



# 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. 13**

**29 – 30 March 2014**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A

**THE WORD**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- V. 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
- V. 2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**
- V. 3. You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**
- V. 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** Good Shepherd: Hear our prayer

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember Margaret O'Brien, Stephen Deedman, 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 Bishop Michael Putney and Sister Regina Nesbitt RNDM who died recently. We also remember Gino Ranalletta whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.



**Baptisms:** We welcome Jake Paul and Owen Chisholm who are 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: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Year A**

Samuel 16:6-7, 10-13 Ps 22 Ephesians 5:8 -14 John 9:1-41

**Saint and Feast Days:**

Mon 31 Mar: St Benjamin  
Wed 2 April: St Francis of Paola  
Fri 4 April: St Isidore  
Tues 1 April: St Celsus  
Thurs 3 April: St Richard  
Sat 5 April: St Vincent Ferrer

**Next Week's Readings: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Year A**

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Ps 129 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

Each of us has a faith story to tell. Our story began long ago when God called us to be his people. A personal version of our faith story begins with our baptism. This weekend we welcome Jake Paul and Owen Chisholm who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe.

Celebrating Baptisms of infants during Sunday Eucharist is based in the ritual itself. Not just the parents and godparents have responsibility for the new member of the Church, the infant; all the members of the parish have 'an important part to play in the baptism of the child' (*Rite of Baptism of Children, # 4*). The faith in which Jake and Owen are baptised is not the private possession of the individual family, but the common treasure of the whole Church of Christ. (*Rite of Baptism of Children, # 4*) The parish is present to help, support, pray for, and nurture the faith of the child as she or he grows in communion with our Lord and his Church itself. At least what we, as a faith community can do amidst other practical challenges, is to welcome the families and the children when they join us for Saturday or Sunday worship. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The healing of a blinded man is a wonderful Gospel passage. Jesus healed the physical blindness for which the man was not responsible and then challenged some religious leaders to face the spiritual blindness for which they were responsible.

It is inspiring to see the journey of faith of the blind man! The authorities challenged and ridiculed him, tried to dismiss his cure, threatened his parents, tried to discredit Jesus who made the cure. Yet the biggest challenge was to threaten him with expulsion from the local faith community, the temple. To all these, the man firmly replied, 'I was blind and now I can see.' After the cured blind man had been expelled away from the temple, Jesus found him and asked: 'Do you believe in the Son of Man' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. The cured, blind man stood up for Jesus, so his faith and his seeing increased.

There was an irony in what Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' There is a difference in knowing and talking about God as these religious leaders did, and in coming into a personal encounter with God as did the blind man.

May we continue to grow in our belief as our faith journeys individually and together are lived out and witnessed in our daily lives.

Sources: Gaynell Cronin, *Sunday Throughout the Week*, 1981.  
 Kristopher Seaman, *Why are babies baptized during Mass?* (2009)  
<http://www.pastoralliturgy.org/resources/0905ReproRsrc.pdf>

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### HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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| Saturday 29 March                   | 10.00am | <b>Reconciliation</b>                                       | 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                     | 4.15pm  | Christian Meditation  | Mary Immaculate Hall        |
| 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 P.S.          | Mary Immaculate Church      |
| Wednesday 2 April                   | 1.00pm  | <b>Outreach:</b> 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 & <b>First Friday</b> Devotions ( <u>no Stations</u> ) | St Bernadette's Church      |
|                                     |         | End of School Term 1  |                             |
| Saturday 5 April                    | 10.00am | <b>Lenten Reconciliation</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite         | Mary Immaculate Church      |
| Monday 7 April                      | 7.30pm  | Baptism Preparation Session                                 | Parish Office               |
| Tuesday 8 April                     | 8.00pm  | Richard Mc Kinney Lecture 3                                 | Mother of God Church        |
| Wednesday 9 April                   | 7.30pm  | Yarra Deanery Meeting                                       | Mary Immaculate Hall        |
| Saturday 12 April                   | 10.00am | <b>Lenten Reconciliation</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite         | Mother of God Church        |
| Saturday 11 April / Sunday 12 April |         | <b>Palm Sunday</b>  |                             |
| Monday 14 April                     | 7.30pm  | <b>Lenten Reconciliation</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite         | St Bernadette's Church      |

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION



Victoria's period of daylight saving will end on **Sunday, 6 April 2014**. At end of daylight saving period, move clock **back one hour** at 3:00am summer time to 2:00am standard time (E. S. T).

**First Reconciliations:** The children in our three Parish schools have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Please keep the children and families in your prayers.

