



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. 9

1 – 2 March 2014

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Rest in God alone, my soul.

- V. 1. In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from him.
He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**
- V. 2. In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from him.
He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**
- V. 3. In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength.
Take refuge in God all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: In you, O Lord, we trust: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Cristiano Dall'Olio, Fr Donald Lourenz, Leo Milesi, Sheila Ryan and Patrick Johnston who are in need of prayer at this time. We also remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Carmel Carroll, Bernie Shannon, Kerry McGuire, Isabella Jamison and Marie Rao who died recently. We remember Silvio Omizzolo and Nick Buttifant whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Liam Littler 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: 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 3 Mar: St Cunegund

Wed 5 Mar: Ash Wednesday

Fri 7 Mar: Ss Perpetual & Felicity

Tues 4 Mar: St Casimir

Thurs 6 Mar: St Colette

Sat 8 Mar: St John of God

Next Week's Readings: 1st Sunday of Lent: Year A

Genesis 2:7-9: 3:1-7 Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

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: Lenten Message

Wednesday 5th of March, Ash Wednesday will mark the beginning of Lent 2014 which lasts until the Mass of the Lord's Supper or Holy Thursday Evening, 17th April 2014. If you are able to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, your foreheads will be marked with ashes as a sign of repentance. The priest or minister who administers the ashes will either remind us: "Turn away from sin, and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The Gospel of Matthew provides us with a good image to reflect upon during this season of grace: 'desert'. Jesus, we are told, in order to prepare for his public ministry, was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days and forty nights during which time he fasted, was put to the test by Satan, overcame the tests, and was ministered to by the angels.

We are invited to imitate Jesus, to metaphorically spend 40 days in the desert, unprotected by normal nourishment so as to have to face Satan and the tests. Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI, suggests the desert inside of us that normally we either deny or simply refuse to face:

our paranoia, our anger, our jealousies, our distance from others, our fantasies, our grandiosity, our addictions, our unresolved hurts, our sexual complexity, our incapacity to really pray, our faith doubts, and our moral secrets. The normal food that we eat is the distractions of ordinary life, work to shield us from the deeper desert that lurks beneath the surface of our lives.

Lent invites us to courageously and humbly face these deserts. We might feel the shame, smallness, vulnerability, and fear. However, the mercy and the grace of God will cast away our fear, vulnerability, smallness and shame. All we need is to let go of our past and to trust in the mercy of God.

Joining with our brothers and sisters in other Christian denominations in Ivanhoe, we are called to the traditional journey of Lent which involves prayer, fasting, and works of love.

Prayer: It is a good time to develop or strengthen our prayer life: the Eucharist, daily prayers, the sacraments especially the Reconciliation, reflecting on the Word of God, Stations of the Cross, reciting the Rosary, meditation. You might consider attending one of three Lenten McKinney Lectures. Details are in the newsletter.

Fasting: The Church calls her members age 18 to 59 to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, unless a physical condition prevents otherwise. This means only one full meal is allowed. The Fridays of Lent are days of required abstinence, meaning meat, and soups or gravies made of meat, are not allowed. Abstinence is meant to include those from 14 years of age and older. Some give up things like sweets, coffee, etc. By giving these up, we learn to control a particular part of our lives, which leads to greater discipline even when Lent is over. Remember, we have relative easy dietary laws compared to Jewish, Islam or Buddhist Traditions.

The works of mercy, almsgivings: Lent is a good time to help the needy and doing of works of mercy. Contribution to Project Compassion is a major means of expressing almsgivings in Australia. Helping others for instance, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, grieving, lonely or over-burdened are highly encouraged especially in Ivanhoe.

As we enter a Lenten journey to the celebration of the Lord's passion and resurrection at Easter, the Mother Church invites us to walk in the journey of conversion and renewal so that in peace of heart we can make our contribution to the life of our world.

Be merciful Lord, for we have sinned.

Source:<http://www.ronrolheiser.com/>

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 1 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 1 March	6.30pm	St B Family Mass – Grades 3 & 4	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 3 March	7.30pm	Baptism Information Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 4 March	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 4 March	7.00pm	Parents' Representative Council	Mother of God School
Wednesday 5 March	9.15am	Ash Wednesday & Mary Immaculate P.S.	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 5 March	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Mass	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 5 March	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Mass – Korean Mass	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 7 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grade 1/2D	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 7 March	9.15am	Mass followed by First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 7 March	10.30am	World Day of Prayer	See newsletter item
Saturday 8 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church



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

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 8th March:

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am and immediately after Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All are welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernadette's Church:

As part of the Lenten journey, Stations of the Cross will take place after the 9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's on Friday mornings during Lent, but not on the First Friday of the month. All parishioners are invited. This decision has been made as a result of consideration of and discussion with those who prepare for and attend these services, as well as those travelling to and from the church. – **Fr Thang**

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

We welcome the children from Grades 3 / 4 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.

