



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

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10 – 11 August 2013

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

V. 1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

V. 2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,

To rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

V. 3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: In faith we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Teresa Patti, Vin Ryan, Felicia Biviano, 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 Peg Healy, Daisy Garrioch and Fr William 'Bill' Jordan PE who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Welcome Nwando:

After a period of learning and discernment we welcome Nwando Oranye into full communion with the Catholic Church on Sunday 11th August at Mary Immaculate Church. Nwando will make a Profession of Faith, will be confirmed and share in the Eucharist. We welcome all those who have supported Nwando as part of her ongoing faith journey. – **Fr Thang**



Baptisms: We welcome Grace Lui 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.

Masses on the Feast of the Assumption - Thursday 15 August

9.15am

Mary Immaculate Church

7.30pm

Mother Of God Church

Thang:**Catholic Social and Justice Teaching (Part II of II)**

This week we will take a glance at two documents produced by the Australian Bishops' Conference: *Common Wealth for the Common Good CWCG* (1992), and *Vote for the Common Good VCG* (2013). These statements underwent preparation over some time and the methodology involved a lengthy period of consultation, including both public hearings and written submissions, as well as the prior publication of a draft of the document.

CWCG (1992) was born out of the widespread concern, confusion and anger during the 1990s Australian recession with its adverse effects of economic policy changes, high levels of unemployment, and the increase in both inequality and poverty. On a personal note, it was with this background that I had to stay in a refugee camp in Thailand for 3 years (1987-1990) because the government was reluctant to accept minors like myself.

CWCG provides an analysis of the distribution of wealth and income in Australia outlines a vision for the future of Australian society based on the values of solidarity and social justice and presents a number of recommendations for action. In relation to wealth and income, CWCG states:

The pattern of wealth distribution in Australia is one of growing inequality. Moreover, inequality of income has also increased considerably over the past ten years. Those with middle incomes have suffered a significant drop in the proportion of the national income reaching them. The number of people on social security payments has more than doubled. (p.45)

CWCG identifies and analyses a number of structures which contribute to the maintenance and enhancement of inequality and poverty, including the financial system, employment, housing, social security, taxation, health and education, and provides a number of recommendations aimed at their reform. The document's argument for serious socio-economic reform is based both on ethical considerations and on a judgement that Australia can afford reform since "...in spite of popular misconceptions, Australia is low on government spending, including welfare spending and overseas aid..." (p123).

CWCG ends by envisioning an Australian society, including both state and economy, anchored in the following values:

The needs of the poor are more important than the wants of the rich.

The freedom of the dominated is more important than the liberty of the powerful.

Enabling marginalised groups to participate is more important than retaining a system which excludes them. (p.138)

VCG (2013) grew out of an imminent Federal Election. At the time the statement was released, the election date had not been announced, due to a change of Prime Minister. Recently Mr Rudd announced the Federal Election to be held on 7th of September 2013. Basically VCG alerts us to on a few key issues:

Poor and vulnerable Any society is judged by how the weakest and poorest of its members are treated. The most vulnerable people are our greatest responsibility. We welcome and support the bipartisan commitment to the National Disability Insurance Scheme. We support and encourage Catholic social services, which serve more than one million Australians every year. Government priorities should focus first on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable.

Marriage and Family Families are the basic unit of society. There must be legal recognition of the unique nature of marriage between a man and a woman, and proper protection for the rights of children to relate to their natural mother and father. The Church acknowledges the many sad situations that mean one or both parents may not be present in a child's life. Single parent families need support in their important work, but children should not intentionally be deprived of their parents unless there is concern for children's safety.

Child protection As Catholic bishops and as individuals, we share the feelings of outrage that all decent people feel when they read the reports of sexual abuse. These are profound abuses of human dignity, contrary to the Gospel and are crimes. Over the past 20 years, there have been major developments in the way the Church responds to victims, deals with perpetrators and puts in place preventive measures. We will continue to cooperate with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse both through the Church's new Truth, Justice and Healing Council and as individual bishops and dioceses, as the Commission requests. We will continue to work to eradicate the circumstances that enable abuse to occur and to seek to provide pastoral care and support for victims.

Refugees and migration Migration has played a prominent part in the development of the Catholic Church and has helped transform Australia into a vibrant, prosperous democracy. Sadly, millions of our sisters and brothers are forced to flee their homeland for fear of persecution or through displacement because of war or famine. A small fraction of these people will seek to make Australia their new home. A smaller fraction again will come by boat.

We are called to treat strangers well and to welcome them. All asylum seekers, regardless of how they arrive in Australia, should have their claims processed in Australia according to international convention and as speedily as possible. We should end mandatory detention, especially for families with children and unaccompanied minors, so we can care for asylum seekers in the community.

Asylum seekers and refugees should have access to employment and government services, giving them the security they need to build a new life in Australia. Church bodies will continue to serve the needs of migrants and refugees, both in Australia and overseas.

These are a few key issues that the Bishops outline in VCG. Other key issues are life, indigenous Australians, education, health, ecology and sustainability, and peace and development. The Bishops ask us to pray for the candidates as they prepare for the upcoming election. As Catholics and citizens of this Great Land, let us look beyond our own individual needs in order to search for the common good. The good of individual and the good of our society as a whole are called to be brought together in harmony.

Sources: Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. *Common Wealth for the Common Good: A statement on the distribution of wealth in Australia.* North Blackburn, Vic: Collins/Dove. 1992.

Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. *Vote for Common Good.* 2013

<http://www.catholic.org.au/catholicsvote2013/images/downloads/ACBC-Election-Statement-2013.pdf>

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Tuesday 13 August	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School SG & ST	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 13 August	4.15pm	Christian Meditation Group	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 14 Aug	8.00pm	Ivanhoe Churches Together	Uniting Church, Noel St
Thursday 15 August		Assumption Liturgies	See notice below
Friday 16 August	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grades 1&2	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 17 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 17 August	6.30pm	Mass & First Eucharist, St Bernadette's P.S.	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 18 August		60 th Anniversary of St Pius X Church	See newsletter notice



First Eucharist Celebrations: We remember and pray for the children in our three Parish Primary Schools who are preparing to receive and celebrate their First Eucharist in Term 3.

17 August 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's Church St Bernadette's School children

8 September 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Mary Immaculate School children

15 September 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church Mother of God School children

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday 8 September there is no 9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Welcome: We welcome the children and families from our parish schools at our Parish Masses:

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	10 Aug	Deanna Di Clemente & Daniela Carrieri	Bradford & Richardson families
6.30pm St B	17 Aug	St Bernadette's P.S. Eucharist Children	St Bernadette's First Eucharist Children
9.00am MI	11 Aug	Jane McEvey & Ellen McEvey	Nicholas Andrew & David Asseuro
9.00am MI	18 Aug	Kiara Maffei & Charlotte Golds	Tom Golds
10.30am MOG	11 Aug	Allegra Masri	Monique Galic & Gabriel Lancefield
	18 Aug	Alexandra Lenzi	Leonardo Lenzi & Julia McLennan

- **First Collection** (After Prayer of the Faithful)
Supports the Parish on its maintenance of churches and administrative, rates and insurance costs...
- **Second Collection** (After Communion)
70% supports priests who serve the parish, Fr Thang and Fr Thanh for their living allowances; 25% for priests in parishes whose parish cannot support them financially - Priests Remuneration Fund, and 5% Cathedral Levy. Thanks for your ongoing contributions and generosity – Fr Thang.

Memorial Compilation for Fr John Cunningham:

For parishioners, school families and others the Pastoral Leadership Team has compiled a Memorial Document comprising the many wonderful words written and spoken about our former Parish Priest, Fr John Cunningham during and near the time of his Vigil and Funeral Mass. A condensed printed copy will be made freely available. The Website will also host a full copy which may be freely downloaded.

There are two other options: For those wanting a copy of the full compilation at cost (\$5) orders can be placed via comms@ivanhocatholics.com or the Parish Office 9499 1515. For those who in remembrance of John would also like to contribute a little more as a donation to his favourite charity, the Sacred Heart Mission, may do so. Suggested contribution for full copy plus donation is \$20.

St Pius X - 60th Anniversary: Sunday 18 August:

Parishioners are invited to attend the 60th Anniversary Mass at 10.30am which will be followed by a Reunion Gathering. St Pius X Primary School will be open for tours and will present an Art Show

Thanksgiving Statements 2013

Statements of contributions given by envelopes, Credit Cards or Direct Debit for 1 July 2012 - 30 June 2013 are available for collection. Thank you to those who collect them promptly saving postage costs. Thank you to those who deliver them by foot or car to those who are unable to collect them personally.

If you wish to contribute to the Parish Thanksgiving program please contact the Parish Office **Phone:** 9499 1515; **mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079 or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com. If you are no longer able or wish to discontinue contributions contact Parish Office as above. – Ruth

Historical photos will be on display and Afternoon Tea will be available.

PLT Meeting 24 July 2013: Some of the matters which were addressed at the PLT meeting were:

- The co-operation of many people made Fr. John's vigil service and funeral a fitting tribute to a much loved man.
- Many members of the Korean community, including Fr. Youn and Fr. Dominic, the first priest who served the community here, joined us in farewelling Fr. John.
- It was decided that it would be a good thing to explain how the money collected in the second collection - for the priests - is actually distributed.
- Each community is glad to welcome and encourage the recently confirmed children - as readers and the children preparing for First Eucharist to carry the gifts.
- The Finance Group will soon be able to give one of their regular updates.
- The MI School Choir was honoured to be asked to sing at a recent citizenship ceremony - singing the National Anthem and 'I am Australian'.

Being kept informed and up-to-date in the Ivanhoe Parish:

Things happen quickly – "Website Updates" are intended to help keep people aware of important happenings in our parish, church and wider faith community, and to help strengthen the spirit of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe Community. If you are not already receiving weekly email parish news updates and would like to you can subscribe (or unsubscribe) yourself, at no cost, via Website, or email: comms@ivanhoecatholics.com

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: rholohan@mogivanhoeeast.catholic.edu.au Flyers available in each church

Invitation from Yarra Deanery – Grief Journey:

The Yarra Deanery would like to extend an invitation to all widowed, separated or divorced parishioners to attend a new group that is being established to provide a forum to help those through the Grief Journey and to help them find a sense of support from others on a similar path. The group will meet fortnightly on Wednesdays commencing 4th September at Ss Peter and Paul Parish, 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East. Widowed, separated or divorced parishioners of all ages are welcome to attend as little and as often as needed. Enquiries: please contact Peter on Padess53@gmail.com or by phoning 0413 015 061. Alternatively, please phone Father Bill Gill on 9842 1480 / 9842 5764

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 10 – 11 August 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

P. McEvey

Reader

J. McEvey

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

P. Black, P. Fanning

E. McEvey

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

A. Patterson

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society: A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,105.50 Loose cash: \$565.35 **Total: \$1,670.85**

Second Collection – Presbytery: \$1,023.70