



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. 15

12 – 13 April 2014

PALM SUNDAY: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

V. 1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

‘He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.’ **R.**

V. 2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

V. 3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

V. 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. ‘You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel’s sons.’ **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Through you death and Resurrection: **Lord, hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Tran thi Kim Chi, Amy Nguyen, 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 Fr Des Byrne and Tran Nguyen Khoi who have died recently. We also remember Antoinette Caruana, Sam Talarico and Mary & A. Anthony, and Kevin Blake whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 14 April: St Maximus

Wed 16 April: St Bernadette Soubirous

Fri 18 April: Good Friday

Tues 15 April: St Hunna

Thurs 17 April: Maundy Thursday

Sat 19 April: Holy Saturday

Next Week’s Readings: Easter Sunday: Year A

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

From the desk of Fr Thang:

Holy Week and Easter

The Lenten journey is coming to an end, and our hearts and minds turn to the journey through Holy Week to Easter. The liturgy this week is not afraid of tragedy. It makes us live the hour of Jesus, that Hour at once dark and glorious for which he said he had come. It is the week in which the unrepeated events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord took place.

Palm / Passion Sunday

Palms are blessed. With the Hebrew children, we, as a local church, take part in the prophetic entrance of Christ as he enters Jerusalem. Later in the Mass, we listen to the sombre story of Jesus' passion (trial and death). This year we listen to the Passion of our Lord according to Matthew (Year A). The Evangelist presents us with a series of alternating scenes in which the disciples fail while Jesus commits himself to both them and the Father. The betrayal of Judas, the disciples fleeing at his arrest and Peter's denials, all highlight their failures to stay with Jesus. At Jesus' death, the veil in the Temple is torn asunder which means God is no longer separated from us. This is our Emmanuel – God with us, in truth Jesus is the Son of God.

Mass of the Oils – Chrism Mass, and the Renewal of Priestly Commitments to Priestly Life, Ministry and Service.

In the Archdiocese of Melbourne it has been traditional to celebrate the Chrism Mass on Holy Tuesday. In this solemn Mass, Archbishop Hart concelebrates with Melbourne priests, and at which the oils of Catechumen and Sick are blessed, and the oil of Chrism is consecrated. This shows the communion of priests with our bishop. Please pray for me and my brother priests.

I have found Pope Francis' homily at his first Chrism Mass as Bishop of Rome last year encouraging and challenging at the same time:

Pope Francis calls us, priests, to bring the healing power of God's grace to everyone in need, to stay close to the marginalised and to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep." He urges us to not grow weary of people's requests and needs no matter how "inconvenient ... purely material or downright banal, such appeals may seem. Priests need to look deeper at what's driving the encounter: the person's underlying hope and desire for divine comfort, for being "anointed with fragrant oil, since they know we have it."

Pope Francis challenges priests to 'go out,' then, in order to experience our own anointing, its power and its redemptive efficacy: to the 'outskirts' where there is suffering, bloodshed, blindness that longs for sight, and prisoners in thrall to many evil masters." The Pope asks you to pray for your priests to "be close to your priests with affection and with your prayers, that they may always be shepherds according to God's heart."

Conscious of what I have done or failed to do as your priest here at the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, I would like to make a sorry act:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do as your priest, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and all of you, my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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

Lenten Reconciliation Services:

Second Rite – Communal Rite followed by Individual Confessions:

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| ❖ | Saturday 12 th April | 10.00am | Mother of God |
| ❖ | Monday 14 th April | 7.30pm | St Bernadette's |

Communion Service at Mother of God Church Tuesday 15 April 2014:

Please note that there will be a Communion Service on Tuesday 15 April at 9.15am at Mother of God Church since I will be in attendance at the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. I thank all concerned who prepare the church and lead the Communion Service for our local church community. – **Fr Thang**



The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe celebrates Holy Week and Easter:

Children 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.

- Altar servers are needed on every occasion. Fr. Thang will be pleased to talk to you about that.
- Holy Week Singing Practice: 7.30pm Wednesday, 16th April at Mary Immaculate Church - Easter Vigil

Liturgy contacts: Sarina and Patrina Patti 9497 3359, Anita Moloney 9499 1194 or Merle Gilbo 9497 1691.



Stations of the Cross: 10.00am on Good Friday 18 April at Mary Immaculate Church

Followed by Walk of Witness 11.30am at East Ivanhoe Uniting Church and finishes at Mother of God Church, Ivanhoe East. Tea, coffee and Hot Cross Buns will be served at Mother of God.

Annual Collection for the Holy Lands on Good Friday:

On Good Friday there will be the Annual Collection for the Holy Lands at Mother of God Church.

This collection promotes missionary work of the Church in the Holy Lands by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, medical centres and orphanages throughout the Holy Land rely very much on assistance from this annual collection. Responsibilities of the Custody of the Holy Land include: maintenance of biblical shrines associated with the life of Jesus (74), parishes (24), other religious centres (19), schools (22 – 7000+ students), orphanages and refuges (6), and guest houses (4); as well as charitable programs, scholarships and medical centres. Your support and generosity is much appreciated. – Holy Land Commissariat 2014

ANZAC Commemoration Mass: 8.00am on Friday 25th April at St Bernadette's Church

Project Compassion 2014: Project Compassion contributions need to be returned Easter weekend or no later than the end of April. If receipt is required, please fill in details on box lids or back of envelopes.

Receipts are only issued when returns are processed and completed before sending to Caritas. – Ruth

Youth - future Parish members or not?

Where are our parish youth and future members of our parish? What can we offer them? We aren't sure - but perhaps you know! If you know of Secondary / Tertiary level youth who might be interested you can now refer them to the Website 'Youth' page, where a surprisingly wide variety of interesting Archdiocese Office of Youth Activities and Events are now offered. Can you assist? (Parish website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com)

Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II - 27 April 2014:

On Sunday, 27 April 2014 (Divine Mercy Sunday) at 2.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Archbishop Denis Hart will be celebrating in English a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. All are invited and welcome to this significant occasion. Confessions will be available from 1:00-1:45pm.

I was a stranger and you welcomed me: The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have produced a short pamphlet on what the Catholic Church teaches on asylum and migration. This short pamphlet summarises the vast and long-standing teaching following the gospel commandment to welcome the stranger. Full reference for the pamphlet can be found on the website: www.acmro.catholic.org.au. There are some copies of the pamphlet available in each 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.*

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



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



Holy Thursday:

8.00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet

St Bernadette's Church with the Korean Catholic Community

10pm - 6am

St Bernadette's Korean Community & Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Mary Immaculate Church

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

11.30am Walk of Witness begins E. Ivanhoe

Uniting Church & concludes at Mother of God Church



The Passion of the Lord - Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross

3.00pm *Mother of God Church*

7.30pm *St Bernadette's Church - Korean Community*

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass – Service of Light & Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist

8.00pm *Mary Immaculate Church*

8.00pm *St Bernadette's Church - Korean Community*



Easter Sunday Masses:

9.00am *St Bernadette's Church*

9.00am *Mary Immaculate Church*

10.30am *Mother of God Church*

11.00am *St Bernadette's Church - Korean Community*

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 19 – 20 April 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

By arrangement

Special Ministers

By arrangement

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

By arrangement

Reader

By arrangement

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

By arrangement

Lector

By arrangement

Special Ministers

By arrangement

Altar Society:

By arrangement

Choir Coordinator: By arrangement

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,617.50

Loose cash: \$595.35

Total: \$2,212.85

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 747.00

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