



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. 8

22 – 23 February 2014

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful.

V. 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

V. 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,

Who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

V. 4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Kind and merciful God: **Hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Fr Donald Lourenz, 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 Michael Murphy and Grace Mahon who died recently. We remember James Ryan, Patricia Dawson, John Duffy, Anne & Thomas Talbot whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms:

We welcome Layla Hughes and Raphael Marino who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their families, 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: 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 24 Feb: St Lucius

Tues 25 Feb: St Ethelbert of Kent

Wed 26 Feb: St Alexander

Thurs 27 Feb: St Gabriel

Fri 28 Feb: St Oswald

Sat 1 Mar: St David

Next Week's Readings: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 49:14-15 Ps 61:2-3,6-9 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34

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.

A reflection on my stay at the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe - Fr Thanh Tran

I will be leaving the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe for St Jude's Parish, Scoresby on 17 February 2014, following an appointment from Most Rev Denis Hart, the Archbishop of the Melbourne Archdiocese. My departure could be identified with my conviction that God has another plan for me. And I articulate my new mission as doing pastoral ministry here in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This is a choice I had to make with my own freedom. But it is nonetheless of my own will; rather my decision was made in conjunction with the Bishop of the Diocese of Vinh as well as Archbishop Denis Hart, which I believe is an obedience of faith.

My departure from Ivanhoe at this stage would probably surprise not only you parishioners of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe but myself as well, for I expected to remain here until mid - 2015 at the completion of my studies. But life is full of surprises. No matter how well one might have planned ahead, there is always some room for the unexpected or changes. As well, life is a journey. One has to move on unless he or she already arrives at his/her final destination. As a priest I am so aware of this sort of movement; I am called to serve wherever there are needs. In fact, the final destination is beyond this earthly life because our true destination is heaven.

I came here in 2013 as a Priest in Residence under the benevolence of Fr Thang Vu and parishioners of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe who warmly welcomed me and have made me feel very much at home. You have created the best possible environment to make me feel happy and comfortable. For all this I am deeply grateful.

When I look back at the year I spent here, two useful images capture my mind: the potter and the clay that prophet Jeremiah portrays in chapter 18 of his book in which I see myself in the position of the clay – the one being formed and moulded. Indeed my presence in this parish was not simply to get some works done, or to keep Fr Thang company; rather, I was here to learn and to be formed. Being formed and moulded involves a process of change, which most of the times brought me joy, but at times caused me some pain. Nevertheless all that I had come through have made me more humble and mature.

Over the year I have learnt to change gradually from an Oriental mindset of doing ministry, which places an emphasis on the role of the minister to that of the Occidental, which is more democratically oriented. And yet, in the end I realize that a radical change has not taken place, since I still eat rice on a daily basis.

Over the year, I have come to an appreciation of various active and dynamic roles played by lay people in the life of this parish. Your zeal and dedication are truly a source of inspiration for my ministry. Also, it makes me believe more firmly in the servant leadership model of the priest who puts himself at the service of the community entrusted to his care in collaboration with all members of his community.

I write not to praise the Parish Priest using mere diplomatic words; rather, from the bottom of my heart I must say that Fr Thang is a model of priest for me: one who is enthusiastic, sensible, gentle, humble, caring, compassionate... you name it. The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe is very fortunate to have him, a true gift from God.

If there is a last thing I need to say, then here it is: you have become part of me. When I leave this parish I'll leave behind something of myself, something precious to me, and I will carry with me part of you in my life, no matter what I may do or wherever I may be.

God bless you all, priest and parishioners of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe.

14 February 2014

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 22 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 25 Feb	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Juniors & Prep	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 25 Feb	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 25 Feb	6.30pm	Reconciliation Family Workshop	Mary Immaculate School
Wednesday 26 Feb	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 28 Feb	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grade 3/4OP	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 1 Mar	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 1 Mar	6.30pm	St B Family Mass – Grades 3 & 4	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 3 Mar	7.30pm	Baptism Information Session	Parish Office
Wednesday 5 March		Ash Wednesday & Mary Immaculate P.S.	See newsletter notice

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Ash Wednesday Masses: Wednesday 5th March 2014:

Mary Immaculate: 9.15am Mother of God: 7.30pm
St Bernadette's: 7.30pm Korean

Ashes will be available for parishioners at St Bernadette's, 6.30pm Mass Saturday

Thank you from Fr Thanh: Fr Thanh wishes to sincerely thank Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe parishioners for the generous gift given to him last weekend which is much appreciated.

St Bernadette's School Family Mass 3 / 4 – Saturday 1st March:

On Saturday 1st March children and their families from Grades 3 / 4 will come to the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's. All are welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass – Sue Moorhen.

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 hrs. Please ring St John's Heidelberg Parish Office 9457 1066, leaving name and contact number. Guidance, orientation and induction will be given. – Fr Mario Zammit

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee- Friday 28 February: The Ryder Cheshire Home has been busy, as usual, all through the holiday season because necessary treatments continue and people need somewhere to stay!! The first Morning Coffee - 10am, Friday 28th February at 10 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe. will be a time to say 'Happy New Year' and catch up with each other. Everyone is most welcome!!

Yarra Glen Chocolatier & Ice-Creamery – St Pius X, Heidelberg West Social Trip: Tuesday 5th March 9.30am to 4.30pm Taste Temptations – Yarra Valley costs: \$45 per person which includes a cuppa before visiting Chocolatier just outside Yarra Glen - tasting, seeing and indulging in quality products and delectable delights. 2 course lunch at the York on Lilydale Hotel followed by a visit to Fergusson Winery for a tasting of fine Yarra Valley wines. **Bookings:** Ellen 9457 1091. Pick up: St Pius X Primary School in Altona St.

World Day of Prayer: 10.30am Friday, 7th March at St. James' Anglican Church - opposite the Heidelberg Centre (Heidelberg Town Hall). The prayer has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer committee in Egypt. This seems an especially suitable time to pray with and for the Christian people of Egypt and the other middle-eastern and north African countries. Please come if you can, invite your friends and remember the old days of it being the Women's' World Day of prayer are long gone. Gentlemen, you are very 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!). Further information: Anne Hall 9497 5153 or Jo Magnanini 9850 7702.

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
For more information please contact the Parish Office 9850 598. Register at: templestowe@cam.org.au

Maria (Marisa) Monzon-White: If you own a painting or artwork by the artist, Maria Monzon-White, 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 email: laurencewhite@gmail.com

Outreach 2014: 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. First Wednesday of the month Social Afternoon in the MOG foyer at noon will continue. 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. There is now a new policy that bus bookings will be accompanied by a deposit.

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