



# 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. 35

31 August – 1 September 2013

## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

V. 1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

V. 2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

V. 3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** In your goodness: Lord, hear our prayer.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including, 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 Angelo Aver and Elizabeth Ireland who died recently. We also remember Angelo Villanti, Gwen Keppel and Francesco Lo Schiavo whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

### This Week's Readings: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

**Eccles 3:17-20, 28-29    Psalm 67:4-7, 10-11    Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24    Luke 14:1, 7-14**

#### Saint and Feast Days:

*Mon 2 Sept: St William of Roskilde*

*Tues 3 Sept: St Gregory the Great*

*Wed 4 Sept: St Cuthbert*

*Thurs 5 Sept: St Lawrence Giustniani*

*Fri 6 Sept: St Cloud*

*Sat 7 Sept: St Regina*

### Next Week's Readings: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

**Wisdom 9:13-18    Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17    Philemon 9-10, 12-17    Luke 14:25-33**



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

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  
From the desk of Fr Thang: **Part III Good Communication (John Costa)**

*Due to the dates of the First Holy Communion for Mary Immaculate and Mother of God Schools being on 8 Sept and 15 Sept respectively, the reflections on the parts of the Mass will be postponed one week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Costa for all the effort and dedication that he has shown to the Parish Website, Multimedia Liturgy, the Liturgy Group, and especially this week's reflection. May God bless you and your family.*  
- Fr Thang.

### **Good Communication**

In a memorable scene from the 1979 Monty Python film *Life of Brian* a multitude of people was being addressed by Brian on the side of a Mount. At the fringe some were straining to hear what Brian was saying from afar. A hard-of-hearing old man kept asking people nearby "What's he saying, what's he saying", and others nearby helpfully obliged by repeating what they had heard. After one of several message-relays the old man exclaimed in disgust "why should the Greeks inherit the earth", obviously mis-hearing the famous words attributed to Matthew 5.5 in his Sermon on the Mount "The meek shall inherit the earth". This was a classic case of mis-communication, something which still regularly happens in the modern world despite public address systems, printing presses, radio and TV broadcasting, the Internet, and new social media such as Twitter. Mis-communication can occur for technical reasons or, more often than not, for reasons of understanding, context or interpretation. Election communication illustrates this challenge very well.

In our Christian life and shared Catholic faith "The Word" can at times be straightforward when its words are simple, speak for themselves and are not significantly affected by interpretation or context. But that is not always the case, so the essence of communication in a Parish is to study and understand The Word and its meaning, under guidance, and then express it in ways that are readily understood and helpful in the context of the world we live in today. This is no easy task.

In relation to Scripture the Liturgy Group attempts to do this at each of its weekly meetings. Once an understanding of meaning is reached then whatever means are available are used to help express it. In the Mass the Homily is the essence of this expression, together with a liturgy supported by relevant music and images that creatively enhance understanding, and sense of spirituality. Multimedia is now used at our Masses to assist in this regard, together with the Parish Newsletter and Website, all working together. These media are intended not only to help clearly express "The Word" but in a practical parish context to continually remind us of and reflect our parish values of Inclusiveness, Hospitality, Service and Mission. Just as important they are there also to help reinforce the fact that whilst we are three communities we are a single Parish, the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, members of a single Catholic Church, and part of a world community of brothers and sisters. All of this communication is there to further stimulate our individual thinking and learning on faith issues.

**Good communication** can **only** exist when it is two-sided. Not simply a case of Brian preaching to the multitudes but of people speaking to each other about what 'Brian' is saying. It is using our God-given intelligence and judgement to continually learn about and respond to the Word of God as presented to us through the Gospels. In practical modern ways it is to assist us to fully relate in a Christian way to each other as a local community and the wider world in which we live, complete with their many challenges.

