



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. 16

19 – 20 April 2014

EASTER SUNDAY: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

V. 1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

V. 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**

V. 3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Risen Lord: Hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Miriam Kissane, Tran thi Kim Chi, Amy Nguyen, Margaret O'Brien, Stephen Deedman, Margaret Beriman, Kathryn Lengyel, John Coonan, Fr Donald Lourenz, Leo Milesi and Sheila Ryan who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Giuseppa (Josie) Palamara, Mary Bezzina and Donald John who have died recently. We also remember Karin West whose anniversary occurs at this time, and Medardo (Mick) Marinacci (4 month anniversary). May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 21 April: St Anselm

Wed 23 April: St Adalbert

Fri 25 April: St Mark the Evangelist

Tues 22 April: St Theodore

Thurs 24 April: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Sat 26 April: St Cletus

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

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31



We wish all parishioners, families, friends and visitors a Happy and a Blessed Easter. - Fr Thang, Pastoral Leadership Team and all at the Parish Office

From the desk of Fr Thang:

Easter 2014

He is not here, for he has risen (Mt 28:6). Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement. It is our belief in the real presence of the risen Jesus that gives meaning to us individually and collectively, and to our prayers. The prayer of St. Patrick really gives us hope and encouragement “Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part.”

It is important for us to see that it is Mary of Magdala and other women who love the Lord enough to care for him at crucifixion and enable him after subsequent resurrection to bring the joyous message of Easter to us all. That’s why we have a wise woman in our faith community to bring us the Easter 2014 news at the Vigil. Then the disciples come and check at the tomb. This is how we become followers of Christ. Someone tells us about Jesus Christ. Perhaps we were baptised as babies or even as children - yet it is someone else then handing the faith on to us – our parents, our relatives, our church community.

The challenge is for each of us to become personal witnesses to our faith. We must be able to say that someone gave me the faith, but now it is my own. This faith has two inseparable dimensions: individual and communal. For the last 60 years western Christianity is learning to live the faith without the church. This is a sad fact because Christ saved us not as individual but as God’s family. Like any family we need each other even though we have differences. Sometimes we are hurt by other family members. We ask your forgiveness if you have been hurt in some way through the church. Let this Easter 2014 be new beginnings in relationships with God and the church family.

Shortly in this communal worship we will have the renewal of belief and baptismal promises, these questions invite us to reflect upon the implications of our sharing in the Saviour’s risen life and that we are Easter people, sons and daughters redeemed and loved by God.

In coming weeks, we, the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, are necessarily going to have a major review of our churches, our schools, our presbyteries, the convent, and an unused tennis court. I would like to thank the members of the Pastoral Leadership Team for their grasp of the current situation, their vision, and their expertise. I also would like to thank the members of three school boards, and Archdiocese agencies for their consultative input. Let us open our hearts and our minds to the task of discerning the way ahead, and be prepared to make changes that will allow us to continue to be a vibrant Christian community, guided by our parish values—inclusiveness, hospitality, service and mission.

I have found the following words of Pope Francis encouraging:

There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter. I realize of course that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light born out of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved....With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards. (*The Joy of the Gospel* nos 3 and 6)

I wish each of you, your family, and our visitors the blessings and peace of Easter. Christ is risen Alleluia! He is truly risen Alleluia.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 19 April	10.00am	Reconciliation <i>Easter Masses – Saturday & Sunday</i>	Mary Immaculate Church <i>See newsletter notice</i>
Tuesday 22 April		School Term 2 commences	
Tuesday 22 April	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 22 April	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 23 April	7.00pm	Confirmation Class 1 – catechists	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 24 April	9.00am	Liturgy Group meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 24 April	8.00pm	Finance Committee Meeting	
Friday 25 April	8.00am	ANZAC Day Mass (<u>NO Mass at 9.15am</u>)	St Bernadette’s Church
Saturday 26 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette’s Church

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

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

Mass Counts: There will be Mass Counts at the Easter Vigil and at each Mass on Sunday morning.

Thank you: We sincerely thank Fr Len Thomas who celebrates Mass with us at St Bernadette's Church, on Easter Sunday 20 April. We also thank Fr Len for being with us for First Reconciliations for the schools over recent weeks and the parish Lenten Reconciliation service. We are grateful to the priests who support our parish in a variety of ways, as well as giving generously in both their time and spirit. – **Fr Thang**

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

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

Please Note: There will be no Mass at 9.15am on Friday 25th April

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 they can now be referred 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)

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

Confirmation Rite of Enrolment 2014:

Children from the parish schools and parish catechist children who are preparing for Confirmation on Sunday 1 June at St Patrick's Cathedral will attend Masses of their choice on the weekend 3 – 4 May 2014.

Mother of God School Family Mass Sunday 4th May:

On Sunday 4th May children and families from Grades 5 & 6 (Seniors) at Mother of God School will come to 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church. All are welcome and invited to Open Day at the school after Mass.



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

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.

Working Bee Thanks:

It was quite provident that after all the rain last week, Saturday's weather was perfect for a Working Bee! Consequently we achieved quite a bit more than expected! Mostly pruning, weeding and cleaning up around the Parish Office and Mary Immaculate Church which managed to fill the big 4 m² garden waste skip to the brim again! In the church, the big green curtains were taken down for the last time and the altar was decorated for Palm Sunday.

Dedicated volunteers to be thanked this time round are: Michael Rocco, Eugene Ballao, Robert Erbacher, Sue Kelly, Frank and Lucy Dal Pozzo, Peter Overton, Vito Iapozzuto, Merle Gilbo and Pia Boutsakis.



Outreach Social Afternoon – Wednesday 7 May:

Our next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 7 May. 12.00pm at Mother of God Church foyer, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. Come for lunch, cards, scrabble, knitting or a chat with others. Everyone is invited and welcome. - Sue, Helen and Eileen

PLT Meeting Wednesday 26 March 2014: The following matters were among those on the agenda:

- The Executive presented the current status of the Strategic review.
- Items of ongoing interest on parish 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 Archdiocese - Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Funerals and Marriages.
- 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.

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 which is a summary on what the Catholic Church teaches on asylum and migration. 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.

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students - Mercy Connect Project:

Mercy Works Ltd is recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in educational transitions in Secondary and Primary Schools in the Melbourne Archdiocese. Volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is required. Retired, casual and part-time teachers and Teacher students are encouraged to apply. A training program will be conducted on Thursday 19th June. Contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Mercy Connect Project Melbourne: 9326 1895; website: www.mercyworks.org.au or email: somml@bigpond.com

Request from Fr Kevin Dillon: *Position Wanted:* Experienced Manager (especially in retail and small business) is seeking permanent employment. Currently living in Geelong, he would nonetheless be interested in a Melbourne-based position. Resume and good references are available. For further information and details, please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon: 0421 777 360, or frkd@stmarysgeelong.com.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 26 – 27 April 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

T. Nibali, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

K. Bator

Reader

C. Nguyen

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

P. Black

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

E. Mount

Lector

E. Mount

Special Ministers

MA Darcy, J. Ellis, G. Reardon

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: P. Verrocchi

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,357.00	Loose cash: \$820.50	Total:	\$2,179.50
Second Collection – Presbytery:				\$ 931.80

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