



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. 20

17 – 18 May 2014

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

V. 1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

V. 2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,

To rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray that we will place our trust in you: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Norman Cattanaach, Tran thi Kim Chi, Amy Nguyen, 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 Allan Carman who died recently. We remember Elmo Pertile, Francesco Greco and Cecil and Rose Daley whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Please note: Collections for Leaving Collections at each Mass:

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections after Mass in each church this weekend for **Chaplaincy Appeal**. Please see notice in newsletter

This Week's Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter: Year A

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 19 May: St Dunstan

Wed 21 May: St Christopher

Fri 23 May: St William of Rochester

Tues 20 May: St Bernardine of Siena

Thurs 22 May: St Rita

Sat 24 May: Our Lady Help of Christians

Next Week's Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter: Year A

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

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.

From the desk of Fr Thang:

Season of Easter Part II

What is it that really makes us, us? How would we describe “Who we are”? Questions of identity are important to us, the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, especially as we are on a journey of reviewing our identity as a Catholic Parish, our mission and purpose, our churches, our schools, the presbyteries, the convent, the unused tennis court. If you have not completed the Parish Mission Questionnaire, could you kindly do it and return to the Office or me.

During this journey, it is essential to know where we came from so that we can better understand where we are now and where we are going. “Who do you think you are?” is an Australian Television documentary, and an adaptation of the BBC series with the same name. Each episode profiles a celebrity tracing their family tree in order to find out more about their roots.

Easter tide is a great opportunity for us to look again at our Christian roots. The spirituality of the Easter tide is shaped by the *Acts of the Apostles*. Each day at Mass, both Sundays and weekdays (except on the Feast Day of a Saint), we read from the *Acts*. The *Acts of the Apostles* helps us rediscover our Christian identity.

What gives us our Christian identity? What makes a Christian different from anyone else? We do not dress differently from our neighbours. We do not use a special language. We recognise and acknowledge that other religions can lead men and women to God. What is it that makes us Christian? “The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no 638) At the heart of our Christian identity is the belief that God has radically changed the universe in the birth, life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

The *Acts of the Apostles (Acts)* is used precisely because it shows us the experience of the early Church in its infancy. The author of *Acts* wants to show how the life and deeds of Jesus are continued in the life and deeds of the first disciples and are to be continued in the Church of our day.

During Easter tide, we read about the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the disciples, the service ministry (Deacons), the account of Stephen’s martyrdom, Paul’s conversion, and some miraculous escapes from prisons and riots. Through *Acts*, we learn where we were first called Christians – *followers of Christ*. We learn about the first Church Council in Jerusalem, where a decision was made to accept non-Jews without necessarily being practising Jews. *Acts* continuously emphasises how faith in Christ is shared and supported through Christian communities. The book of *Acts* gives us information about how Christians lived in the years after Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension. We learn how the believers celebrated the Eucharist together and shared their belongings. We learn how the Gospel message was preached, first to Jews in the synagogues and later to non-Jews. We learn how travelling missionaries like Paul and his companions travelled long journeys and suffered many hardships to form new groups of believers across the Roman Empire. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church went from a small community in Jerusalem to a movement spreading across the entire Roman Empire.

So a good way to enter into the spirit of this season is to read the whole of the *Acts of the Apostles*. As we read the *Acts* and hear the book proclaimed at Mass during this season, we ask ourselves: Is this our Church? Are we a healing Church? Are we a forgiving Church? What has happened to our identity? Are we a living, caring, and evolving Church? Do we struggle to follow the inspiration of the Spirit to adapt the message of Jesus to the needs of our day? And so on.

This is the message of the Great 50 days. We are to find our roots; but more than that, we are to continue that great heritage into our own day. We read/listen to *Acts* not merely to be proud of our past, but to be challenged by the present. The bottom line is: Does our Church continue the saving, healing, and redeeming work of Jesus Christ? That is the challenge of Easter tide and the key to the spirituality of this liturgical season. The stories we read in *Acts* are not simply stories of long ago, not simply pictures in the family photo album. They are *our* story, they are *our* picture. Today, Jesus must rise in us. Today, Jesus heals and reconciles through us. Today, we must keep the story alive!

During the week the Confirmation candidates and their parents attended a wonderful workshop at Mary Immaculate P. S. Hall. They recognised and acknowledged to each other the gifts that they have brought to each other. They discussed about traditions after seeing a clip from movie: *Fiddler on the Roof*. They learned about what Pope Francis is trying to do when he chose his name as Francis, what the candidates can do in choosing their Confirmation names, and what are the gifts that they can bring to the Church?

Something to ponder: Ask not what the Church can do for you, rather what gifts can you bring to the Body of Christ, his Church. Think globally, but act locally.

Sources:

Adaptation from Fr Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M. "Spirituality of the Seasons: The Great 50 Days of Easter," *St. Anthony Messenger*, 102:12 (May, 1995) p 56. & *The Catholic Youth Bible* (1993), p 1265.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 17 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 18 May	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God P. S. – Grades 3 & 4	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 20 May	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God PS – Middle School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 20 May	7.30pm	Confirmation Choir Practice	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 20 May	7.30pm	St Bernadette's P.S. Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 21 May	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immac. P.S. Grs 5M & 6SO	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 14 May	7.00pm	Confirmation Catechist Class 4	Mary Immaculate Hall
Friday 23 May	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. - 3/4OP	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 24 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church

Archdiocesan Mass Census for the month of May 2014:

For the weekends: 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 2014. ***Thank you for your assistance.***

From Fr Thang: I will be attending an In-Service organised by the Ministry to Priests from 19 – 20 May. I sincerely thank Fr Len Thomas who will celebrate 9.15am Mass at Mother of God on Tuesday 20 May.

