Ivanhoe Girls Grammar Performing Arts Centre, Cnr Noel St & Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

Tickets: \$38 adult or \$30 conc. \$26 full time students and group bookings (10 or more).

Bookings: 9489 0806 or 9458 1727 or online: www.hcs.asn.au

Centenary Celebrations of the Blessing of the Foundation Stone of Our Lady of Victories, Camberwell:

Parish Priest and parishioners of Camberwell invite you to the Basilica of Our Lady of Victories to their Centenary Celebrations on Sunday 2 June at 2.30pm, Our Lady of Victories, 548 Burke Rd, Camberwell.

Refreshments will be served after Mass and photographic exhibits will be on display. Further information and to register attendance contact: Our Lady of Victories Parish Office 9882 9077. Please **RSVP: 17 May**

New Documentary Film Reveals Gendercide in India and China:

- *As many as 200 Million Girls have gone "missing" because of gendercide.*

The three deadliest words in parts of the world today are "**it's a girl.**" The United Nations estimates that there are as many as 200 million girls missing. In India, China and many other parts of the world, girls are killed, aborted and abandoned simply because they are female. Girls that survive infancy are still often subject to neglect, and may grow up to face extreme violence in their marriage.

As part of the effort to help bring attention to this war against girls worldwide, Beyond Here Inc is hosting a special screening of *It's a Girl* as part of the film's international screening tour on **Sunday 26 May at 3pm at St Francis Xavier Hall Mayona Road, Montmorency.**

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 18 – 19 May 2013**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

J. Gray, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

Costa family

Reader

Costa family

Mass Coordinators

Costa family

Counters

P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

E. Mount

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society:

A. Moloney

A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,513.00

Loose cash: \$475.75

Total: \$1,988.75

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 743.60

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