



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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21 - 22 September 2013

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

V. 1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R.**

V. 2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

V. 3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dung heap he raises the poor

To set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Generous and loving God: **Hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Fr Ted Teal, 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 Annette Campese who died recently. We remember Vincenza Calvisi, James Ryan, Elizabeth and John Amarant, and Hanna (John) Bainy whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Emma Dempsey 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.

Please note: Collectors for Leaving Collection at Mother of God:

There will be Leaving Collection after Mass at Mother of God Church this weekend for **CatholicCare.**

This Week's Readings: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 23 Sept: St Pio of Pietrelcina

Tues 24 Sept: Our Lady of Walsingham

Wed 25 Sept: St Finbar

Thurs 25 Sept: Ss Cosmas & Damian

Fri 27 Sept: St Vincent de Paul

Sat 28 Sept: St Wenceslaus

Next Week's Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Psalm 145:6-10

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

My Trip Home to Vietnam – Fr Thanh

It has been only eight months since my arrival in Melbourne in January 2013, but I had the opportunity to return home for the very first time to attend the episcopal ordination of Father Peter Vien Van Nguyen, who has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Vinh by His Holiness Pope Francis.

Bishop Peter Nguyen was born on January 8, 1965 in Quang Binh province. In 1999, he was ordained to the priesthood for the diocese of Vinh. Following his ordination, he was sent to the School of Philosophy and Theology, Sydney for further studies. In 2009 Fr Peter graduated with a doctoral degree in Systematic Theology and returned to Vinh to work as Professor of Systematic Theology and Vice Rector of Vinh Thanh Seminary. In 2010 he was made Vicar General whilst retaining his teaching duties in the seminary.

The ordination ceremony took place on September 4, 2013 in Vinh with an estimated crowd of 22,000 participants. It brought joy to Vietnamese Catholics and particularly to those of the Vinh diocese. It also brought a two-fold joy to the local church's leaders: the Vietnamese bishops welcomed a new member to the college of bishops whilst Bishop Paul Nguyen Thai Hop has another collaborator to share his pastoral ministry in the diocese of Vinh where the needs for pastoral care increased over the past decade.

The ceremony was a truly blessed and joyful occasion for thousands of Vinh's faithful as well as other participants from all parts of Vietnam and the world. Here, in and through the service, the participants experienced a deep sense of the Universal Church both in the literal and theological sense. Here, they also witnessed a spectacular, festive and yet prayerful, solemn outdoor service peculiar to this local church. Those present, as well as those united with Bishop Peter Nguyen, in spirit would joyfully thank God for the grace-filled service, especially the unusually fine weather on an early autumn day, which manifested a sign of God's abundant blessings.

For the faithful of Vinh, the ordination also brought about a fresh hope for a better life for the local church expressed vividly in the motto chosen by Bishop Nguyen, "*Peace I leave with you*" (Jn 14: 27). The motto reflects deeply the person and the insight of the newly ordained bishop, who has been praised as a man of harmony. This message of peace is significant in the midst of a nationwide crisis of identity and leadership as well as in the peculiar context of the diocese of Vinh where the relationship between the local authority and the church has worsened in recent years due to a lack of mutual understanding and sincere dialogue. In his thank-you speech following the ordination ceremony, Bishop Peter Nguyen expressed his wish to work in collaboration with the local authorities toward a more just and humane society.

Unfortunately, whilst the joy and celebration were still going on following the ordination service, and the message of peace had just been proclaimed, a brutal and inhumane attack was launched by Nghe An authority aimed at the parishioners of My Yen parish, Vinh diocese, which shattered the joy and peace of the faithful of this parish and the diocese of Vinh as a whole. The cause for the attack was identified with the fact that the local authority failed to carry out their commitment to release two Catholic detainees of My Yen parish who had been illegally arrested on May 22, 2013 for a charge entitled "disturbance of public peace." When people gathered around Nghi Phuong's communal house to protest against the authority, they were brutally bashed by thousands of armed police and soldiers.