As the world evolves so too should we exploit communication technology to help us along our spiritual journeys. Throughout history the Church has often been at the forefront of communication, even with recent Popes using SMS and twitter messaging. Increasingly now interactive communication should facilitate growing lay participation in the church, as already happens in Ivanhoe Parish. In the face of change it is time now for all the People of God collectively to communicate with each other more than in the past about our shared faith and many challenges as a Catholic Church in the wider world. - **John Costa.**

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## **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

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Saturday 31 August	10.00am	<b>First Reconciliation</b> – Parish catechists	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 1 September	10.30am	Mass with Furlan Choir in attendance	Mother of God Church
Monday 2 September	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 3 September	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. JG, JW & Preps	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 3 September	4.15pm	Christian Meditation Session	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 4 Sept	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate P.S. 3/4B & 3/4C	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 5 Sept	9.00pm	Prayer Service MOG First Eucharist families	Mother of God Church
Friday 6 September	10.30am	Mass of Anointing and Blessing	St Bernadette's Church
<b><u>NO 9.15am Mass &amp; First Friday Devotions</u></b>			
Saturday 7 Sept	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 8 Sep	10.00am	Mass & First Eucharist Mary Immaculate PS	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 15 Sep	10.30am	Mass & First Eucharist Mother of God P.S.	Mother of God Church

**Reconciliation 31 August:** We sincerely congratulate the children who received and celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 31 August at Mary Immaculate Church. We sincerely thank their parents for assistance and preparation and attendance at sessions as part of the Home based program. We welcome those who have come to be with the children on this significant occasion.

**Ministry for Priests:**

I will be attending a gathering organised by the Ministry of Priests next week from 3 – 5 September. I sincerely thank Fr Len Thomas who will celebrate 9.15am Mass on Tuesday at Mother of God Church. I thank all concerned in each of our churches who ensure that all is in readiness for the celebration of Mass. –  
**Fr Thang**

**Welcome:** 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
6.30pm St B	31 Aug	Chiara Iuele & Seamus Guy	Alexander & Park families
6.30pm St B	7 Sept	Ava Cole & Brodie Coen	Di Muzio & Trentin families
9.00am MI	1 Sept	Tom Bone & Isaac Bone	Daniel Bone
9.00am MI	8 Sept	Mary Immaculate P.S. Eucharist Children	Mary Immaculate P.S. Eucharist Children
10.30am MOG	1 Sept	Matthew Salvatore	Daniel McGarvey & Luca Bagnara
	8 Sept	Jake Torcaso	Joel Alberti & Sienna Privitelli

**Mass at Mother of God Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September:**

We welcome and thank the Furlan Choir who have come to sing at Mother of God Church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September (Fathers' Day) at 10.30am Mass. The Mass will be sung in Latin and Italian. All are welcome to be part of the congregation to hear the only male Italian choir remaining in Melbourne.

**Weekend Collections in our parish:**

- **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**

**Special Collection 2013 - Fathers' Day Priests Retirement Foundation:**

This weekend, 31 August - 1 September, there will be Leaving Collections at the end of each Mass for the Priests Retirement Foundation who is very grateful for your ongoing support. Envelopes are also available. Retired priests are very grateful for your ongoing support both now and in the future. Most priests have served at least 50 years in parish ministry before retiring.

- The custom of priests retiring is relatively new in Melbourne.
- The Priests Retirement Foundation was established in 1990 by Archbishop Little.
- Priests are not employees of the Archdiocese or the Parish, and are thus ineligible for superannuation.
- Priests provide contributions for their retirement to the Foundation during their parish ministry.
- ✦ Although priests generally retire at 75 years of age (according to Canon Law), there are 13 priests over 75 years and 65 priests aged 65 – 75 who are still working in active service in Melbourne parishes.
- ✦ There are 89 Melbourne priests currently retired: 4 in their 90's, 41 in their 80's, 23 aged 75-80, 18 aged 66-75 years, and 3 priests under 65 years who have retired due to ill-health.
- ✦ There will be an average of 6 retirements per year for the next six years.