**Statistics for the Archdiocese of Melbourne:**

Each year Melbourne parishes are required to submit details of Baptisms, funerals, marriages, Confirmations and First Eucharist communicants to the Archdiocese of Melbourne which are then returned to the Central Statistics Office in the Vatican. Parish details for 2013 include:

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| <b>Baptisms:</b>    | Total 52 | Mother of God 13  | Mary Immaculate 27 | St Bernadette's 12 |
| <b>Funerals:</b>    | Total 27 | Mother of God 4   | Mary Immaculate 15 | St Bernadette's 8  |
| <b>Marriages:</b>   | Total 3  | Mother of God 2   | Mary Immaculate 1  |                    |
| <b>Confirmation</b> | Total 78 | Includes children from three parish schools and parish catechist children |                    |                    |
| <b>Eucharist:</b>   | Total 83 | Includes children from three parish schools and parish catechist children |                    |                    |

It is an opportune time to thank all concerned who open, prepare and close the churches for these occasions, which in the case of funerals may include staying at the church during the funeral. We thank those who liaise with families / persons concerned in reference to churches being available for funeral vigils, floral deliveries & requirements, multimedia requests, musicians..., and in the case of marriages being available at weekends.

**St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April:**

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 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at St Bernadette's Church:** After the 9.15am Mass.

**Lenten Reconciliation Services:**

**Second Rite – Communal Rite followed by Individual Confessions:**

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| ❖ | Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> April  | 10.00am | Mary Immaculate |
| ❖ | Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> April | 10.00am | Mother of God   |
| ❖ | Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April   | 7.30pm  | St Bernadette's |

**Prayers of Contrition:**

- ◆ Oh my God, I am sorry that I have sinned against you, because you are so good, and with your help I will try not to sin again. Amen.
- ◆ Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner. Amen

**Outreach Film Afternoon Wednesday 3 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.
- **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).

**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'.*

All lectures begin at 8pm. Fellowship and supper after each presentation at 9.10pm. Donation: Gold coin.

- 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

**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.

### Annual St Joseph's Carmelite Auxiliary Retreat 31 March:

Next Monday 31 March from 10.30am to 2.30pm at the Carmelite Monastery, 94 Stevenson Street, Kew. Monsignor Terence Curtin will lead the Retreat, beginning with Mass. A light lunch will be served by the nuns. Weather permitting we will be free to meditate / pray / discuss in the beautiful Monastery gardens. A donation on the day to cover costs will be kindly requested.



### Celebrating Maundy Thursday with other Christian Churches:

This significant event will take place on Maundy (Holy) Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### Working Bee - Parish Office & Mary Immaculate Church Saturday 12 April from 8.00am to 12 noon:

Working bees are wonderful communal events; the cuppa and chat afterwards alone make it worthwhile! We hope as many parishioners and school families as possible can spare an hour or two to help the Parish in this most practical way - mostly a garden clean up around the Parish Office, Hall and Church, and any other small jobs that are easily done! A special request this time for window-cleaning in Mary Immaculate Hall. BYO gloves and large garbage bag for the garden clean up. Any other gardening / pruning / cleaning equipment very welcome too! Morning tea will be provided.

### ANZAC Commemoration Services:



- Commemoration Ceremony and Wreath-laying Service. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. March from Ivanhoe Library Car Park to Soldiers' Memorial at Studley Rd, Ivanhoe for Commemoration Ceremony and Wreath-Laying. Refreshments & Afternoon Tea available in Ivanhoe RSL Club Rooms. Transport available for Disabled & Elderly Veterans: 9499 2051
- ANZAC Commemoration Mass: 8.00am on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at St Bernadette's Church

### 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.

*Marita, teacher in Solomon Islands: Using well-known tunes and simple lyrics, children learn what to do in the event of potential disasters that face the Solomon Islands such as cyclones, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis. Songs are used to break down the fear associated with natural disasters, as well as helping children memorise the emergency response. Adam Elliott, Caritas Australia's Solomon Islands & Vanuatu Program Manager, said disasters often occur early in the morning when the children are at school which means that it is very important that children learn strategies to be safe during disasters and emergencies.*

### 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.

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## **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 5 – 6 April 2014**

### ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

#### **Lector**

J. Murphy

#### **Special Ministers**

A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

### MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

E. Ballao

#### **Reader**

M.R. Auguste

#### **Mass Coordinators**

E. Ballao

#### **Counters**

M. Rocco, P. Shannon

### MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

J. Curry

#### **Lector**

J. Curry

#### **Special Ministers**

M. Pollard, M. / P. De Silva

#### **Altar Society:**

A. Moloney

**Choir Coordinator:** School Holidays

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| <b>First Collection – Thanksgiving:</b> | Envelopes: \$1,164.00 | Loose cash: \$600.90 | <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$1,764.90</b> |
| <b>Second Collection – Presbytery:</b>  |                       |                      |               | <b>\$ 892.15</b>  |