



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. 25

22 – 23 June 2013

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

V. 1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

V. 2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

V. 3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

V. 4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: That we may follow you boldly: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Felicia Biviano, Ronald and Merlyn Schrader, Helen Bergman, Nora Brown, Danka Saric, Mike McGuire, Sheila Ryan and Mary Bezzina. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Fr Len Egan who died recently. We also remember William Fogarty, Maria Dri, Jean Squires, Marcus Fitt and Michael Gallucio whose anniversaries occur at this time, and Carla Righetto (month anniversary). May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Sasha Carne and Sasha Stirling 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: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1 Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9

Galatians 3:26 - 29

Luke 9:18-24

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 24 June: Nativity of St John the Baptist

Tues 25 June: St William of Vercelli

Wed 26 June: St Salvius

Thurs 27 June: St Cyril of Alexandria

Fri 28 June: St Iranaeus

Sat 29 June: St Mary Salome

Next Week's Readings: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Luke 9:51-62

Fr Thanh - My Third Anniversary of Ordination: *Recollections*

The motto I chose for my priestly life is, “*The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep*” (John 10: 11), implying that my whole life is conformed to that of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in the service of those entrusted to my care, even to the point of laying down my own life. Fulfilment of this motto is an ongoing process as part of my priestly ministry which allows room for God to do the rest. Nevertheless, my priestly journey has been blessed and is indeed an amazing one thus far, regardless of what has happened!

The day of Ordination remains so fresh and vivid in my mind. It was an extremely hot and humid day of June 2010 with 22 candidates, including myself, to be ordained to the priesthood for the diocese of Vinh. We could hardly sleep the night before, partly because of the hot weather, but mostly because we were all so excited, whilst feeling a little bit nervous.

Very early in the morning thousands of the faithful had already flocked and filled up the 40 square metre ground where the service was held which reflects the true spirit of Vinh that can hardly be seen anywhere else. The service was an outdoor one that went for three hours with the temperature gauged at 40 degrees Celsius. When finished, all four layers of the clothes I wore were soaked with perspiration. But my energy and excitement didn't seem to wear out at all. I went to the reception room after the ceremony and remained there for nearly two hours receiving gifts as well as wishes from people and imparted my blessings upon them with the grace of indulgence reserved for a newly ordained priest. The next day I offered my First Mass of Thanksgiving at my home parish, Yen Ly, surrounded by many priests and a large number of laypeople and religious. It was the very first time in my life I had the honour to celebrate the Mass, offering the sacrifice of my own life, the sacrifices of my brothers and sisters in communion with the sacrifice of the Cross to God the Father. The feeling was unutterable! It was truly a moment of grace!

However, unlike newlyweds who may have the opportunity for a honeymoon, we were summoned by the bishop of Vinh soon after our ordination to receive assignments to start our new ministries in parishes. I received two assignments at the same time, one as an assistant priest of Ngoc Lien parish, and the other as rector of Xa Doai Preparatory Seminary. At first glance these two responsibilities appeared to be a heavy burden as a newly ordained priest, but thanks be to God's grace these were carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Having been a priest for 3 years, there are many things to reflect on. But the thing I am most delighted to share is that as a priest one does not just have the honour and privilege to celebrate the sacraments or to preach the Word of God, but the priest also has the privilege to be *with* people. This aspect of pastoral ministry is often neglected, but it actually turns out to be one of the most important parts of priestly life. Accordingly, over the past 3 years, I have been invited into the lives of so many people both as an assistant priest and a formator in Vietnam as well as a priest in residence here in Australia. I've been blessed to be with them in their times of joy, sadness and disappointment, decision-making, and discernment; times of deep relationship, times of suffering, despair and hope... All of these experiences have transformed and shaped me who I am now and the person I am becoming. In its true sense of the word *pastor*, my strong conviction has been that the priest is called to walk with people of all walks of life, to act *in persona Christi*, and to be *alter Christus* – another Christ. Thus being a priest is both a privilege and a responsibility, for “a priest is not his own”, said Cardinal Fulton Sheen. The priest exists for the well-being of others, especially their spiritual well-being, and by so doing he is living out his priesthood.