Mother of God School Family Mass Sunday 18th May:

We welcome the children and their families from Middle School (Grades 3 & 4) at Mother of God School who have come to the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

Confirmation Candidates: In coming days children preparing for Confirmation will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in each of our churches. Please keep the children & their families in your prayers. **Fr Thang**

Leaving collections: Chaplaincy Sunday – Sunday 18 May:

As advised by the Melbourne Archdiocese, there are special collections this weekend in all parishes to support the vital work of Catholic Chaplains. Donations and contributions support pastoral care and chaplaincy services at a variety of levels in different locations within the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Current funding has been reduced and does not meet the costs of Catholic Chaplaincy, at the very same time when demands for this important ministry are increasing. This fact makes this Appeal even more crucial for our Catholic Chaplains and our parishes providing pastoral care.

The presence of Catholic Chaplains provides hope to those suffering from loneliness, physical illness, mental health challenges and HIV/AIDS; as well as those facing youth detention, a prison sentence, or long bouts of time at sea, away from Church support, family and friends. Catholic Chaplaincy is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages.



Confirmation posters: Parishioners are invited to write their names on bottom section of posters as those praying for the children preparing to receive Confirmation on Sunday 1st June. Posters will be returned to the children as a memento of their Rite of Enrolment.

Confirmation Choir: Confirmation Ceremony on Sunday, 1st June at 2.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. As we know, even with excellent amplification, the Cathedral is a big space so many voices and many willing spirits are needed. Next practice will take place at Mary Immaculate Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th May; with the option of 27th May, if needed. Queries, contact: John Caddy 9499 4061 or Merle 9497 1691.

Pastoral Vision of Pope Francis – Wednesday 21 May:

Marist brother Mark O'Connor, head of Adult Faith Education for Melbourne will be presenting 'The Pastoral Vision of Pope Francis' at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st May at St Kevin's School Library, 26-44 Herlihy's Rd, Lower Templestowe. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Ministers of Holy Communion – Sunday 1st June at St Gregory's, Doncaster 2.15 – 4.30pm:

Parishioners of the Yarra Deanery are invited to participate in a formation afternoon for accreditation and re-accreditation of Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass and Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick at St Gregory the Great, 71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster. If interested contact St Gregory's Parish Office 9848 2395 by Tuesday 27 May. Further information on flyers available in each church – please collect a copy.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Do you have comments, suggestions about Holy Week? The Liturgy Group would welcome them now - before they fade from sight - so that they can be recorded for next year. Tell Fr. Thang or Merle 9497 1691

St Joseph's Carmelite Preview Screening – Grace of Monaco:

Parishioners are invited to a preview screening on Sunday 1st June, 6.30pm at Palace Cinema, Balwyn. Each ticket costs \$25 and includes supper afterwards. Ticket Secretary Judy Gibbs, Telephone: 9836 6514 Cheques can be posted to P.O. Box 34, Balwyn 3103. Flyer on display in each church

Prayer for the Synod on the Family: Pope Francis has asked that we pray for the Synod on the Family to take place 5–19 October 2014. Each household is invited to offer this prayer, perhaps as grace before meals.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Our Beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for the upcoming Synod on the Family.

Please send Your Holy Spirit and fill all who take part with wisdom, courage and love.

Sustain our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he may guide us by his example of fatherly love.

In our families, help us always to follow in Jesus' footsteps by showing mercy to others, especially families who suffer separation from one another and those who feel unloved.

Open our eyes, hearts and hands, so that we may recognise and serve You by helping our sisters and brothers. These things we ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen. St Mary and St Joseph, pray for us.

Walking with Pope Francis: Interfaith relations in the midst of Contemporary Global Challenges:

Thursday 22 May, 11am - 12pm Join us for a conversation led by Professor John Pawlikowski OSM of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. All are welcome. **Where:** Room M5.30, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, East Melb. **Contact:** RSVP to edmund.chia@acu.edu.au or 9953 3432

ACU Winter Public Lecture Series: In the western tradition, philosophical and religious traditions of thought have long been in vigorous debate. In this philosophy winter lectures series, four renowned philosophers of religion tackle some of the really big issues. Lectures are on Wednesdays 6 – 7.30pm

- **28 May: Professor Robert Audi** *Can Religious Faith Be Rational Given the Evils of History?*
- **25 June: Professor Stephen Evans** *Is There a Natural Knowledge of God?*
- **9 July: Professor Kevin Hart** *Is there a Faith beyond Religion? Bonhoeffer's Religious Clothes.*
- **16 July: Professor Eleonore Stump** *Is Justice Enough? Aquinas on Justice and Care*

Mercy Lecture Theatre, ACU Melbourne Campus, 17-29 Young St, Fitzroy **RSVP:** ftpevents@acu.edu.au

St Pius X Primary School, Heidelberg West: Past and present members of St Pius X Primary School, Heidelberg West are invited to keep Sunday 24th August free to attend the school's 60th Anniversary Celebrations. Please join us for Mass at 10.30am, followed by BBQ lunch and gathering. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with St Pius X school friends, families and colleagues. To receive further information or if you have school memorabilia to share please send email with Subject: "St Pius X School 60th Anniversary", name & postal address details: principal@spheidelbergwest.catholic.edu.au or call 9457 3776.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 24 – 25 May 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

McEvey family

Reader

McEvey family

Mass Coordinators

J. Costa

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti

R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

M. Hoban

Lector

M. Hoban

Special Ministers

A, Moloney, G. Crawford, B. Janus

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$2,570.00	Loose cash: \$521.40	Total:	\$3,091.40
Second Collection – Presbytery:				\$ 972.60

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