

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. 21

24 – 25 May 2014

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

- V. 1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**
- V. 2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**
- V. 3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R.**
- V. 4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!


PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: May the Spirit give us fullness of life: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Norman Cattanaach, 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 Eddie Brownstein who died recently. We also remember Ellen Ryan and Paolo Villani whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

 **Baptism:** We welcome Molly Pearson 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: 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 26 May: St Philip Neri

Wed 28 May: St Germanus

Fri 30 May: St Joan of Arc

Tues 27 May: St Augustine of Canterbury

Thurs 29 May: St Maximus

Sat 31 May: The Visitation

Next Week's Readings: The Ascension of the Lord: Year A

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

18 April 2014 Compass on ABC Twilight Songs

Last Sunday after celebrating Eucharist for the Vietnamese Community at East Preston, I was deeply touched with ABC Compass, a religious program at 6:30pm. It showed how music could rekindle and re-awaken memories for elderly people lost to dementia. The program followed Michael Mildren, a music practitioner as he visited patients in aged care homes at St Michael's, Melbourne. By playing music for the residents on a variety of instruments, and singing songs from their pasts, he has marvellously made connections that also helped to bring them into the present and improve their quality of life. Experiencing this need in his own family, for about 20 years Michael has been devoted to make the lives of the elderly more enjoyable, and more dignified through the power of music. Interestingly, I was glad to see Kieran Meade, a former seminarian and deacon who appeared in this program. Kieran was two years ahead of me in the Seminary. He is gifted with dancing. It was great to see him. May God bless Michael and Kieran.

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/compass/s3999395.htm>

An Easter Gathering for 'Baby' Priests and Deacons

Twice a year we, priests ordained 10 years or under have a few in-service days. These gatherings are designed by the Ministry to Priests (nationally known as *Priests, Life and Ministry*) to support us in our initial years of ordained ministry, to address the issues of transitions from seminary to parish life, from parish to parish, and in most cases from Assistant Priest to Administrator / Parish Priest. In-Services organised by the Ministry to Priests provides opportunities for professional development at various levels of parish administration and Archdiocesan related matters.

Gatherings such as these give us the opportunity to meet with fellow priests and deacons in a fraternal manner and maintain connections with one another. In an informal manner, there were shared discussions with Archbishop Hart who provided acknowledgement, affirmation and support of our respective roles as part of priestly life. Thanks to Fr Greg Bourke and Megan Mitchem for organising events which are both professional and pastoral.

Mary, Help of Christians, Solemnity, 24th May

170 years ago at the first Australian Bishops Provincial Synod, a decision was made to place the Church in Australia under the patronage of the Virgin Mary by the title Mary Help of Christians. The context of this decision was significant in our history. British settlement was just over 50 years old, the transportation of convicts was coming to an end, and the first elections in Australian history had been held in 1843. Issues of land, immigration and education had begun to surface and the Church was involved in these social problems. In 1843 Archbishop Polding inaugurated the first Catholic apostolic meeting with aboriginal people in Moreton Bay.

Recourse to our national patron, Mary Help of Christians, is as relevant and necessary today as it has ever been. Interestingly, all of our three churches have a close relationship with the Blessed Mary: Mary Immaculate (est. 1940); St Bernadette's (est. 1951, Mary appeared to Bernadette and revealed to her that she was Mary Immaculate Conception.); and Mother of God (est. 1958).

Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who placed the love of Our Lady, Help of Christians in the hearts of those who brought the Catholic faith to these shores, grant, through her intercession, wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens, so that, under her protection, Australia may know harmony, justice and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, intercede and guide our parish as we discern our way forward.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Friday 23 May	after Mass	Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 24 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 27 May	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God PS – Seniors	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 27 May	after Mass	Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 27 May	7.30pm	Confirmation Choir Practice	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 28 May	7.00pm	Confirmation Catechist Class 5	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 28 May	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 29 May	10 – 12	Confirmation Rehearsal	St Patrick's Cathedral
Friday 30 May	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grades 1 & 2	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 30 May	10.30am	Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 31 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

Archdiocesan Mass Census for the month of May 2014:

For the weekend 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.**

St Bernadette's School Family Mass Grades 3 & 4 – Saturday 31st May:

On Saturday 31st May children and families from Grades 3 & 4 at St Bernadette's School will come to the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's Church. All are welcome and invited.

