



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. 6

8 – 9 February 2014

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

- V. 1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**
- V. 2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**
- V. 3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor;
His justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who
follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Christ be our light: Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of
men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good
things.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Fr Donald Lourenz, Grace McMahon, Ron Greenwood, Jack Mullane, Leo Milesi, Nora Brown, Raffaella Danza, Sheila Ryan and Mary Bezzina who are in need of prayer at this time. We also remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Fr Peter Collins SSS and Gustavo Bona who died recently. We remember Bill Dowling and Sheila Clancy whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Baptism:

We welcome Madeline De Brincat 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 in the lifelong journey of faith.

This Week's Readings: 5th Sunday in Ordinary time: Year A

Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 111:4-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 10 Feb: St Scholastica

Wed 12 Feb: St Damian

Fri 14 Feb: Ss Cyril & Methodius

Tues 11 Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes

Thurs 13 Feb: St Catherine de Ricci

Sat 15 Feb: St Siegfried

Next Week's Readings: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Sirach 15:15-20 Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

Prayers of the Sick: Please note that as from February 2014 our practice is to leave names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please make personal contact with the Parish Office.

From the desk of Fr Thang:

In recent scorching hot-weeks, I have been called to visit and administer the sacraments to our parish people with special needs, including those of advancing age, those diagnosed with terminal illness, and those who lost loved ones after a long marriage. It has not been easy! When I came to see them, there was less talking on my part. At the same time, I really felt that I did not have to say much, only listen!

During a school conversation, a child asked a priest: Was Jesus ever sick? Blessed for the priest, because this question was recently raised at a liturgy meeting. Based on a reflection on the Letter to the Hebrews, the priest gently and calmly answered the young child: Well, we know Jesus is the Son of God at Christmas and we also know that he is like us in everything except mistakes, faults or sins. So Jesus sometimes might have a cold or flu like your younger sister.

Pope Francis in his first message on the World Day of the Sick also underlines the fact that although the Son of God made man has not taken away human disease and suffering, he has taken them on to himself. In particular, the Pope turns his attention especially to the sick and all those who provide them with care and treatment. He sees in these people the special presence of the suffering of Christ and affirms them that God gives them the courage to face each adversity with him and that they are united to him.

When Blessed John Cardinal Newman was on vacation at Palermo, he became seriously ill. He faced his own crisis head on and took a hard look at his life up to that point. What he left us was a wonderful poem, *The Pillar of the Cloud*, also known as *Lead Kindly Light*, later made into a hymn. I have found this hymn extremely comforting after my recent tooth surgery.

To those who are suffering and to those who are caring for your loved ones, may you find the strength and grace from the Good Lord to take one day at a time.

The Pillar of the Cloud – Blessed John Cardinal Newman

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th’encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home, lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on.
O’er moor and fen, o’er crag and torrent, till the night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Meantime, along the narrow rugged path, Thyself hast trod,
Lead, Saviour, lead me home in childlike faith, home to my God.
To rest forever after earthly strife
In the calm light of everlasting life.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Tuesday 11 Feb	9.15am	Mass & MOG School - Seniors	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 11 Feb	3 & 4.15pm	Christian Meditation Group	See newsletter item
Wednesday 14 Feb	9.15am	Mass & MI School – Grades 5M & 5/6SO	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 13 Feb	9.00am	Liturgy Group	Parish Office
Saturday 15 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 15 Feb	6.60pm	St B Family Mass – Grades 1 & 2	St Bernadette’s Church
Tuesday 18 Feb	4.15pm	Christian Meditation Group	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 19 Feb	10.30am	Mass – Combined Schools	See newsletter item

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News from Fr Thang:

Archbishop Denis Hart informed our parish that as from 14 February 2014 Fr Thanh Tran has been appointed as Priest in Residence at St Jude's Parish in Scoresby whilst continuing his studies at John Paul II Institute. We wish Fr Thanh well in his appointment, ministry and residence at Scoresby. We sincerely thank Fr Thanh for his contributions, ministry and presence in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe over the past year.

Please Note: There will be leaving collections in each church this weekend 8 – 9 February to thank Fr Thanh for his significant contributions to our parish. The parish will be informed as soon as the final date of Ivanhoe Masses is confirmed. - Many thanks, **Fr Thang**

Special Ministers of Communion at Austin Hospital:

Special Ministers of Communion are wanted to assist in bringing the Eucharist to patients in Austin Hospital. If you think you are able to assist once a week, once a fortnight or even once a month for 1 – 2 hours please ring St John's Heidelberg Parish Office 9457 1066, leaving your name and contact number. Guidance, orientation and induction will be provided. – Fr Mario Zammit

World Day of the Sick – Anointing Service Tuesday 11 February: Parishioners are invited to Anointing Service (Ecumenical) to celebrate World Day of the Sick. The Anointing Service will be held at **11am on Tuesday 11 February at St Pius X Catholic Church**, 419 Waterdale Rd, Heidelberg West. Please RSVP Monday 10 February: Fr Wayne Edwards 9457 5794 or stpiusvic@bigpond.com

Coffee before meditation: At 3.00pm on Tuesday February 11 you are most welcome to join us for coffee at "The Dish", 72 Silverdale Rd Eaglemont, before our meditation session at 4.15pm in Mary Immaculate Hall, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Enquiries: Kathy Gillespie 0438 530 324.

