



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. 14

5 – 6 April 2014

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

V. 1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

V. 2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

V. 3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.). **R.**

V. 4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord, open our hearts to your redeeming love: **Lord, hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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, 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 those who have died recently. We also remember Vincenzo and Feliciano Torcasio whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Georgia Goonan who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her 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: 5th Sunday of Lent: Year A

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Ps 129

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 7 April: St John Baptist de la Salle

Wed 9 April: St Mary of Egypt

Fri 11 April: St Stanislaus

Tues 8 April: St Julia Billiart

Thurs 10 April: St Terence

Sat 12 April: St Zeno

Next Week's Readings: Palm Sunday: Year A

Isaiah 50:4-7

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27, 66

God's will and his time not mine!

At recent private prayer I gently complained to God about the Victorian School Holidays during the most solemn week of the Church calendar – Holy Week. During this week we celebrate the unrepeatable events: Palm Sunday - our Lord's entrance to Jerusalem to begin his Passion, Holy Thursday – the washing of his disciples' feet and the institution of the Eucharist, Good Friday – the Passion of our Lord, Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil, and the joyful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection on Sunday. In the prayer, I talked to God that I wished more children and school families would come and participate more in the liturgies during the Holy Week because they are ultimately Catholic Schools! I still wait patiently and silently for God's response!

First Reconciliation for our three schools

Recently over 50 Grade 3 children from our three schools celebrated their First Reconciliation. Congratulations to each of them. Thanks to the teachers and the three schools Religious Education Leaders. I was touched with the chosen scriptural texts:

- God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek and patient. Put up with each other and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you. (Col 3:12-13).
- Zacchaeus' story (Lk 19:1-10). This is a story about God's special love for each of us. We all make mistakes and Jesus calls each one of us to turn back to his love and change our hearts. He is full of forgiveness and will fill us with his love and goodness to help us make a fresh start. When we fail in our love for God and each other, we know that we can change our behaviour. We can experience God's special love and forgiveness, too.

When was the last time you celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation? The benefits are much greater the challenges in understanding and celebration this great Sacrament of Mercy and Healing!

My friend's ultimate sacrifice

Muoi was one of my closest friends when I grew up in a small village along the Mekong Delta, Can Tho Province. His family's fortune was gradually turned upside down after the Fall of Vietnam in 1975. Muoi used to sell Artichoke cold drinks with his portable carrier. He often treated me with a low-fee drink on hot evenings. Unfortunately we lost contact since I escaped from Vietnam, lived in a refugee camp and eventually resettled in Australia in 1990. I was totally shocked to learn about his death when I first visited my family back in 1997. His brother told me that on an evening with a strong current on the river, two children were drowning. Muoi bravely jumped in to save the two children. Fortunately the children were saved, but he himself drowned in the midst of his rescue efforts. Muoi's death shocked the whole village. To this very day I still remember his smile and his friendship.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 5 April	10.00am	Lenten Reconciliation – 2 nd Rite	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 7 April	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 8 April	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 8 April	8.00pm	Richard Mc Kinney Lecture 3	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 9 April	7.30pm	Choir Practice – Good Friday	Mother of God Church
Saturday 12 April	10.00am	Lenten Reconciliation – 2 nd Rite	Mother of God Church
Saturday 12 April / Sunday 13 April		Palm Sunday	
Monday 14 April	7.30pm	Lenten Reconciliation – 2 nd Rite	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 15 April	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 16 April		Feast of St Bernadette	
Wednesday 16 April	7.30pm	Choir Practice – Easter Vigil	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 17 April	8.00pm	Holy Thursday – Mass	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 18 April	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 18 April	11.30am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness	Begins E. Ivanhoe Uniting
Friday 18 April	3.00pm	Good Friday – Passion of the Lord	Mother of God Church
Saturday 19 April	8.00pm	Easter Vigil	Mary Immaculate Church

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.

Lenten Reconciliation Services:

Second Rite – Communal Rite followed by Individual Confessions:

❖	Saturday 5 th April	10.00am	Mary Immaculate
❖	Saturday 12 th April	10.00am	Mother of God
❖	Monday 14 th 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

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 8 April: *The Religious Professional: a New Model and the Equipment for this*
Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East



The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe celebrates Holy Week and Easter: Many willing hearts and minds and voices are needed to live this to the fullest. The details of places and times have already been made known. Hopefully, by now, you may know if you're going to be here, at home, or celebrating with a community somewhere else. How can YOU take an active part here?

- **Altar servers** are needed on every occasion. Fr. Thang will be pleased to talk to you about that.
- **Singers**, too... See notice below about times to practice. Come when you can or, if needs be, on the day.

For the rest, if you could be a reader or would have your feet washed, etc, contact Sarina and Patrina Patti (9497 3359), Anita Moloney (9499 1194) or Merle Gilbo (9497 1691) and they'll gladly point you in the right direction.

A reminder to the children: You are **most welcome** all the time but specially to join in the processions on Palm Sunday and at the end of the Mass on Holy Thursday.

Holy Week singing practices - 7.30pm: Wednesday, 9th April at Mother of God Church - Good Friday
Wednesday, 16th April at Mary Immaculate Church - Easter Vigil

Maundy Thursday with other Christian Churches of Ivanhoe: 5.30pm for 6.00pm place on Thursday 17th April at the Uniting Church Community Centre, 19 Seddon St, Ivanhoe. Cost: \$20. You won't be surprised to know that for catering purposes, there is a deadline. I hope to hear from you soon. – Merle 9497 1691

Important Meeting on the Future of the Parish and the Schools – Tuesday 29th April 8-10pm

This year we are conducting a major Strategic Review to establish changes we need to make to the Parish to keep us viable and vibrant into the future, particularly considering our current serious financial position.

We would like to invite you to a community meeting at which you will have a chance to raise the issues that you feel this Review must address.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th April from 8-10pm. The venue is to be confirmed – please keep the date free.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe Pastoral Leadership Team

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: 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 13th 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 25th April at St Bernadette's Church



Mass of Anointing and Blessing - Tuesday 29th April at Mother of God Church:

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Tuesday 29th April at 10.30am at Mother of God Church. Families from Mother of God School have kindly offered to provide Morning Tea after Mass. If you require assistance with transport please contact Outreach group members: Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793.

Please note: There will be no 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 29th April at Mother of God

PLT Meeting Wednesday 26 March 2014:

At the meeting of the Pastoral Leadership Team (PLT) on 26th March, the following matters were among those on the agenda:

- The Executive presented the current status of the Strategic review.
- Items of ongoing interest on the website, in order of popularity are: News, Prayers of the Faithful, Mass details, newsletters and weekly reflections.
- Feedback on the Family Synod Survey.
- Statistics, required annually by the Archdiocese - Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Funerals and Marriages.
- The Outreach Group's ongoing awareness of our older parishioners - monthly cards/lunch, film afternoons and bus trips when there are enough takers or when a bus of a suitable size is available.
- Feedback from the Liturgy Group relating to co-operation with the schools at every opportunity and planning for a full and inclusive celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

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:

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

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 12 – 13 April 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

J. Gray, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

J. Pidutti

Reader

F. Tosolini

Mass Coordinators

J. Costa

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti

R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

T. Barker

Special Ministers

T. Barker, A. Patterson

Altar Society:

I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: School Holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,767.00	Loose cash: \$658.95	Total:	\$2,425.95
Second Collection – Presbytery:				\$ 800.50

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