



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. 17

26 – 27 April 2014

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (*DIVINE MERCY*): YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

V. 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

V. 2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **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. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Risen Lord: Hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Tran thi Kim Chi, Amy Nguyen, Kathryn Lengyel, John Coonan, Fr Donald Lourensz, 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 Miriam Kissane who died recently. We also remember Giuseppe Montorio, Alfonzo Montorio, Elena Tomasoni, Pauline Masters and Val Rankin whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Matilda Lee, Joey Rew, Harvey Keecha and Grace Marshall who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their families, 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: 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 28 April: St George

Wed 30 April: St Pius V

Fri 2 May: St Athanasius

Tues 29 April: St Catherine of Siena

Thurs 1 May: St Joseph the Worker

Sat 3 May: St Philip & James

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Easter: Year A

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

From the desk of Fr Thang:

Three men die. St Peter meets them at the pearly gates.

- St Peter:* Here's how it works. You need 1000 points to make it into heaven. Tell me your name and your country so I can check on my data. Then tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 1000 points, you get in.
- First man:* I am Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli from Rome.
- St Peter:* *(On St Peter's iPad appears an image of a man in white cassock with a new name)*
Oh, Pope John XXIII, one of my successors, Bishop of Rome.
(Then whispers gently at Angelo's ear) It's all about protocol Angelo!
- Angelo:* Well Sir, I was a priest, then a bishop, and then a pope. I did many visitations to prisoners and the sick. I convened a diocesan synod for Rome, and an ecumenical council for universal Church, and updated the code of the church law.
(On St Peter's iPad different bells start to turn on and the tally quickly stands over million points with many other data)
- St Peter:* Brave man Angelo! Please come in.
- St Peter:* Name please!
- Second man:* My name is Karol Wojtyla from Poland.
- St Peter:* *(On St Peter's iPad appears another image of a man in white cassock with a new name)*
Another Bishop of Rome, my friend John Paul II, greetings!
(Again whispers gently at Angelo's ear), please forgive us it's Jesus' policy, it's all the same for every one!
- Karol:* I understand. Don't worry! Well, I was a priest, then a bishop, and then a pope. I helped out along with my country-people to change the communism. I initiated the World Youth Day for young people. I did many over 100 visitations outside Rome. And recently before I died I initiated the Divine Mercy Sunday which is the second Sunday of Easter. I know that this is a big ask for priests who just finish a long week. But the People of God benefit from this feast enormously especially from the poor countries.
(On St Peter's iPad different bells start to turn on and the tally quickly stands over million points with many other data)
- St Peter:* Good and faithful servant of servants! Please come in.
- Third man:* My name is Frank Little from Australia.
- St Peter:* *(On St Peter's iPad appears an image of a man in purple cassock)*
...G'day mate from Down Under.
- Frank:* Good day Sir, well I was a priest for over fifty years and a bishop of a big diocese for over 20 years.
- St Peter:* That's wonderful Frank, that's worth 100 points.
- Frank:* I was known for my pastoral heart.
- St Peter:* That's terrific! That's what we pray for bishops nowadays. Well that's worth 200 points.....
(After a long listing of more things that Archbishop Little considered to be his good deeds, but St Peter only tallied up to 500 points.)
- Frank:* *(Starts to panic, and suddenly thinks of his motto – Lord have mercy.)*
The only way I get into heaven is by the mercy of God.
- St Peter:* Absolutely Frank! You and I are in the same boat. It's God's mercy that I am here. I denied Jesus three times, yet he forgave me. I fled the community while they were persecuting, but the good Lord called me back. There's no limit to the points earned through God's mercy.
(Then two men joyfully hugged each other for a few moments.)
- St John XXIII, pray for us. St John Paul II, pray for us
Please continue to pray for our late Archbishop Little whose anniversary occurred on 8th April 2008.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 26 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 29 April	10.30am	Mass of Anointing & Blessing	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 29 April	8.00-10.00pm	<u>Parish Meeting</u>	See notice in newsletter
Wednesday 30 April	7.00pm	Catechist Class 2	Mary Immaculate Hall
Friday 2 May	9.15am	Mass followed by First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 3 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
3 – 4 May		Confirmation Rite of Enrolment at all Masses 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.

Venue: Ivanhoe Uniting Church Community Meeting Room, Seddon St, Ivanhoe

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

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 2nd May:

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.

Confirmation Rite of Enrolment 3 & 4 May 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.



Outreach Social Afternoon – Wednesday 7th 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

Archdiocesan Mass Census for the month of May 2014:

For the weekends: 3-4, 10-11, 17-18 & 24-25 May all present (including children and babies) at Mass in each parish church will be counted as part of the Archdiocesan Mass Census 2014.

Census sheets are available in each church for use by counters for this purpose. Completed census sheets need to be returned to the Parish Office on Monday 26th May. ***Thank you for your assistance.***

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

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.

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.

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)

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2014 – Sunday 18 May:

Chaplains – Companions of Hope “We are with people at their most vulnerable time”- Catholic Chaplain

Every day in our Archdiocese, Chaplains visit hospital wards, walk through prisons and visit young people in detention. They are also present with those affected by mental illness and HIV/Aids, as well as supporting men and women working at sea. Catholic Chaplains are tangible signs of God's presence. They are the face of hope at times of greatest need, a healing presence, a kind and gentle ear. On Sunday 18 May, you are invited to donate to this important work in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, via the Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in your local parish. Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- Those affected by mental illness
- Men and women in Prisons
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Seafarers
- Info: The Development Office, 9926 5714

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

Social Justice in the City Series - Wednesday 30 April 12pm – 1pm:

Gavin Dufty, Policy & Research Manager, SVDP will speak on the “*Cost of Living Impact on Households*”

Where: St Francis Church Pastoral Centre Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Sts, Melb. **Contact:** Paula 9895 5800

Holocaust Memorial Service - Thursday 1 May, 7:30pm:

Hosted by the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. A Kosher Supper will be served afterwards’ **Where:** Simmonds Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne **More info:** 9926 5708 or eic@cam.org.au

Getting to the venue:

Enter via Victoria Parade (follow the walkway next to St John's Church through to Simmonds Hall behind it)

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 3 – 4 May 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

S. Moorhen

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
J. Pidutti

Reader

Gr 6 student

Mass Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

M. Hoban

Lector

J. Hodge

Special Ministers

B. / S. Janus, D. Ervin, M. Chin

Altar Society:

A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,102.00 Loose cash: \$1,310.90 **Total: \$2,412.90**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$1,591.80**

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