



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. 10

8 – 9 March 2014

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

- V. 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
- V. 2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**
- V. 3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
- V. 4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Compassionate God: **Hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember John Coonan, 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 Norah Brown who died recently. We remember Carmel Cullen, Giovanni Sansone and Mary McEvey whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Amy and David Phan who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their 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: 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 10 Mar: St John Ogilvie
Wed 12 Mar: St Theophanes
Fri 14 Mar: St Maud

Tues 11 Mar: St Aengus
Thurs 13 Mar: St Euphrasia
Sat 15 Mar: St Louise de Marillac

Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent: Year A

Genesis 12:1-4 Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

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: Ash Wednesday

(This was the homily at the Ash Wednesday Mass at Mary Immaculate Church when all children from Mary Immaculate School and many parishioners were present. It is repeated here by popular demand.)

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Cinderella. And because her mother died she had to live with her father's new family including, her step-mother and two step sisters.

There she had to do hard work from morning until evening, get up before daybreak, carry water, make the fires, cook, and wash. Besides this, the sisters did everything imaginable to hurt her. They made fun of her, scattered peas and lentils into the ashes for her, so that she had to sit and pick them out again. In the evening when she had worked herself weary, there was no bed for her. Instead she had to sleep by the hearth in the ashes. And because she always looked dusty and dirty, they called her Cinderella.

(Later, after the Mass, a man came and suggested that another reason for Cinderella to sit in the ashes was to warm herself at night.)

Cinderella - the name itself, Cinderella, holds the key: It is derived from two words: Cinders, meaning ashes; and Puella, the Latin word for young girl. So, Cinderella means the girl who sits in the ashes, with the further idea being that, before she, or anyone else, gets to put on the royal clothes, goes to the ball, and dances with the prince, she must first spend some time sitting in the ashes, tasting some emptiness, feeling abandoned, lonely and powerless, and trusting that this deprivation and humiliation is necessary to help bring about the maturity needed to do the royal dance.

The moral of the story is clear: Before we get to be beautiful, handsome before we get to marry the prince or princess, before we get to go to the great feast, we must first spend some lonely time in the ashes, humbled, smudged, tending to duty and the unglamorous, waiting, waiting for someone to save. Lent is that season, a time to sit in the ashes. It is not coincidental that we begin Lent by marking our foreheads with ashes. Each of us likes a Cinderella story for God. When we have messed up our lives, Jesus came to save us from our misery. Cinderella's story is a good image for our Lenten journey toward Easter. Her suffering and humiliation in the ashes helped to shape her into a better human person.

During Lent, we often give something up or do without something. In some ways, this reminds us that Jesus gave up his life for us. It also reminds us to be thankful for God's love. Sometimes going without something makes us appreciate it more, or maybe even to realise we don't need it as much as we thought we did. During lent, if we choose to give something up, or to change something, let's use it as a chance to show how grateful we are for God's love. Every time we wish we could have or do whatever that thing is, let's take a minute to thank God for loving us, and for what Jesus did for us. Lent is a time for reflection, honest confession and the celebration of God's mercy.

Sources: <http://ronrolheiser.com/archive/>; <http://germanstories.vcu.edu/grimm/cinder.html>
<http://liturgyplanning.com.au>

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 8 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Sunday 9 March	1.00-4.00pm	Korean Youth Group	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 11 March	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Senior School	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 12 Mar	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 12 Mar	7-9.30pm	Christian Meditation Committee Meeting	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 13 March	9.00am	Liturgy Group Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 14 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grs 1 / 2H	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 14 March		St Bernadette's School Open Day	St Bernadette's School
Saturday 15 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 15 March	6.30pm	Mass & St B P.S. Family Mass Grs 5&6	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 16 March		Korean Retreat Day	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 16 March	1.00-4.00pm	Korean Youth Group	Mary Immaculate Hall
<i>Catholic Education Week 16 - 23 March</i>			
Monday 17 March	9am – 12pm	Mother of God School Open Day	Mother of God School
Tuesday 18 March	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Middle School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 18 March	9am – 12pm	Mother of God School Open Day	Mother of God School
Tuesday 18 March	7.30pm	St Bernadette's P.S. Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 19 Mar	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate P.S. Grs 3/4B&H	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 20 March	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee Meeting	
Friday 21 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grs 3 / 4C	St Bernadette's Church

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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**

Project Compassion is an important part of our Lenten journey! Caritas raises our awareness of the needs of others in many parts of our world. Take a box or a set of envelopes to give much needed financial support to others in need. Join in the prayer each week as we hear stories of real people who have needs as well as hope.