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!!

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

Lenten Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2014:

Elephants in the room:

What nobody wants to say – The future of organised religion & the future of the 'Religious Professional'.

Speaker: Dr John Bodycomb, a retired Uniting Church minister who has taught sociology and preaching. All lectures begin at 8pm. Fellowship and supper after each presentation at 9.10pm. Donation: Gold coin.

- Tuesday 25 March: *Religion and Non-religion: a Sociological Perspective*
E Ivanhoe Uniting Church, cnr Maltravers & Lower Heidelberg Rds, Ivanhoe E
- Tuesday 1 April: *Religion as Organism in the Cultural Gloop: a panoramic & a proximate view*
St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 8 April: *The Religious Professional: a New Model and the Equipment for this*
Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

Ivanhoe Uniting Church – Trash and Treasure: - Banyule network of Uniting Churches

You are invited to support one of our local churches Saturday 15 March from 9.00am – 1.00pm
Morning Tea, household goods, doll stall, book sale; hats, bags and jewellery will be available.

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.

INCLUSIVENESS

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SERVICE

MISSION

Cancellation of trip to Yarra Glen: Unfortunately this trip has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

Passionist Community Retreat – Wednesday 12th March: Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
This retreat is for those seeking peace in their hearts and/or needing quiet time to reflect on their lives
During this day of reflection, opportunities will be offered for: Prayer / meditation, Mass (day time only),
silence / solitude, small group sharing (optional) and Anointing. Tea and coffee provided, bring own lunch.
Holy Cross Centre, 201 Serpells Rd, Templestowe. Phone: 9846 6014 Suggested donation: \$20 - \$25

N.I.C.K. Foundation Players' 2014 Production - "How the Westies Won":
The N.I.C.K Foundation, a non for profit organisation was initiated by three friends following the tragic loss
of Nick Buttifant, a talented 20 year old musician who was loved by many took his life in February 2009. It
was born from the desire to give parents and youth hope, and to instil belief in the future. Nick's passion for
the Arts inspired the formation of the N.I.C.K Foundation Players. Their upcoming production "How the
Westies Won" will be held on Saturday 15th, Friday 21st, and Saturday 22nd March at Union House Theatre-
Melbourne University, and promises to be an entertaining night for all the family. Tickets can be purchased
through www.trybooking.com/EFWU Adults \$30, Concession \$20, Children \$14 and Family \$75.

CatholicCare Marriage and Relationship Education Programs have a new look brochure and website!
2014 brochure invites couples to visit the CatholicCare website and look at a range of options for Marriage
Education. Couples may wish to attend a group program, "Partnerships" or an individual program,
"FOCCUS". Detailed information, dates, phone numbers and venues are all listed. Other relationship
education programs include "Bringing Your Baby Home" for couples making the transition to parenthood.
All bookings online. **Brochures & info:** Prema 9287 5516, relationships@ccam.org.au, www.ccam.org.au

The 18th Melbourne Passion Play:
The Melbourne Passion Play is now recruiting cast and crew for an epic re-enactment of the Passion of Jesus
Christ on Palm Sunday. **Contact:** Dawn on 0411 957 164

Archbishop's Catholic Man Breakfast with Francis Bourke: Thursday 13 March, 7 – 9am:
The March breakfast will feature five time Richmond Premiership player Francis Bourke. Hear Francis tell
his story: "Faith, Family and Football." The *Catholic Man Breakfast Series* is an opportunity for men to
gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. It is a ministry of menALIVE Australia.
Cost: \$45 per head. **Where:** CQ Club, 121 Queen St, Melbourne.
Contact: Michael Bohan for bookings and enquiries 0439 172 465 or michael.bohan@menalive.org.au

Sisters of Charity Celebration of 175 years in Australia – Melbourne Celebration Saturday 22 March, 10am:
On 31 December 1838 the first religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity, arrived in Australia from
Ireland. To celebrate this important milestone there will be a number of special events during 2014. A
Melbourne celebration will take place on Saturday 22 March. **Where:** St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral
Place, East Melb. **RSVP:** 9306 9555 if you would like to attend. More info: www.sistersofcharity.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 8 – 9 March 2014

<u>ST. BERNADETTE'S:</u> Saturday 6.30pm	Lector S. Moorhen	Special Ministers B. Jowett, T. Nibali	
<u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u> Leader Sunday 9.00am	K. Bator	Reader F. Tosolini	Mass Coordinators M. Gilbo Counters P. Fanning, P. Black
<u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u> Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan E. Mount Altar Society:	Lector I. Chiera S. Galic	Special Ministers I. Chiera, R. Katerelos, J. Ellis Choir Coordinator: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,489.00	Loose cash: \$830.00	Total: \$2,319.00
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$1,160.40

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