



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. 22

31 May – 1 June 2014

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

- V. 1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth, **R.**
- V. 2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**
- V. 3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: That we will work for a better world: **Lord, hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Norman Cattanach, 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 Norma Negri who died recently. We remember Marieangela Stramandinoli, George Rogan, Antonio Borromeo, Giuseppe & Gelsomina Gentile, and Franca & Enrico Torresi whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Please note: Collectors needed for Leaving Collections at each Mass:

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections after Mass in each church this weekend for **Catholic Missions** - Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Please see notice in newsletter.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 2 June: Ss Marcellinus & Peter

Wed 4 June: St Francis Caracciolo

Fri 6 June: St Norbert

Tues 3 June: St Charles Lwanga

Thurs 5 June: St Boniface of Mainz

Sat 7 June: St Colman

Next Week's Readings: Pentecost Sunday: Year A

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

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.

Once upon a time, in a small village in Russia, there lived a shoemaker, named Martin Avdeitch. He was a fine shoemaker as he did his job well and never promised to do something that he could not do. He stayed busy with his work in his basement that had only one window. Through this window he could see only the feet of people. However he was still able to recognise most people by their shoes as he has worked with most of their shoes at least once.

Martin sadly experienced the progressive deaths of his wife, and all of their children in their infancy except a three year old boy. Unfortunately for Martin after living with his last son not for long, the son died with a fever. So bitter, anger and in grief from all these deaths, Martin cursed God and wondered how God could allow such terrible things to happen to him. At one point, he thought he would end his own life. After that Martin left off going to church.

However one day a missionary visited Martin and he opened his heart to him. This missionary told Martin that he should live his life for God and not denying him because God's will would be the ultimate deciding factor and because as humans we could not question that. These words of the missionary somehow sank deep with Martin. After this encounter, Martin went out and bought a book of Gospels. He began to read the accounts of Jesus' life, at first only on holidays, but as he read more and more it became daily. At the same time, his life was filled with peace and joy. After his working hours, he would sit down with a lamp and read as "... all the kerosene in the lamp would burn out."

One day after reading the passage in Luke about the woman who anointed Jesus' feet while he was dining at the house of Simon, a Pharisee. Martin thought himself as the Pharisee in that story as he was only living for himself. Martin then fell asleep when he thought he heard the voice of God telling him that he would visit him the next day.

The following morning, Martin sceptically watched out his window for God. While he was looking for God he saw a man, named, Stepanitch shovelling away snow. Martin invited him in for a warm drink and they talked for a while. Martin told Stepanitch about the story he read and he was moved to tears. Stepanitch later left and thanked Martin for the food, both for the body and soul.

Later in the day, Martin saw a young woman outside with a baby not properly dressed for the cold. He invited her in for some food and gave her warmer clothes and money. Martin also told her about the story he read and she thanked him and left.

In the afternoon, Martin saw a young boy stealing few apples from an older lady. He went outside and settled their argument by paying for stolen apples and extending his love and compassion towards both of them. However Martin never saw God.

That night while Martin wondered why God had not visited him. He fell asleep. Three figures came to in his half dream and half real. These were the ones Martin had showed hospitality to in the day. They said that when he helped them he was helping God.

Martin awoke, full of joys. He made the Sign of the Cross, put on the glasses and continued the passage: "For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." (Mt 25:35) At the end of the page, Martin stopped for a while with these words: "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. Effectively he passes on the baton to us. Christ invites us to continue his story in our lives. He promised to be with us till the end of time, yet in different modes, ways, circumstances especially when we offer hospitality towards our brothers and sisters.

Sources: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Where_Love_Is,_God_Is

Where Love Is, There God Is Also by Leo Tolstoy, compiled by Lawrence Jordan, Fleming H. Revell, 2001.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 31 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 2 June	7.30pm	Baptism Information Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 3 June	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God PS, Prep & Juniors	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 4 June	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immac. P.S. 3/4B & 3/4C	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 5 June	9.00am	Liturgy Group Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 6 June	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. 5/6PC	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 6 June		Mass followed by First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 7 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

Catholic Mission – Propagation of the Faith Appeal 31 May - 1 June 2014:

'Heal the Broken- Hearted' As advised by the Archdiocese there is a leaving collection in each church for the Annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal this weekend, 31 May - 1 June. The Archdiocese recommends this appeal and asks for our support. Envelopes are available at the end of each row for your use & reference.