- Project Compassion boxes and Lenten share packs are available in each church to take home for your use.
- There is a Project Compassion box available in each church for contributions if you wish to use this option.
- Project Compassion contributions need to be returned no later than Easter Sunday 20 April 2014.

Maristely from Brazil: Maristely lives in a favela (slum) which is built on land affected by floods and landslides. Through the Movement of Favela Residents (MDF) Maristely's family, and thousands of others, now has access to clean water, electricity and connected sewerage. They also have a certificate of home ownership which means they can no longer be evicted. Maristely tells us that: 'Being a part of MDF has given me awareness of my dignity ... and know that to live in a favela is nothing to be ashamed of.'

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

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

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

St Bernadette's School Family Mass 5 / 6 – Saturday 15th March:

On Saturday 15th March children and families from Grades 5 / 6 at St Bernadette's School will come to the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's. All are welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass – Sue Moorhen.

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

Where: St Kevin's School Library **When:** 19th March **Time:** 7.30pm

For more information please contact the Parish Office 9850 5983. 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

Celebrating Maundy Thursday with other Christian churches: Yes, it's good to be able to say that this significant event will take place again this year. Maundy (Holy) Thursday will be on 17th April. As usual, it will take place at the very suitable Uniting Church Community Centre, 5.30 for 6. Tickets (\$20, as usual) will be available soon. Let's pray in thanks for the person whose initiative this was!

Free Youth Lenten Resource: The Archdiocesan Office for Youth has developed a resource about Lent for youth groups. The resource includes four sessions ranging from an "Introduction to Lent", to "Praying the Stations of the Cross with young people." The resource includes a printable Stations of the Cross and can be viewed online or downloaded from their website: www.cam.org.au/youth

St Joseph's Technical School, South Melbourne Reunion Sunday 23 March, 2014, 1- 4pm

Reunion of students, teachers and staff at the old school site in Park Street, South Melbourne. BBQ lunch and light refreshments provided. Enquiries and confirmation of attendance: Tony, 9580 7344.

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.

National Lament for Asylum Seekers: Catholic Religious Australia is launching a “National Lament” in response to the asylum seeker situation. The National Lament is a campaign of prayer, penance and action for people seeking asylum in Australia. **More information:** www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org

Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Clifton Hill Lenten Reflection Series:

Each Thursday from 13th March – 10th April from 7.00 – 8.00pm Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross – St John’s Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill. Presenters:

- Rev Peter Hoang SDB, Parish Priest since 2012. 13 March: *Introduction to Lenten Series*
- Dr Christian Jacobs-Vandeger, lecturer in Faculty of Theology and Philosophy
20 March: *Why Should I Change my Life? The Spirituality of Lent*
- Rev Prof Francis Moloney SDB 27 March: *Liturgy of Passion Sunday, St Matthew’s Passion Gospel* and
3 April: *A Reflection on Holy Thursday and the Foot-Washing*
- Lucy Liliburne, Pastoral Associate at St John’s, Clifton Hill 10 April: *Repentance and Surrender*

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.

Sisters of Charity Celebration of 175 years in Australia:

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 Melbourne. **RSVP:** 9306 9555 if you would like to attend. More information: www.sistersofcharity.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 15 – 16 March 2014

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector	Special Ministers
K. Gillespie	E. Crawley, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader	Reader	Mass Coordinators	Counters
J. Costa	P. Vaughan	J. Costa	S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan	Lector	Special Ministers
M. Hoban	M. Hoban	T. Barker, R. Beltrame, M. Chin
Altar Society:	I. Chiera	Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,344.00	Loose cash: \$644.65	Total:	\$1,985.65
Second Collection – Presbytery:				\$ 872.40

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