Consequently, more than 30 people, including women and adolescents, were brutally beaten. Three were in critical condition with head injuries; others suffered from broken legs, arms and ribs. Undoubtedly, the incident has caused serious damage to the trust of Vietnamese people in those who lead the country and the good name of Vietnam. It also raises concern about religious freedom, freedom of speech, human rights, democracy and social justice in Vietnam. Sadly these things seem to remain *mere words* in a country where the communist party is the sole and inviolable political regime.

Returning to Australia where people enjoy a high level of human rights and social justice, I am saddened when thinking about the suffering of the Vietnamese people and the serious deprivation of human rights in my home country. This has led me to think that the way to religious freedom, human rights and social justice in Vietnam is both challenging and far from existing, even though these realities are intrinsic to human existence. A sound government is the one that safeguards and nurtures these basic and fundamental human rights.

In a nutshell, my trip to Vietnam turned from joy into sadness because of the suffering of Vietnamese people under the communist regime. However, my hope, as well as my prayer, is that the Catholic Church in Vietnam continues to grow strongly against this hostile environment; and that Bishop Peter Vien Nguyen, who identified as a messenger of peace, together with Bishop Paul Nguyen, will work hard together to bring about peace, justice and harmony for the people of Vinh. My strong belief is that this hope will never fail because "*If God is for us, who can be against us?*" (Romans 8: 31).

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 21 Sept	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 24 Sept	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Saturday 28 Sept	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
9.00am MI	22 Sept	Emerson Valentino & Luca Carfi	Ava Carfi

Leaving Collection at Mother of God Church 22 September – CatholicCare:

There will be a Leaving Collection at Mother of God Church this weekend for CatholicCare. Envelopes are available. CatholicCare is very grateful for your ongoing support and contributions to its Annual Appeal.

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**

Asylum Seeker Petition: CatholicCare, Jesuit Social Services & MacKillop Family Services work in a partnership supporting asylum seekers living in the community. As Catholic organisations we are extremely concerned about the seriously negative effects of extended detention on asylum seekers. In particular children. We have made a public statement which has been endorsed by seventy other Catholic Organisations. We invite parishioners to sign a petition of support. You can do so easily through the website petition at asylum seeker petition: <http://asylumseekercampaign.com.au/>

Another kind of ministry:

Nowadays, families often see the new technologies as ways of enhancing the funerals of their loved ones and sometimes depend on the help of parishioners. In order to do this, we need a group of people who do not consider themselves as computer experts but are able to manage the basics. They would be given the opportunity to become familiar with our system and what they would be required to do. The calls on your time would be minimal and the more volunteers 'on the list', the fewer times anyone would be asked. It is another example of using our talents and responding to one of our parish values, hospitality. Contact: John (johncosta@westnet.com.au) or Merle (merlegilbo@hotmail.com) if you'd like to talk about this possibility.

Update on Parish Finance, 2013: This weekend the Finance Committee will present a report on Parish Finances to each of our three church communities. Thank you to all concerned on the Finance Committee for their commitment and attention to the various aspects involved. – **Fr Thang**

From Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting, 28 August 2013:

- Feedback and/or contributions to the reflections in the weekly parish newsletter are always appreciated.
- There were the highest number of 'hits' ever on our website at the time of Fr. John's death and funeral.
- The compilation of his life was much appreciated, both here and in Ireland.
- Fr. Thang recommended a book by Fr. Timothy Radcliffe O.P. The title: Why Go To Church?
- When the Outreach Group accumulates a little 'cash', it donates it to a worthy cause. Recently it was to the Mental Illness Fellowship.
- The Finance / Maintenance Group is working towards a planned maintenance programme.

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee: Friday, 27th September, 10am at 10 Donaldson St. Ivanhoe. Travellers' Aid has helped many people over the years. Come and hear Jodie describe how it is continues to do so **today.**

Outreach News

1. Make sure you don't miss out on the bus trip to Phillip Island on 2/10/13. **Bookings must close on September 25.**
2. A reminder that there **will not be a Social Afternoon Lunch/games day on October 2.**
3. Because the Liturgy Group has arranged an e-conference on October 16 we will not hold a lunch/games day until **November 6.** Outreach can recommend the e-conference to all interested.

