



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. 30

27 – 28 July 2013

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

- V. 1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
 Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**
- V. 2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
 On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**
- V. 3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
 Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**
- V. 4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.
 Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord hear us: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Fr. John Cunningham, Peg Healy, Vin Ryan, 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 all who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Giacomo Barbieri, Giaan Shewan and Gabriele Bona 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.

News from our Parish Schools: We welcome the children from our parish schools, and their families, who have been invited to participate as readers and to bring the Offertory Gifts as part of our Parish Masses:

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
9.00am MI	28 July	Marcus Napolitano & Brooke Moxon	Olivia Rizzo & Marcus Abajas
9.00am MI	4 Aug	Christian, Ben & Alex Centofanti	Mia Tobias & Laura Rizzo
10.30am MOG	28 July	Jessica Casonato	Gabrielle De Jonge & Sienna Allesse

Natural Law

The natural law tradition which has dominated Catholic moral theology since the Middle Ages provides the basis for dialogue on moral and ethical issues with all people of good will. It is helpful to distinguish natural law “thinking” from the “content” of natural law, viz., principles, precepts, formulations that give it expression. Natural law “thinking” makes claims about two things: about moral knowledge, that it is knowable by human beings through reason, and about the basis of moral knowledge, which is the human person. In light of this, natural law thinking asserts that the moral order is objective, that it is accessible to anyone independently of one’s religious commitment, and that the knowledge of moral value can be universalised.

Overall, in order to follow Christ today, we should and must treat the different sources of moral decisions interdependently and respectfully.

Conscience

Vatican II teaches that in the depths of conscience is a law written by God:

...conscience is the individual’s most secret core, and sanctuary. There each person is alone with God whose voice echoes in his or her depths.... In fidelity to conscience, Christians are joined with the rest of the human family in the search for truth. (GS no 6)

In *Conscience and Catholic Faith: Love and Fidelity* (New York: Paulist Press, 1991), pp 8-9, Anthony Marinelli discusses the erroneous, lax, and scrupulous conscience. Error is still possible since our circumstances are always and necessarily historically, socially, and culturally conditioned. Likewise our decisions of conscience are necessarily fallible and subject to correction and change, both on the level of the individual and the community. So despite limitations of conscience, it is the sublime moment of truth when all supports have fallen away, when we must stop talking theory and decide what must be done here and now. It is the moment when we stand alone and naked before God and humbly looks straight into his eyes. Almost always, conscience encourages us obedience to the law, for it is there for the good of the whole community. When there is a real conflict between a law and what conscience tells, it is conscience that we must obey. The one absolute requirement is that we work to the utmost to ensure the decisions conscience concludes are the correct ones. In other words, we need an informed conscience through the Scriptures, a fuller understanding of human person and experience, and the teaching authority of the Church and other authorities whose expertise can help in a moral issue. Also we need to learn both to reflect and to pray, for both are important elements in the formation of conscience. It will be affected by matters such as a person’s level of education, the ability to reason and make judgments in other fields, the capacity to distinguish between objective and subjective reality, emotional stability, community attitudes and values that have been absorbed, and cultural and social background.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 27 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette’s Church
Tuesday 30 July	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School MB & MMJ	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 31 July	7.30pm	St Bernadette’s School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette’s School
Saturday 3 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

Clergy Conference 29 – 31 July:

I will be attending the Clergy Conference next week from 29 - 31 July and I sincerely thank Fr Thanh who will celebrate weekday Masses in our parish whilst I am absent. I thank all concerned in each of our churches who ensure that all is in readiness for the celebration of Mass. – **Fr Thang**

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 3 – 4 August 2013

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.30pm	Lector S. Moorhen	Special Ministers B. Jowett, T. Nibali
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MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am	Leader J. Costa B. Centofanti	Reader C. Centofanti A. Centofanti	Mass Coordinators J. Costa	Counters J. & H. Pidutti R. Wickremesinghe
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MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan J. Curry	Lector J. Curry	Special Ministers M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. / P. De Silva
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Altar Society: P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: