

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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16 – 17 November 2013

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

- V. 1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**
- V. 2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**
- V. 3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Faithful God, direct us in your ways: Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Yvonne Homsey, Raffaella Danza, Sheila Mullane, Nora Brown, Mike McGuire, Sheila Ryan and Mary Bezzina. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Angela Bellio who died recently. We also remember Camillo Campese, Paul Campese, Giovanni Rombei, Vinicio Ciliberti, Biaggio Ciliberti, Maria Martini and Biaggio Martini whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Baptism: We welcome Tiernan Heyes who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

This Week's Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Malachi 3:19-20 Psalm 97:5-9 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Luke 21:5-19

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 18 Nov: Ss Peter & Paul Basilicas

Wed 20 Nov: St Edmund

Fri 22 Nov: St Cecilia

Tues 19 Nov: St Nerses I

Thurs 21 Nov: Presentation of the Virgin Mary

Sat 23 Nov: St Columban

Next Week's Readings: Christ the King: Year C

2 Samuel 5:1-3 Psalm 121:1-5 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

From the desk of Fr Thang: Purgatory

In the Catholic tradition, there are scriptural reflections about purgatory: 2 Mac 12:39-46 (*the exhortation to pray for the dead who have fallen in battle and are found to be wearing pagan amulets*); 1 Cor 15:29 (*the mysterious practice of being baptised for the dead*); and 1 Cor 3:19-15 (*the “fire” that tests the sort of work each one has done*). The contexts of these texts indicate the horizon in which the particular symbol of purgatory came to be expressed. The mood of the New Testament is that of celebrating the wonder of what God has done for us in Christ. Interestingly, Jesus himself did not speak of purgatory. Nonetheless, its existence, in whatever form, is part of the Church teaching and must hence be regarded as authoritative teaching. If we synthesise the formulations of the ecumenical councils, main points are: there is a state of purification; in this state, the souls are definitely and absolutely going to heaven, just not yet; and they can be helped by our prayers and good works.

In the light of the renewed understanding of purgatory, there are three notable reflections. First, purgatory pertains to the journey of self-realisation. In the moment of death, or better, in the journey of dying, the self is summoned into a final state of self-transcendence. We begin to know who we really are for the first time, and hence to confront all that is false and unfinished in our being. If this can be called suffering, it is “the pain of being born into the inexpressibly other world in which God is the light.”

Second, purgatory is a decisive encounter with Christ. In him, we are confronted with the ultimate form of human existence; indeed, he is met as the mystery fundamental to each one’s unique identity. We become aware of ourselves as being made through him, for him, and in him. The tension between what we most love and want to be, and what in fact we are, is the beginning of our articulation of purgatory. As Boros puts it:

Christ looks with utter love and complete graciousness on the one who comes to him. At the same time his gaze burns right into the innermost parts of that human existence. To encounter God in Christ’s eyes of fire is the highest fulfilment of our capacity for love and also the most fearful suffering our nature ever has to bear...the encounter with Christ would be our purgatory.

Third, purgatory is conformity to the Crucified. If this moment of truth reveals anything in contradiction to Christ, it is also a final entry into the dying of Christ himself. In the depths of our selfhood, Christ now appears as “the Way.” In his descent into the hell of all separation from God, he now summons us to the death of a final self-surrender. We are drawn to participate fully in the mystery of his death, his self-emptying for the life of the world. He, who has died for us, now dies in us, to make of each individual existence a passion for God. As John Macquarrie nicely sums up this reflection:

The kind of suffering envisaged in purgatory is not an external penalty that has to be paid, but it is our suffering with Christ, our being crucified with him as we are conformed to him, the painful surrender of the ego-centred self that the God-centred self of love may take its place.

Purgatory also reminds us about our profound solidarity with the deceased which is called the communion of saints: “The life and death of each of us has its influence on others” (Rom 14:7). Our lives are to be in relation to others: we exist from them (family), with them (society), through them (culture), and for them (community). Just as the Spirit inspires us to pray for ourselves, not to change God’s will but in order to make us open to it, so we are inspired to pray for others in order that grace might touch and penetrate human freedom in its social reality. So praying for the dead is a recognition of such fundamental solidarity. If neither “death... nor heights nor depths, nor things present nor things to come, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus” (Rom 8:38ff), neither do they sunder the bonds of charity that animate the Christian community.

Two principles remain essential in appreciating a reflection of interceding for the dead in the communion of saints. First, “all is grace” – all prayers, whether past, present or future in relation to the moment of death, are aspects of the Spirit’s creation of this particular individual. Second, each one dies and comes to salvation only in, and through, the communion of saints manifested in the prayerful compassion of the Church. In this way we further clarify an important element of the Christian concept of hope.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 16 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 19 Nov	7.30pm	St Bernadette's P.S. Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 19 Nov	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Advent Lecture	see newsletter item
Wednesday 20 Nov	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate P.S. 5/6M & 5/6L	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 21 Nov	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate P.S. Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Friday 22 Nov	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grades 1 & 2	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 22 Nov	7.00pm	Catechist students' rehearsal for Eucharist	Mother of God Church
Saturday 23 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 24 Nov	10.30am	Mass & First Eucharist : Catechist students	Mother of God Church

Memorial Mass – Saturday 16th November at 9.00am at St Bernadette's Church:



We welcome all those who have gathered together as part of the Memorial Mass to remember loved ones, family and friends who may no longer be with us as part of our parish, as well as those who have belonged to other parish communities. Light supper will be available in the Cunningham Centre after Mass which is served and provided by the Outreach group. (Cunningham Centre is located in Stanley St Ivanhoe, behind the church and opposite the school)

Memorial Books:

Memorial books with the names of those who have gone before us are available in each of our churches for the month of November. The pages from all previous years are still there with past names and anniversaries. Feel free to add names of those who have died **during the past year**.



