



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. 7

15 – 16 February 2014

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

- V. 1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**
- V. 2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R.**
- V. 3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R.**
- V. 4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **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: Lord, may your wisdom guide us: Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Fr Donald Lourenz, Grace Mahon, 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 Marjorie Sampson who died recently. We remember Berardino Renzella whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 17 Feb: The Servite Founders

Tues 18 Feb: St Simeon

Wed 19 Feb: St Boniface of Lausanne

Thurs 20 Feb: St Eleutherius

Fri 21 Feb: St Peter Damian

Sat 22 Feb: The Chair of St Peter

Next Week's Readings: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

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:

There was a test between a Christian and a Jew to find out who could make a call to Jesus first. The Christian went first. He took his latest I-phone out, put in a code: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. After about 10 seconds with all the translations into Aramaic, Jesus' face appeared on the I-phone, waving. Next the Jew also took his I-phone out, put in a code, only a second later, Jesus' face appeared on the I-phone with the greeting: 'Shalom!' The Christian was surprised about the instant response. 'What code did you put in your I-phone that made Jesus come so quickly?' asked the Christian. 'Simple my friend, Jews speaks to Jews!'

We sometimes forget that Jesus was a faithful Jew who observed the law handed down within his tradition from generation to generation. We do not usually consider law as an area of wonder. Laws are regarded as boundaries we ought not to pass over. In Jewish mentality, what was called law, the Torah was more than a collection of don'ts and dos. The whole was greater the sum of the parts. The law of God meant the revelation of God's will. For the people, the law was the precious statements of God's covenant of love with his chosen people.

At the heart of God's commandments, we will find God's word, God's wisdom and God's love. In Jesus' whole life: his life of preaching, ministry, passion, death and resurrection, he becomes the law for all those who follow him. In today's Gospel, the Lord provides us with a new outlook on the law: "You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors... But I say this to you." In a nutshell, Jesus is claiming authority over God's law, an authority that shares the intimacy of God's inner life.

In Jesus' fresh teaching, we see our Lord goes to the root of the matter. It is not just murder that is forbidden, but anger that leads to it; not just adultery, but the lust that leads to it... It is what comes within our hearts, the evil intentions that emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly... Jesus invites us to have a fresh look at our faith not merely with a list of rules and regulations, but an on-going encounter with Jesus himself who calls us to let go any thoughts or behaviours that draw us away from right relationship to God and our neighbour. The key words are to keep our relationships going even though we find Jesus' teachings are confronting and challenging.

Pope Francis, with his recent exhortation, the Joy of the Gospel, invites us to consider:

1. The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.
2. ...all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day.

May our daily encounter with Christ who renews our frail humanity, guides us in the truth, gently prompts us in his way and fills us with the desires of God's law. Amen

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 15 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 15 Feb	6.30pm	St B Family Mass – Grades 1 & 2	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 18 Feb	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God Middle School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 18 Feb	4.15pm	Christian Meditation Group	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 18 Feb	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 19 Feb	10.30am	Mass – Combined Parish Schools	See newsletter item
Wednesday 19 Feb	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Thursday 20 Feb	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee Meeting	
Friday 21 Feb	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S.- Grade 3/4H	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 22 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church

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Thank you Fr Thanh:

We wish Fr Thanh well in his appointment, ministry and residence in his role as Priest in Residence at St Jude's Parish, Scoresby. We sincerely thank Fr Thanh for his contributions, ministry and presence in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe over the past year.
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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.



60th Wedding Anniversary:

Joyce and John O'Brien appreciate recognition given by members of the parish on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. - *John and Joyce O'Brien*
Congratulations on this significant occasion and wish you many blessings for the year ahead.

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

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

We welcome the children from Grades 1 / 2 at St Bernadette's School and their families who have come to the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's. All are welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass – Sue Moorhen.

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 laurencewhite@gmail.com

St Pat's Race Club, Yea Sunday 23 February: You are invited to a Picnic Race Meeting on Sunday 23 February, the annual fundraising event for Sacred Heart Parish, Yea. Flyers are available in each church.

World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March: 'Streams in the Desert' - Rev Dawn Treloar, Chaplain at Ivanhoe Grammar School. 10.30am, St James' Anglican Church, 252 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe. All welcome

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.

Pope John XXIII - Who is this Man? How has he impacted you?:

On the 19th March, Fr Max Vodola, whose doctorate was on Vatican II and John XXIII in particular, will be having a conversation with us on "The Legacy of John XXIII". This will be a great opportunity to learn more about John XXIII. **Where:** St Kevin's School Library **When:** 19th March **Time:** 7.30pm
Come along for an enlightening evening. For more information please contact the Parish Office 9850 598
Save the Date and Register your interest at templestowe@cam.org.au

Bygone Days: Presentations on Historical Clothing Collections. Refer to light orange flyers in each church.

Secondary College Enrolments:

Marcellin College:

2015 Year 7 Information Evening 7.00pm, Monday 17 February. Year 7 applications close Friday 28 Feb.

Enrolments: College Registrar 9851 1512, registrar@marcellin.vic.edu.au or www.marcellin.vic.edu.au

Our Lady of Mercy College: Enrolments welcome for Year 7, 2015 - applications close 28 February

Twilight College Tour Tuesday 18 February 4.30 – 6.00pm

Enrolments: College Registrar 9459 2511 or email: mohalloran@olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

Outreach 2014:

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 commitment of the first Wednesday of the month Social Afternoon 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 and later in September a bus trip. However we now have a new policy that bus bookings will be accompanied by a deposit. More later.

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? Is Faith relevant today? Does God exist? Who is the Holy Spirit?
Why did Jesus die and rise from the dead? 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 online: <http://www.acu.edu.au/595204> <https://www.facebook.com/events/393995020736977>

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 22 – 23 February 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

S. Valentino

Reader

E. Valentino

Mass Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

M. Rocco, P. Shannon

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Curry

Lector

J. Curry

Special Ministers

M. Pollard, G. Reardon, D. Ervin

Altar Society: P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,224.70 Loose cash: \$480.30 **Total: \$1,705.00**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 655.15**

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