



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. 12

22 – 23 March 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- V. 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
- V. 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**
- V. 3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray that we will not harden our hearts: **Lord hear us**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Margaret Beriman, Laurence Healy, Kathryn Lengyel, John Coonan, Cristiano Dall'Olio, Fr Donald Lourenz, Jack Mullane, Leo Milesi, Sheila Ryan and Patrick Johnston who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember John Sier and Noela McConvill who died recently. We also remember Giovanni Sansone, Armida and Gildo Pascolo, and Letitia (Mary) Forster whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent: Year A

Exodus 17:3-7

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 24 Mar: St Catherine of Sweden

Wed 26 Mar: St Cletus

Fri 28 Mar: St Sixtus III

Tues 25 Mar: Annunciation of the Lord

Thurs 27 Mar: St John of Egypt

Sat 29 Mar: St Rupert

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent: Year A

Samuel 16:6-7, 10-13

Ps 22

Ephesians 5:8 -14

John 9:1-41

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.

One of my 2014 Lenten promises is to listen to retreat talks by various speakers. I was touched by the talks of Fr John Francis Vu SJ (*the talks were in Vietnamese*). Basically Fr Vu suggests that the biggest sin of our time is the sin of closed hearts. He argues that a person with a closed heart gives no opportunity for God's love to touch him or her.

O that today you would listen to God's voice! Harden not your hearts! (*Ps 94*)

This Psalm is an invitation to morning prayer, recalls Massah (*meaning conflict*) and Meribah (*meaning grumbling*) in a note of warning not to let our hearts be lukewarm, closed or hardened. The journey from Egypt to the promised land recalls how God's People, tormented by thirst, doubted that God would provide water to satisfy their thirst. They complained against Moses. It must have been hard for Moses who was suffering from stuttering, listening with all his heart to this legitimate request. At the same time, God's people were living an experience of desert, a place of testing physically, mentally and spiritually.

At the well in Samaria Jesus met a woman whose heart was hardened:

- The well is space common both men and women. The women can use the place only in the morning or evening. Here the Samaritan comes to the well at noon: wrong time, and wrong place. It is likely that she comes at this hour because people shun her for her behaviour. At least she can escape from all the eyes and words from her villagers.
- In Jesus' time, women don't speak to a strange man in public. Even worst Samaritans and Jews were hostile to each other. We could understand the reactions from the Samaritan and Jesus' disciples.
- Jesus' gentle approach gradually melted her barriers, touched her heart and invited her to be his messenger to her village. Remember the addressing: Sir, prophet and Messiah.

In recent years, our vast land has experienced the harshness of drought. Many farmers are still suffering. Naturally when soil becomes as hard as rock, it tends to resist the water that would make it fertile again. In the miracle of God's gracious deed, the rock itself can become the source of saving: Come, ring out our joy to the Lord... Hail the rock that saves us!

Lent is a time to open our heart to heed to God's voice. As we sit down and have a decent talk with God, we open our doubts, conflicts, resentments, even our grumbling which may be hardening our hearts to God's invitation.

God invites us through the Prophet Isaiah: "Come now, let us talk this over, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Sources: Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap, *The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday*.
John J. Pilch, *The Cultural World of Jesus – Sunday by Sunday, Cycle A*.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 22 March	10.00am	Please Note: Reconciliation is not available at St Bernadette's	
Sunday 23 March	9.00am	Mass & M.I.P. P.S. Family Mass Prep, 1&2	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 23 March	1.00-4.00pm	Korean Youth Group	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 25 March	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Prep & Juniors	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 25 March	6.60pm	<u>First Reconciliation</u> – St Bernadette's P.S.	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 25 March	8.00pm	Richard Mc Kinney Lecture 1	E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church
Wednesday 26 Mar	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate P.S. Preps, 1 & 2	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 26 Mar	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 28 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grade 1/2K	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 29 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 1 April	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. – whole school	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 1 April	11.45	<u>First Reconciliation</u> – Mother of God P.S.	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 1 April	8.00pm	Richard Mc Kinney Lecture 2	St George's Anglican Church
Wednesday 2 April	11.30am	<u>First Reconciliation</u> – Mary Immaculate PS	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 2 April	1.00pm	Outreach Film Afternoon & High Tea	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 2 April	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate P.S. Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Friday 4 April	9.15am	Mass & First Friday Devotions (no Stations)	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 5 April	10.00am	Lenten Reconciliation – 2 nd Rite	Mary Immaculate Church

First Reconciliations: The children in our three Parish schools are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in coming weeks. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Mary Immaculate School Family Mass Preps 1 & 2 – Sunday 23rd March:

We welcome the children and their families from Prep, Grades 1 & 2 at Mary Immaculate School who have come to the 9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate. All are welcome and invited.

