



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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5 - 6 October 2013

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

V. 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

V. 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

V. 3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray: Lord, increase our faith.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Sheila Mullane, 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 Gwen Utting who died recently. We also remember Concetta Stramandinoli and Irene Rogan whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Habakkuk 1:2-8; 2:2-4 Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 7 Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

Tues 8 Oct: St Pelagia

Wed 9 Oct: Blessed John Henry Newman

Thurs 10 Oct: St Paulinus of York

Fri 11 Oct: St Canice

Sat 12 Oct: St Wilfred

Next Week's Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

2 Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 97:1-4 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

Reflection on Catechesis - Ruth Villani

Instructions for catechesis are given in Matthew's Gospel: Jesus commissions his disciples 'to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always.' (Mt 28:19-20)

Adults wanting to belong to the early Church and convert to Christianity were expected to undergo a period of discernment, preparation and instruction which could take three years, and were required to prove that they were capable of leading Christian lives in a manner which supported and gave witness to the Christian community. It was the responsibility of the whole community to educate and instruct, to support and welcome catechumens as they prepared to receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Associated terms:

Catechesis: Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults which includes the teaching of Christian doctrine ... with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life. Catechesis is a means of arousing faith, examining reasons for belief, providing experiences of Christian living as well as celebration of the sacraments and integration into the church community. Catechesis is integral to the whole life of the church rather than occurring in isolation.

Catechesis is not confined to initial conversion for Baptism or sacramental preparation as part of parish life, but is rather part of a lifelong process which includes ongoing formation and education, ongoing conversion and transformation which enables personal and communal growth in faith, witness and discipleship.

Catechist: Is one who provides religious instruction in this regard. It is important to remember that parents are primary catechists for their children. Within parish life, the priest is the principal catechist through his ministry, witness and service at a variety of levels. Catechists may be a parishioner or parishioners prepared to take responsibility for catechesis in conjunction with the priest and as representative member of the parish community.

Catechism: In some cases catechisms were understood and presented as matters of faith and doctrine in the form of questions followed by answers which were to be memorised and accepted. Catechisms may also be used to help deepen understandings of faith in an organic and systematic manner, as well as being a reference point for those involved in catechesis and evangelisation.

Catechesis in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe

Catechesis occurs and takes place with, in and through those who provide leadership, witness and service as part of parish life. Examples of parish catechesis include preparation for Baptism and for those wishing to prepare for and receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. We have been blessed to have catechists who prepared children to receive the sacraments in their respective parish church communities over many years; and later, as a combined group as part of The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe. We thank them most sincerely for their dedication, commitment, service and witness to the parish in this manner.

Children that attend classes live in the parish, and come from schools other than parish schools which include government and private schools, and include children who have left local parish schools prior to Grade 6. Age groups vary depending on family circumstances, and in some cases needs of the child concerned. Children in Grade 3 and over are accepted for Reconciliation and Eucharist and age groups have ranged from Year 3 to Year 9. Children enrolling for Confirmation are Year 6 and over, and groups have included children in and up to Year 10. Multiple children from a family can attend, and some families have been involved over consecutive years.

Parent and child are expected to attend classes which hopefully assist further discussion at home, as well as an opportunity to revisit and renew sacramental experiences at a personal level as adults – it is a lived experience with and through all concerned (catechists, children and adults). Reconciliation is a home based program which involves an introductory session for adult only, interim period where parents and child complete a workbook and gathering of parents and children prior to reception of the sacrament either as a group or individual on a Saturday morning. Eucharist and Confirmation involve attendance at five evening sessions and home activities. Rehearsals take place at the local church for Eucharist and at St Patrick's Cathedral prior to Confirmation. Confirmation candidates also attend a Retreat Day with students from the three parish schools. Catechist children and adults are invited to attend Sacramental Family Workshops facilitated and coordinated by our three parish schools which facilitate, prepare and implement the Confirmation Retreat Day. A team approach with teachers and catechists.

Since 2011 Fr Thang has been a visible and active presence as both principal catechist and leader as part of sacramental preparation in the parish. The children and their families have been blessed to share their faith journeys in sacramental life with their Parish Priest. I sincerely thank Thang for his input, knowledge and experience provided for the children as well as his ongoing support and trust in our respective roles as catechists.

Sources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church 2nd edition for Australia & New Zealand #5, #6 & #7. NSW: St Paul Publications, September 2004

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 5 October		<i>Reconciliation not available</i>	
Monday 7 October	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Wednesday 9 Oct	7.30pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	St Pius X, Heidelberg West
Wednesday 9 Oct		St Bernadette's School Performances	See newsletter item
Thursday 10 Oct		St Bernadette's School Performances	See newsletter item

No Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate Church on Saturday 5th October:

Please note: Reconciliation will not be available at Mary Immaculate Church at 10am, Saturday 5th October. Appointments for Reconciliation can be made via Mother of God House 9499 5440 or Office 9499 1515.

Ordination to the Diaconate on Saturday 5th September at 10am, St Patrick's Cathedral:

Michael Kong, Linh Pham, Minh Tran and Sang Ho will be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Melbourne on Saturday 5th October. We congratulate these men on this significant occasion and wish them well in their future ministries. Please keep them in our prayers. – **Fr Thang**

Parish Reflections:

For the next few weeks, a profile of the groups and teams at the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe will appear on the reflection of the week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the on-going dedication and effort of all members of the groups and teams in our parish. May God continue to bless all members and their families. – **Fr Thang**

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	12 Oct	Deanna Di Clemente & Daniela Carrieri	Mann & Bice families
9.00am MI	13 Oct	Ben Marcon & Riley O'Sullivan	Zac Marcon
10.30am MOG	6 Oct	Aiden Sassano	Asher Sassano & Giulio Tombolato
10.30am MOG	13 Oct	Georges Anjoul	Annie Sinclair & Mia Tosolini

Found!: Small black umbrella in bus after Outreach excursion on Wednesday 2 Oct. Enquire at Parish Office.

A Vote of Thanks:

25 people give a hearty vote of thanks to Sue Kelly for her organisation of our excursion to Phillip Island on Wednesday October 2. The ferocious wind / rain meant we didn't see seals or koalas but we did see lots of canny gulls cleverly protecting themselves and a close up view of a flock of cape barren geese. Best of all behind the safety of glass, we had the mesmerising sight of the great and majestic southern ocean. En route there were lots of views of white caps on Westernport Bay. Lunch at Phillip Island RSL was excellent and our stop for morning tea at the Australia Garden in Cranbourne was inspiring. Many thanks go to Banyule Council for their encouragement and grant for a Seniors' activity and for our lovely driver and guide, Andrew. All agreed that it was 'a great day'.

Outreach News:

1. E-conference on St John's Gospel will be held on Wednesday 16 October - please refer to item below. The Outreach Group recommends the e-conference to all interested and lunch will be provided.
2. Next Social Afternoon Lunch / games day on **Wednesday 6 November**.

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

Ivanhoe Parish will host the next Broken Bay Institute live eConference from Sydney by video-streaming on Wednesday 16th October 10.30am - 2.30pm. You are invited and encouraged to attend and a light lunch will be provided. Keynote speakers: Fr Frank Moloney and Dr Dorothy Lee. No charge but donation invited.

For catering purposes please contact: John Costa 9850 2454, Merle Gilbo 9497 1691 or Office 9499 1515.

Parish Office Spring Working Bee Saturday 19 October - 8 Am - 12 Noon:

You meet the nicest people at Parish working bees! To get acquainted or catch up with friends, stay for the cuppa and chat! We hope that you, parishioners and school families can spare an hour or more to help the Parish in this most practical way. This time mostly a garden clean up, around the Parish Office, Hall and Mary Immaculate Church, and any other small jobs that are easy for us to do! Just come along anytime on Saturday morning and ask what you can do to help. Please BYO gloves and equipment for useful gardening,

pruning and / or cleaning. Of course, if you have a hedge trimmer, a whipper snipper or garden blower, that would be useful too. Morning tea will be provided.

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**

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. St Bernadette's students are performing this play on **Wednesday 9th October & 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/>

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 rhoodohan@mogivanhoeeast.catholic.edu.au

FCJ Benalla Reunion: Reunion for FCJ Benalla Alumni will be held at Genazzano, Cotham Road, Kew on Sunday 13th October 2013 at 1.30pm. For further information, please contact Suzanne O'Kane on 9499 1011.

Feast of St Francis of Assisi Celebration, Mill Park - Sunday 13 October, 10:30am:

Join St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park as they celebrate the life of their parish patron saint. All welcome.
10:30 am - Solemn Mass of St Francis of Assisi. **12:30 pm** - Family lunch in the school courtyard.
There will be entertainment provided by the Maltese Brass Band as well as activities for children, including a Mechanical Bull, Slide and Bungy Run from *Awesome Party Hire*.
2 pm - Blessing of the Animals **Where:** St Francis of Assisi Parish, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park
Contact: Ruth 9407 6704 or www.sfrancismillpark.org.au

Support Group: The Yarra Deanery extends an invitation to parishioners who are widowed, separated or divorced to attend a support group established to assist one another and enable a sense of support with others on a similar path. Meetings are fortnightly at 7:30pm at St Peter's and Pauls, Leeds St, Doncaster E. Dates: **Wednesday 16th October**. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to attend as little and as often as they need. Contact Peter: padess53@gmail.com, 0413 015 061 or 9840 6248

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 12 – 13 October 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

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

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** K. Bator **Reader** B. Marcon **Mass Coordinators** E. Ballao **Counters** T. McKinley, E. Ballao
R. O'Sullivan

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** J. Taylor **Lector** J. Curry **Special Ministers** M A Darcy, J. Ellis
Altar Society: MOG Mothers **Choir Coordinator:** M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,472.00	Loose cash: \$502.75	Total:	\$1,974.75
Second Collection – Presbytery:				\$ 946.95

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