November Masses: Families, relatives and friends given as part of envelopes for November Masses will be remembered and celebrated at Masses during the week by Fr Thanh and myself. – **Fr Thang**



First Eucharist Celebration:

We remember and pray for the children in our Parish who will celebrate their First Eucharist on Sunday 24th November as part of the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

Welcome: We welcome the children who are reading and bringing the Offertory Gifts at parish Masses:

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	16 Nov	Peter Rossi & Chiara Iuele	
9.00am MI	17 Nov		Nicholas Munro
9.00am MI	24 Nov	Adam McKern	Lucas McKern & Alexander Jansz
10.30am MOG	17 Nov	Bethany Baini	
10.30am MOG	24 Nov	Catechist children	Catechist children

Richard McKinney Memorial Advent Lectures 2013: **Speaker:** Brendan Byrne SJ

Title: 'The Dawn from on High Shall Visit Us': Advent with St Luke. Lectures begin: 8.00pm.

Supper is available after each presentation at 9.15pm.

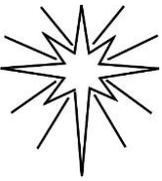
Donation: Gold coin

Contact: 9497 1017

- Tuesday 19 Nov: **Two Births** - St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 26 Nov: **Two Incidents in the Temple**- Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

Mother of God Church Roster 2014: Anyone who wishes to volunteer to assist at 10.30 Sunday Masses in the role of Sacristan, Lector, Special Minister, assisting with the choir or to help out with the flowers, please ring Helen Taylor: 9499 3041. Volunteers are most welcome. Alternatively, if any person on the roster wishes to make changes, please contact Helen as soon as possible. Thank you to all those people on the roster for volunteering in the various roles in the church.

Car Wash Mary Immaculate Parish Primary School Fundraiser: On Sunday 17th November, 50% of every car wash purchased using the fundraiser code 9850 at Grand Wash Auto, 347 Darebin Rd, Thornbury will be donated to MIPPS. If you were thinking of washing your car your support would be gratefully appreciated, every wash counts – and it doesn't stop on the 17th Nov. Following week MIPPS will receive 25% of every wash & finally 10% of every wash for the following 3 months. So even if you are not available on 17th Nov you could still help. A flyer with dates, code and key ring is available in the back of the church.



Christmas Cards and Calendars:

Cards and calendars are available in each church. Containers are provided for purchase costs.

- Christmas Cards are purchased from St Vincent de Paul Society.

Cost: **\$3.50** for a packet of 8 cards (plain cards) & **\$5** for a packet of 8 card (with pictures)

- Columban Calendars 2014 Cost: **\$9** each.

Graphics: www.Free-graphics.com

Dates for your Diary from Outreach.

1. Let's look forward to Christmas and raise funds for Ryder Cheshire Homes by enjoying High Tea and the music and glamour of Andre Rieu 'Live in Australia'. **Wednesday, 4th December** at 1.00pm. \$10 per person. Come to Mary Immaculate Hall at 4 Waverley Avenue, Ivanhoe.
2. Christmas Lunch at the Yarra Valley Country Club, 12 noon on Wednesday 11 December - Bring a Kris Kringle gift to the value of \$5. **Cost:** \$26 per person. **Bookings** are essential & needed as soon as possible. **RSVP Friday 6 December.** Transport can be arranged if needed.
Contact: Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120

Wanted to rent: Garage space for Classic Car - 24 hour access needed. Contact: David Jones 0412 106 790

From the Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting 23.10.13:

Among matters raised and discussed were:

- Pastoral duties at the Heidelberg medical precinct are continuing to increase.
- Finance Group is preparing to draft budget for 2014, including prioritizing maintenance needs across all properties.
- The presentation of the Gospel of St. John (courtesy of the Broken Bay Institute) was well attended and much appreciated.
- We welcomed two representatives from the Korean community.
- A sub-group has undertaken to develop a policy for our web site.
- The catechist group is preparing for First Eucharist on Sunday 24 November at Mother of God Church.

Heidelberg Choral Society - Brahms: Ein Deutsches Requiem & Dvořak: Te Deum

Under the direction of Peter Bandy, the choir will stage only one performance on **Saturday 14 December** at **7.30pm**, at Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School Performing Arts Centre, Noel Street, Ivanhoe (Mel 31 G7).

Soloists: Teresa Duddy (Soprano) & Nathan Lay (Baritone). **Tickets:** \$35 adult or \$30 conc. **Bookings:** 9489 0806 or 9458 1727; online www.hcs.asn.au. **Information:** publicity@hcs.asn.au or www.hcs.asn.au

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 parishes cannot support them financially - Priests Remuneration Fund, and 5% Cathedral Levy. Thanks for your ongoing contributions and generosity – **Fr Thang**

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 23 – 24 November 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
M. Sibillin

Reader

A. McKern

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

E. Ballao, T. McKinley

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

Catechists

Special Ministers

M A Darcy, J. Ellis

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,802.00	Loose cash: \$836.95	Total:	\$2,638.95
Second Collection – Presbytery:				\$1,284.55

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