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.

Project Compassion:

- Project Compassion boxes and Lenten share packs are available in each church to take home for your use.
- A large Project Compassion box is 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.

Archie from the Philippines: *Archie lived most of his life with his parents and nine siblings in a one-roomed house beside the Plarisel River in an area prone to flooding and typhoons. The family experienced severe flooding three times and in August 2012, an emergency resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped the family resettle into permanent and secure housing away from the flood prone river. Archie left school halfway through his first year, but is now most excited about having the opportunity to study under Caritas Australia's Alternative Learning System – a non-formal community-based education program which will increase his future prospects. Archie tells us that 'Caritas Australia has changed our lives.'*

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

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee:

Friday, 28th March, 10am at 10 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe. Speaker: Beryl Jones and topic: The Smith Family.

Ryder Cheshire Garage Sale – Saturday 29th March:

Ryder Cheshire Garage Sale from 9.00am – 12 noon at 10 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe on Saturday 29th March. Items include household goods, books, furniture, clothing, shoes, Bendigo pottery and more. Proceeds will support Ryder-Cheshire homes in Ivanhoe which provide accommodation for patients and carers from country, interstate and overseas whilst receiving treatments at Melbourne hospitals. Ryder-Cheshire is a not-for-profit organisation which has provided vital community service in Ivanhoe for over 30 years.

Are You Ready for Outreach in April?

- On Wednesday, April 2, Outreach will screen 'Quartet' in Mary Immaculate Hall, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe at 1.00pm followed by High Tea. Fans of Maggie Smith will be thrilled to see her in a contemporary style with 3 other fine actors. This film also includes a music lover's feast. We know you will enjoy the occasion. This event takes place of the 'first Wednesday lunch' for this singular occasion. **Cost: \$10** per person at the door. Please **contact** Helen 9499 7793, Sue 9499 1485 or Eileen 9499 7120 to indicate your interest so that we can organise an appropriate high tea. Friends, family are all welcome.
- We also want to flag the **Anointing Mass will be held at Mother of God Church, Tuesday 29 April.** School children at Mother of God School will host this Mass and their parents will provide Morning Tea to follow. Outreach people are available to assist with transport if required (Contact details above).

Celebrating Maundy Thursday with other Christian Churches:

This significant event will take place on Maundy (Holy) Thursday 17th April at the Uniting Church Community Centre, 19 Seddon St, Ivanhoe at 5.30 for 6.00pm. Tickets \$20 are available now. – Merle 9497 1691

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Advance Notice - Another great eConference in the parish on 11 June:

With all that's happening in the Church what do you think would be a very topical and interesting subject for another 'eConference' relayed live to Ivanhoe Parish? Yes - it's "Pope Francis: Modelling the Ministry of St Peter". The Broken Bay Institute in NSW have been highly successful with eConferences so far and with this topic and another excellent line-up of speakers the next event on Wednesday 11 June is sure to be likewise. Because of the Play Group at Mary Immaculate Hall the eConference will start at 10:30am in MI Church, and then adjourn to the hall at 11.30, concluding at 3.00pm. Once again the Outreach Group will provide a light lunch. Further details will be provided later, however now is the time to mark diaries and reserve seats if you can attend. Contact Outreach members, John Costa 9850 2454, Merle Gilbo 9497 1691 or the Parish Office.

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

Annual Mass for Altar Servers at St Patrick's Cathedral – 23 May 7.30pm:

The Guild of St Stephen invites altar servers in Year 7 and above to its Annual Mass for Altar Servers. If interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office 9499 1515 before the end of April.

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.

Notices, leaflets and fliers available in each church:

- Walk With Mary – Sunday 23rd March. 2.00pm Prayers & Solemn Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Procession to St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne
- Melbourne Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office:
 - Sunday 13th April from 1.00 – 1.30pm Prayer Service at St Patrick's Cathedral with Bishop Vincent Long
 - Sunday 13th April 2.00pm Walk for Justice Palm Sunday March, State Library
- Sunday 27th April – Feast of Divine Mercy, 1.00pm Holy Cross Church, 707 Glenhuntly Rd, Caulfield S.
- Friday 23rd – Sunday 25 May - Walk for the Right to be Born, a fund-raising walk in country Victoria to help Right to Life Australia to continue its work and assist young mothers with Pregnancy Counselling

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 29 – 30 March 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Gray

Special Ministers

Sister Carmel, B. Jowett

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

Donhardt family

Reader

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

E. Ballao, T. McKinley

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

E. Mount

Special Ministers

D. Ervin, M. Chin, J. Ellis

Altar Society: J. Mancini

Choir Coordinator: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,357.00

Loose cash: \$822.50

Total:

\$2,179.50

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 931.80

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