Please consider giving generously for the many retired or sick priests that have served us well over many years. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Receipts for gifts of \$5 or more are issued end of July 2014



**Outreach Social Afternoon:** Social Afternoon on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 12.00pm at Mother of God Church foyer, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. Come for lunch, cards, scrabble, knitting or a chat with others. Everyone is welcome. - Sue, Helen and Eileen



**Mass of Anointing and Blessing - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at St Bernadette's:**

Parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10.30am at St Bernadette's Church. Families from St Bernadette's 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 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at St Bernadette's  
There are no First Friday Devotions on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September*

**Outreach is Celebrating Seniors' Month:**

Please mark **Wednesday 2 October** on your calendar. With the support of Banyule Council we are able to offer a bus trip to Phillip Island where we will visit the Nobbies renowned for the geology of the area, a colony of fur seals and for seabirds, as well as a visit to the Maru Koala Park. En route there are views of Westernport Bay, even Bass Strait - All for \$55 per person. Lunch at the Cowes RSL is included. We need to depart 4 Waverley Ave at 9.00am and will return by 5.30pm. Bookings are now open with Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120. Don't miss out.

**Memorial Compilation for Fr John Cunningham:**

- A full compiled copy may be viewed, ordered and purchased in each of our churches - at cost (\$5)
  - The full compiled copy may be downloaded from parish website: [www.ivanhoecatholics.com](http://www.ivanhoecatholics.com)
  - Orders of the full compilation can be placed via [comms@ivanhoecatholics.com](mailto:comms@ivanhoecatholics.com) or Parish Office 9499 1515
- In remembrance of Fr John, those who 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

**Invitation from Yarra Deanery – Grief Journey:**

Widowed, separated or divorced parishioners are invited to attend a group which will meet fortnightly on Wednesdays commencing 4<sup>th</sup> September at Ss Peter and Paul Parish, 23 Leeds St, Doncaster East. Enquiries: Please contact Peter on [Padess53@gmail.com](mailto:Padess53@gmail.com) or by phoning 0413 015 061. Alternatively, please phone Father Bill Gill on 9842 1480 / 9842 5764

**Women's Health Information Session:**

Friday 20 September from 1.30 – 2.30pm at Livingstone Community Centre, 1 Livingstone St, Ivanhoe, followed by Afternoon Tea. For women of all ages – all welcome! Each participant will receive a Women's Health Info Pack. Presentation includes 20 mins about "Ageless Grace" wellness program. \$6 donation. RSVP: by 17<sup>th</sup> September to Pat Hollis or Susan in Livingstone St Community Centre Office 9497 2014

**Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students:**

Mercy Connect Project Melbourne - Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students in their educational transitions in Primary and Secondary Schools in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is required. Retired, Casual and Part Time Teachers along with Teacher Students are encouraged to apply. A training program will be conducted in early 2014. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis rsm for an application form and further information. Mercy Connect Project Melbourne Phone: 9326 1895  
Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au) Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com)

**Day of Reflection - Our Lady of Mercy:**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10.15am to 3.15pm at Carmelite Monastery, 94 Stevenson St, Kew. Spiritual Director: Bishop Peter Elliott. Enquiries: Denise 9850 2549

**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 7 – 8 September 2013**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

S. Moorhen

**Special Ministers**

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

**MARY IMMACULATE:** Leader

Sunday 9.00am

First Eucharist

**Reader**

First Eucharist

**Mass Coordinators**

M. Gilbo

**Counters**

M. Rocco, P. Shannon

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sacristan

**Lector**

**Special Ministers**

Sunday 10.30am

E. Mount

T. Barker

D. Ervin, M. Chin, B. / S. Janus

Altar Society:

A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

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**First Collection – Thanksgiving:**

Envelopes: \$1,433.00

Loose cash: \$929.30

**Total:**

**\$2,362.30**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:**

**\$1,279.17**