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**

Confirmation Choir: After a slow start, **our Confirmation choir** has gone from strength to strength!! We will put the last polish on it by having one more practice. **Tuesday, 27th May, 7.30 pm at Mary Immaculate Church.** If you haven't been able to come up till now, you are still very welcome. Remember, the Confirmation of our children will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2.30 pm on Sunday, June 1st.



Outreach Social Afternoon – Wednesday 4th June:

Our next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 4th June at 12.00pm, 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

Outreach News: E-conference on Pope Francis will be held on Wednesday 11 June - please refer to item below. The Outreach Group recommends the e-conference to all interested and lunch will be provided.

Pope Francis: You're invited to an eConference in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe 11 June:

With the support of the Outreach and Liturgy groups our parish is again very pleased to be hosting another outstanding video-conference, on the topic Pope Francis - Modelling the Ministry of St Peter. All are welcome and encouraged to attend if you can. Streamed live from the Broken Bay Institute NSW to an Australian and global audience the interactive session will again feature outstanding presenters: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Sr Monika Cavanagh RSJ, Fr Gerard Kelly, Ms Selina Hasham and Rev Noel Connolly SSC.

Time is from 10:15am to 3pm on Wednesday 11 June, and a light lunch will be provided (though not ideal you may attend part of the event if time is limited). Donations invited to cover costs. To fit in with venue commitments the eConference will commence at Mary Immaculate Church at 10:15am (for 10:30am) and then at 11.00am move across to Mary Immaculate Hall. **For catering purposes bookings are essential.** Contact John Costa 9850 2454, Merle Gilbo 9497 1691, Sue Kelly 9499 1485 or Parish Office.

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee:

Offering a chance to support this 'home away from home' for anyone who needs a place to live while in Melbourne for medical reasons, to hear an interesting speaker and to enjoy a delicious morning tea!! 10.00am Friday 30th May, 10 Donaldson St. Ivanhoe. Dr Lis Payne will challenge her listeners with: "How to keep fit".

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.

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

Ecumenical Service - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Thursday 3rd June:

Parishioners are invited to an Ecumenical Service celebrating Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 10am on Tuesday 3rd June at Heidelberg-East Ivanhoe Uniting Church (Scots), Burgundy St, Heidelberg. A warm welcome is extended to all. Refreshments will be served after the service. Contacts: Ann 9459 1898 and Rosemary 9497 1017

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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.

48th World Communications Day - Prayer:

Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of communication, through which we connect with one another.

Thank you Lord for the gift of the media and the communications technologies at our fingertips.

The Internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. Help us to always use these gifts wisely and for good.

We ask that the desire for digital connectivity may not isolate us from our neighbours and we pray that our communication may be at the service of an authentic encounter with you.

Help us to make time to be silent and to listen.

We pray that our Church may be capable of bringing warmth and of stirring hearts. Amen

- Australian Catholic Bishops Conference – Communications Office; www.stirringhearts.org.au

Pope Francis 48th World Communications Day: “The revolution taking place in communications media and in information technologies represents a great and thrilling challenge; may we respond to that challenge with fresh energy and imagination as we seek to share with others the beauty of God.”

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

Faith Seeking Understanding: monthly talk and discussion nights - Wednesday 4 June, 7pm:

Join the parishioners of St Dominic's for monthly talk and discussion nights led by friars, theological lecturers and diocesan staff. Fr Robin Koning SJ will speak about Pope Francis. Dinner will be provided, please bring a gold coin donation. All are welcome!

Where: Parish Centre, St Dominic's Church, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell
Contact: Fiona Phone: 0402 474 074 or email: didyouknow@hotmail.com.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@sphidelbergwest.catholic.edu.au or call 9457 3776.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 31 May – 1 June 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

K. Bator

Reader

P. Vaughan

Mass Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

P. Black, P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Curry

Lector

J. Curry

Special Ministers

T. Barker, R. Beltrame, M. Pollard

Altar Society:

A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: P. Verrocchi

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$937.00

Loose cash: \$444.10

Total:

\$1,381.10

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 771.15

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