To conclude this reflection, my heart and mind firstly turns to God in praise and thanks for both his call and choosing me to be an instrument of his love despite my unworthiness, imperfections and failures. To God alone my heart exalts, *Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo* – Forever I'll sing the kindness of the Lord. Secondly, my deep gratitude is given to my beloved parents and siblings who have become my indispensable companions and so many others who have been with me in so many ways, giving me love, care, knowledge and support. I wish to offer a special word of thanks and appreciation to Fr Thang Vu and all the parishioners of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe who take part in my priestly journey in whatever way.

May the Lord bless them all with his abundant goodness. I pray that I may be always faithful to my priesthood and seek to do God's will even when things do not come my way. Also, I kindly beg you all to continue to pray for me and all the priests as well as be assured of my prayers for you.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 22 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 25 June	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 26 June	9.15am	Mass & MI School Prep, 1 & 1/2	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 26 June	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Saturday 29 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

Fr Len Egan - From the Vicar General:

'Fr Len Egan was ordained a priest at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne, on 23 July 1944. Father Egan served the Church for over 68 years serving as Assistant Priest in the parishes of Deepdene (1945), Alphington and Kew (1954). In 1957 he was appointed Administrator of West Melbourne and appointed Parish Priest of Sunshine North (1958), Yarraville (1964), Bulleen (1973) and Ivanhoe (1985). In 1993 Father Egan retired as Pastor Emeritus before moving to Justin Villa and St Catherine's. Fr Egan passed away at St Catherine's Aged Care Facility, Balwyn on 16 June, 2013 aged 94 years. May he rest in peace.

Few priests can boast of having a road named after them during their lifetime, however, Fr Len had the honour bestowed upon him when Egan Drive, Bulleen was established. He was one of the real characters of the Melbourne presbyterate; he had a quirky sense of humour, was a cryptic writer with many a surprise contained within parish newsletters, a delightful raconteur and a loyal friend to many priests and lay people. He said on the occasion of his Sixtieth Anniversary that he wished to thank, "...those thousands of lay people – all those people we have got to know over the years. All those who befriended us. No one could have more friends than a diocesan priest..." How true it was of Fr Len. Fr Len Egan PE was a dedicated priest, committed to the Gospel and to the people entrusted to his care.' – Monsignor Greg Bennet

Invitation from Archbishop Hart:

At present we have thirty eight men studying for the priesthood to work in the Archdiocese of Melbourne – thirty-four at Corpus Christi, one at Northern American College, Rome and three at Pontifical Beda College in Rome. The journey to ordinations is seven years at Corpus Christi or four years for older men at Beda. On Friday 28 June Simon Grainger, a former Commissioner for Industrial Relations who has studied at Beda College in Rome will be ordained to the priesthood. We join the priests and people of the Archdiocese in praying for him and welcoming him among the priests of the diocese. Other ordinations for Melbourne will occur in the first part of 2014. Simon will be ordained in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 28 June at 7.00pm. We support Simon and those who are deacons in their final preparation for ordination to serve God's people.

Winter with Outreach: Since there is a Parish activity mid June, no other activity organised till July. Following the first Wednesday lunch on **July 3** we have a bus trip to the Cuckoo Restaurant for 'Christmas in July' on Wednesday 10th July. This activity is \$55 per person if we can book 45 people. Booking are open and close Sunday 30th June. Friends are welcome. Contact: Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120.

50 Years

Come Celebrate Mother of God School 50th Year:

Mother of God Primary School has provided 50 years of education to students, families and parishioners of East Ivanhoe. Parishioners, family and friends are invited to:

- Reunion Day Sunday 25th August following Mass at 10.30am in Mother of God Church
- 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance Saturday 19th October

Photos, stories or memorabilia that can be shared would be much appreciated: Contact Mother of God School Phone: 9497 1094 or email: rhoolohan@mogivanhoeeast.catholic.edu.au Flyers are available in each church

Another successful E conference: The Gospel of St. Mark - A Crucified and Risen Messiah.

What wonderful gifts the Broken Bay Institute offers and how fortunate the twenty people who gathered were to have the facilities to take advantage of them. Earlier in the year, it was Vatican 2, last week Fr. Frank Moloney SDB and Sr. Michelle Connolly RSJ shared their abundant knowledge of the Gospel of St. Mark. Fr. Frank set the scene by explaining that it was the first Gospel to be written, it is the shortest, quite rugged and very exciting, going straight to the point and containing no long discourses! In describing its simple structure, he pointed out how it focussed on Jesus calling his disciples, journeying with them from Galilee to his death and resurrection in Jerusalem and meeting them again in Galilee.