Outreach is Celebrating Seniors' Month: Wednesday 2 October - Please book by Wednesday 25 Sept:

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 which includes Lunch at Cowes RSL. 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.

Ivanhoe Parish eConference: The Gospel of St John (The Love of God Made Visible) 16 October:

Following the popularity of earlier Broken Bay Institute eConferences, Ivanhoe Parish will again host the next Broken Bay Institute live eConference from Sydney by video-streaming on Wednesday 16th October from 10.30am to 2.30pm. You are invited and encouraged to attend in Ivanhoe Parish if you can. A light lunch will be provided. Keynote speakers: Fr Frank Moloney and Dr Dorothy Lee. Frank Moloney SDB was born and bred in Melbourne; a Salesian of Don Bosco who holds a Doctorate in Philosophy from Oxford University, he has studied, taught and published extensively, both in Australia and overseas. Rev Professor Dorothy Lee is Dean of the Theological School and the Frank Woods Professor in New Testament. No charge but donation invited. Further details available later. **Reserve now** Enquire: John Costa, Merle Gilbo or Parish Office.

Mother of God 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance - Saturday 19th October:

Time: 6.30 – 9.30pm **Venue:** The Centre, Streeton Room, 275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
Ticket Price: \$90 per person which includes 3 course celebration dinner, drinks and live entertainment.
Dress: Ladies – Cocktail & Men – Lounge Suit **Ticket purchase:** <http://www.trybooking.com/58861>
RSVP: Friday 11th October Enquiries: 9497 1094 or rhoodhan@mogivanhoeeast.catholic.edu.au

Invitation from St Bernadette’s School - Winnie the Pooh Kids:



In 1925, A.A. Milne published in the Evening News a bedtime story about his son Christopher Robin’s adventures with a stuffed bear named Winnie-the-Pooh. By the time his books Winnie-the-Pooh, Now We Are Six and The House at Pooh Corner were published, the bear of a very little brain was an international sensation. Playwright Cheryl Davis and composer Will Van Duke have drawn from this source to create the endearing musical for 21st-century kids that you hold in your hands. Following the story of the most recent film, Christopher Robin has disappeared and his animal friends must rescue him from a creature called the Backson. Along the way, Pooh searches for honey, Eeyore loses his tail, and they all discover the benefits of working together to solve a problem.

St Bernadette’s students are performing this play on Wednesday 9th October and Thursday 10th October at Darebin Arts Centre. Please contact St Bernadette’s School Office for ticket information: 9499 3914.

Graphic: <http://www.cartoonshdwallpaper.com/walt-disney-cartoons/coloring-pages-ideas-winnie-the-pooh-kleurplaten-printen/>

Social Justice in the City: “The Impact of Mental Health Issues on Quality of Life.”:

Wednesday 25 September, 12 - 1pm Tea and coffee provided.
Where: St Francis Pastoral Centre Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Sts, Melbourne. **Contact:** Paula 9895 5800

Support Group: The Yarra Deanery would like to extend an invitation to any widowed, separated or divorced parishioners to attend a support group that has been established to assist you with your grief journey and enable you to find a sense of support from others on a similar path.

The group will continue to meet fortnightly at 7:30pm at St Peter’s and Pauls in Leeds St, Doncaster East. Dates: Wednesdays 2nd & 16th October. We welcome parishioners of all ages to attend as little and as often as they need. Enquiries contact Peter: pades53@gmail.com or 0413 015 061 or 9840 6248

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 28 – 29 September 2013

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** J. Gray **Special Ministers** Sister Carmel, B. Jowett

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** Conroy family **Reader** Conroy family **Mass Coordinators** J. Costa **Counters** P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** M. Hoban **Lector** A. Tosolini **Special Ministers** A. Moloney, G. Crawford, F. Tosolini
Altar Society: P. Caddy **Choir Coordinator:** School Holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,681.00 Loose cash: \$1,031.80 **Total: \$2,712.80**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$1,104.85**

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