Theme of this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal is inspired by Psalm 147:3, 'He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.' This year parishioners are invited to reach out to the hundreds and thousands of broken-hearted Rwandans who have still not healed, following the twenty years since the genocide, and help them in their process of forgiveness and reconciliation. The Rwandan people urgently need our prayers and financial support to help provide for the building of new churches, as well as counselling, healing classes and teaching on forgiveness by local priests and sisters.

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

We welcome children and their families from Grades 3 & 4 at St Bernadette's School who have come to be with us at the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's Church this weekend.



Confirmation of our Parish candidates: We congratulate the children in our Parish and Parish Schools who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday 1 June, 2.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We thank all who have prepared the children to receive Confirmation over the past weeks, as well as those responsible for the Liturgy at the Cathedral. We thank all who have facilitated, prepared and participated in the choir as representatives of our parish on this significant occasion.

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. Ticket costs \$25 which includes supper afterwards. Ticket Secretary: Judy Gibbs, Telephone: 9836 6514. 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

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 6th June:

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.



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: Outreach Group recommends the e-conference to all interested and lunch will be provided.

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

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.

INCLUSIVENESS

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SERVICE

MISSION

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. 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 9457 3776.

June T@P – Theology on Tap: A Christian Response to Asylum Seekers: Tuesday 3 June, 6:30pm – 9pm
Bishop Vincent Long is one of many former refugees who have distinguished himself in public life after arriving in Australia by boat. He will assist us in answering the difficult questions we must confront as Christians: Are we bound as Christians to adopt a completely 'open door' policy in welcoming those seeking asylum? Can we be "cruel" to be "kind" to prevent asylum seekers make the perilous journey to Australia?
Where: Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson Street Fitzroy. Contact: Neil 0409 171 459 or Collin 0438 643 070

Compassion in the workplace: Promoting Awareness and Creating Change 19 June, 9:30am – 2:30pm
In recent times, compassion has increasingly become appraised in the context of human wellbeing. The practice of compassion is understood to be as important for health as physical exercise and healthy diet. Major universities around the world are now investigating and proving the importance of compassion, contemplation and meditation. This workshop is an exciting opportunity not only to hear about this research but more importantly to engage us in building a compassionate presence individually and in the workplace. Hosted by School of Prayer, Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation at Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne **RSVP:** by Thursday 12 June. **Contact:** Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation 9926 5762

Mary Meets Mohammad - Screening 21st June, St Kevin's Catholic Church Lower Templestowe:
St Kevin's Social Justice Group invites you to a free screening Saturday 21st June at 7pm (after 6pm Mass) in Glendalough Centre, 26-44 Herlihy Rd, Lower Templestowe. This film follows the arrival of Tasmania's first detention centre through the eyes of local Christian woman and knitting club member Mary and Muslim Afghan Hazara asylum seeker Mohammad, who is detained inside the centre, as they connect through the gift of a knitted beanie. St Vincent de Paul Van will be in attendance with hearty hot/warm soup to thank you for your attendance & generosity. For catering and seating, please RSVP Leo 0418 223 166; Paola on 9852 2293

2014 Annual Jewish Catholic Friendship Dinner Sunday 22 June, 7.00pm:
This year's dinner will feature personal accounts from participants in the interfaith initiative *Joint Journey to Jerusalem*. Guest speakers will include Fr John Dupuche, Rabbi Adam Stein and Ms Rufiath Yousuff
Cost: \$50 - 2 course buffet Kosher Meal including drinks **Tickets:** www.trybooking.com/EZLM or JCCV Office 9272 5641 **Where:** Catholic Leadership Centre, Cnr Victoria Parade & Hoddle St, East Melbourne
Contact: Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission Office eic@cam.org.au or 9926 5708

Youth Engaging the World One Day Forum: Part of ACU Pope Francis Conference Monday 30 June
A one day youth forum for 15 to 25 year olds, teachers, lecturers and those who work with youth.
Where: Australian Catholic University Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne
Registration & more info: www.acu.edu.au/popefrancis Contact: 02 9701 4176 or iace@acu.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 7 – 8 June 2014

<u>ST. BERNADETTE'S:</u> Saturday 6.30pm	Lector S. Moorhen	Special Ministers B. Jowett, T. Nibali	
<u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u> Sunday 9.00am	Leader Conroy family	Reader Conroy family	Mass Coordinators M. Gilbo Counters S. & P. Kelly
<u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u> Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan A. Patterson Altar Society:	Lector A. Patterson L. Ford	Special Ministers MA. Darcy, J. Ellis, F. Tosolini Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,306.00	Loose cash: \$557.20	Total:	\$1,863.20
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