I really enjoyed this opportunity and I am enthusiastic about reading this Gospel straight through. And, if you missed out or would like to watch it again, I'm pleased to say that, thanks to a generous parishioner, we will soon have a CD which anyone who wishes can borrow. Merle, for Liturgy and Communication groups.

Ryder Cheshire –a home away from home for people in Melbourne for medical treatment:

Morning Coffee at 10 Donaldson St, at 10am, on Friday 28th June. A most fascinating topic: 'What do you know about dingoes'?

Christian Meditation: Christian Meditation meetings continue each Tuesday 4.15 pm at Mary Immaculate Hall, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. New members welcome. Further information: Kathy Gillespie: 0438 530 324

INCLUSIVENESS

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MISSION

Thanksgiving Envelopes 7 July – 29 December 2013 are available for collection in each church.
Mary Immaculate, Mother of God & St Bernadette's are now all in alphabetical order.

Since January 2013, new envelopes numbers have been allocated to each person who uses Thanksgiving envelopes - your new number has been highlighted on each envelope. So that your contributions can be recorded accurately please use these envelopes only.

It is recommended that older envelopes are not used. Please throw out envelopes from past years.

Statements for Thanksgiving contributions for January – June 2013 will be available at a later date. Please feel free to deliver envelopes to those nearby or those unable to collect them personally.

There are three options for Thanksgiving contributions: Envelopes, Credit Card or Direct Debit. Please contact the Parish Office: **Mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079 **Phone:** 9499 1515 **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com

If you are unable or no longer wish to contribute as part of Thanksgiving contributions please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible** so that envelopes are not sent when no longer required. - Ruth

Symposium: An Ecumenical Future? Advancing the Ecumenical Movement - Frid 5 July, 9:30 - 3:00:

The day symposium aims to open up the question of whether an ecumenical future is possible and address that question from the experience of the multilateral and bilateral relations between the churches. Cost: \$50 donation (includes morning tea and lunch) **Where:** Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade and corner Hoddle St, East Melbourne. **RSVP:** Thursday 27 June. Ray Williamson 02 6272 6213 or raywilliamson@csu.edu.au **Contact:** Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission 9926 5708

Workshop: Ministers of Communion to the Sick - Monday 22 July & Monday 29 July, 7:30 – 9:30pm:

This workshop runs over two sessions (not repeated) The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation invites new and experienced Ministers of Communion to the Sick to a liturgical formation workshop. Even if you've done this ministry for many years this is a chance to refocus on the purpose of your ministry and learn from others' experiences. The workshop will be led by guest speaker Sister Margaret Smith SGS (Lecturer, Yarra Theological Union & Catholic Theological College). Please note: registrants must have permission from their Parish Priest prior to registration. **Cost:** \$15 per person **Where:** Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre (383 Albert St, East Melbourne) **RSVP:** Tuesday 16 July 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

The Final Quarter – Men's Retreat at Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality:

Friday 26th July (7.30pm) – Sunday 28th July (3pm) with Simon Feely, Nick Galante, Michael Green, Patrick O'Sullivan, Noel Richardson SJ and Michael Smith SJ at Campion, 99 Studley Park Rd, Kew.

This weekend retreat for men in the Final Quarter of their lives is based on the work of Erik Erikson, the renowned developmental psychologist. He termed the last of his eight life crises - the 'Ego Integrity versus Despair' stage. To achieve ego integrity- the sense that one has lived a good life - an older man must come to terms with who he is and has been, how his life has been lived, the choices he has made, the opportunities he has gained and lost. It involves coming to terms with death and accepting its imminence. Phone: 9854 8110 or Website: www.cis.jesuit.org.au Flyers are available in each church.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 29 – 30 June 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Gray

Special Ministers

Sister Carmel, B. Jowett

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

J. Costa

Reader

TBA

Mass Coordinators

J. Costa

Counters

P. Black, P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

T. Barker

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society: I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: School Holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$2,120.00	Loose cash: \$390.80	Total: \$2,510.80
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 601.85

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