St Bernadette's School Family Mass 1 / 2 - 15 February:

On Saturday 15th February children and their families from Grades 1 / 2 will come to the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's. All are welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass – Sue Moorhen.

Mass time at Mary Immaculate on Wednesday 19 February – 10.30am:

On **Wednesday 19th February Mass at Mary Immaculate Church will be at 10.30am.** (No 9.15am Mass)
Children and staff from each of our schools will attend Mass to celebrate the Beginning of the School Year.

The REAL New Year:

In a way, the year begins in February, doesn't it? That is when we get back into stride picking up the activities which make up the life of our community. However, before we move away from the final days of 2013, it would be good to reflect on the celebrations which were so important and from which we can learn when Advent and Christmas come around again.

Your feedback is welcome and so important for the future. The Liturgy Group would appreciate any thoughts about our Christmas liturgies - times of the Masses and opportunities for Reconciliation, ways in which you would like to be involved etc... Contact Merle on merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au or speak to any member of the Liturgy Group.

If you have ideas about that 'special' newsletter, Pat Kelly (pj.kelly@bigpond.com) or Sue Moorhen (suemoorhen@bigpond.com) would love to hear from you!!

Maria (Marisa) Monzon-White: If you own a painting or artwork by the above artist, who was a parishioner of Mary Immaculate for many years until her death in 2011, you are asked to contact her son Laurence White, who is compiling a catalogue of her works, with the intention of publishing an illustrated book in due course. Laurence can be contacted on 0408 385 916 or laurencefwhite@gmail.com

Exodus Community offers you a chance to be part of a unique event - a visit to the **Victorian Jazz Archive**. Wednesday, 19th March, 10.30am at Koomba Park, 15 Mountain Highway, Wantirna. Cost: \$25 ticket which covers a guided tour of the archive, a light luncheon and a 45 minute Band Concert (if 20 attend!). Tickets available from Anne Hall (9497 5153) or Jo Magnanini (9850 7702) and **must** be paid for by Friday, 14th Feb.

Found: A green bag was found at the front entrance of Mary Immaculate Church mid-January. The bag contains a wooden cross and assortment of books which include a recent copy of Break Open the Word, Missal 2013 – 2023, Divine Office, prayer books and others. This bag can be collected from the Parish Office during office hours at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. If intended to be left as a donation, we would be very grateful if you can contact the office 9499 1515.

Outreach 2014: Congratulations to all who supported our events in 2013. We concluded the year with a contribution to Ryder Cheshire Homes of \$500 and managed one other contribution of \$200 earlier in the year for the Mental Health Foundation. Truly, from little things big things grow!

Plans for the 2014 program are well advanced. Because the number of people who organise events is not what they used to be and those people expect to be absent for family holidays at different times, the program is reduced this year. We will continue our basic commitment of the first Wednesday of the month with lunch/games day in the MOG foyer at noon. Everyone is welcome to bring a plate and come on the first Wednesday of each month from February to November. There is no charge for these occasions.

In April we hope to organise a film and high tea in the Mary Immaculate Hall at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe and later in September a bus trip. However we now have a new policy that bus bookings will be accompanied by a deposit. More news later. - Sue, Helen & Eileen

Sacraments 2014:

2014 Sacramental Brochures for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2014 are available in each church. Enrolments are only accepted from families **who live within the parish which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.**

Please note: Only children **who do not attend** Parish primary schools or **who have transferred out** of Catholic Primary schools prior to Grade 6 need to enrol in the Parish Program

Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program. For enrolment in the parish sacramental program for catechists, it is recommended that preparation takes place in the parish in which the catechist lives.

Enrolment forms are available from Parish Office 9499 1515 and website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com

NB. Closing date is Friday 28 March 2014 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.

Short Course in Christian Faith and Theology:

The Short Course in Christian Faith and Theology offers a basic introduction to Christianity for a general audience interested in learning more about the faith. It is an opportunity to explore important questions with ACU theologians including Rev Professor Anthony Kelly, Professor Anne Hunt, Dr Joel Hodge and Dr Christian Jacobs-Vandegier. Important questions such as those below will be explored:

What is Theology?

Why did Jesus die and rise from the dead?

Is Faith relevant today?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Does God exist?

Is the Church necessary for Christian faith?

The course runs over 4 Wednesday evenings: 19th February, 26th February, 5th March and 12th March. Each session runs 6.30pm-8pm, with refreshments provided from 6.00pm. Course Fee: \$20/person.

Venue: Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

The Course is open to the public.

Registration is online at: <http://www.acu.edu.au/595204>

We also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/393995020736977>

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 15 – 16 February 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

J. Gray, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

J. Pidutti

Reader

C. Nguyen

Mass Coordinators

J. Costa

Counters

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

C. Bellio

Special Ministers

B. Janus, A. Patterson, C. Bellio

Altar Society:

I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,408.00	Loose cash: \$496.75	Total:	\$1,904.75
Second Collection – Presbytery:				\$ 891.90

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