



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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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. 27

5 – 6 July 2014

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your
right hand is filled with saving justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

V. 1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R.**

V. 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

V. 3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

V. 4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you
have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lift our burdens we pray: Lord hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER: Refer to Multi Media slides or page 3 of newsletter

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in
him.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Norman Cattanach, Tran thi Kim Chi, Amy Nguyen, John Coonan, Fr Donald Lourensz, Sheila Ryan and Kathryn Lengyel who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Pamela Smith who died recently. We remember Richard Makarucha, Peter Campana, Lino Omizzolo, Jill Brophy and Abraham Bains whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 7 July: St Felix

Wed 9 July: Mary Queen of Peace

Fri 11 July: St Benedict

Tues 8 July: St Kilian

Thurs 10 July: Ss Rufina & Secunda

Sat 12 July: St John Jones

Next Week's Readings: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm 64:10-14

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

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.

The original audiences of the Gospel of Matthew were mainly Jewish Christians who were still deeply attached to the Jewish Law and customs. As a result, one of the thrusts in Matthew was concerning the Law – Torah. Matthew attempts to present as a new Moses. Both went up on to a mountain to teach and both talked there about the Law.

At the heart of Jewish Law, there are 613 commandments / *mitzvot* which God gave to the Jewish people in the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures, or the Torah. Interestingly 613 consist of 365 negative (do not) and 248 positive (do) commands. Pharisees are good people who follow the Torah strictly.

One of the biggest challenges for any devout Pharisee is to interpret the Law. As a result, they have created many other customs and rituals with the good intention to cover the boundary of the Law. That means before you can violate a command you must have violated these customs and rituals first. Jesus criticises his countrymen for their interpretation of the Law, they make human life, especially the ordinary people more burdensome rather than less: “They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them... or you tithe the mint, dill, and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith.” (Mt 23) Fr Byrne reflects, “God did not give the Torah to Israel to impose or add to the burdens of the human race but rather to function as a way of enlightenment.” Jesus’ primary concerns are with the heart and the spirit of the Law. “It is in the context of being an interpreter of the Torah in this sense that Jesus claims that *his* yoke is easy and *his* burden light.” (p96)

So the heavy loads which the scribes and Pharisees put on others (Mt 23) are effectively replaced by the teaching of Jesus. He does this as the gentle and humble of heart who fulfils all justice and mercy, acting side by side with sinners to bring them into communion with himself. (Sloyan 113) The early teaching of the Apostles, *Didache* 6,2 comforts us even more: “If you can bear the entire yoke of the Lord, you will be perfect; but if you are not able to, then do what you can.”

“All who labour and are overburdened” are ordinary people, “unlettered as regards interpretation of the Torah, who labour under such burdensome rulings.” (p96) Jesus offers these ordinary people rest. Fr Byrne reflects deeply on *rest*: “The rest Jesus promises to the burdened is not simply respite in a general kind of way...In a biblical traditional God’s resting on the 7th day following the work of creation and the idea of the Sabbath as a day of rest and union with God...Jesus is presenting himself as the one who can safely lead burdened humanity to rest” (p96)

In Jesus’ life, he lives out the Torah; he brings us the heart of the Law – mercy in his teaching, healing in his outreach ministry. Therefore, Jesus has become a new Law for us. In following Jesus, the authoritative interpreter of the Torah, we are not just following a set of rules and regulations, but a fully God and fully human person – Emmanuel: God is with us.

Something to pray and ponder

In what ways do I over concentrate on the rules and regulations and not the heart of the matter?
In what ways Jesus is calling me to relax, let go, and do only what I can manage in my human conditions?

Ponder on how taking Jesus’ yoke and burden is related to his gift of rest.

Sources:

Brendan Byrne SJ, *Lifting the Burden: Reading Matthew’s Gospel in the Church*, (Liturgical Press, 2004).

Brendan Byrne SJ, Scriptural Commentary in <http://liturgyhelp.com.au/>

Gerard Sloyan, *A Commentary on the New Lectionary*, (Paulist Press, 1975)

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 5 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 7 July	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 8 July	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 10 July	9.00am	Liturgy Group Meeting	Parish Office
Saturday 5 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church

Parish Review Project Mission Survey

As part of our Parish Review Project a survey has been released to help us review our Parish Mission. All parishioners, friends, lapsed churchgoers and anyone interested in the future of the Parish should complete this survey which is currently available on our Parish website homepage: www.ivanhoecatholics.com or by typing <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IvanhoeMissionSurvey> into your web browser.

There will be a short presentation about the survey by representatives of the Pastoral Leadership Team (PLT) at each Mass this weekend. Hard copies of the survey will be distributed after Mass.

There is a labelled box in each church for Survey Returns until the end of July. - Thanks PLT.

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2014:

July 6 is a time where Catholics from all over Australia come together to celebrate and acknowledge the gifts that Indigenous people bring to the Catholic Church in Australia. It is also a time to reflect on our own relationships with Australia's first people.

'In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis speaks to us of our responsibility to care for and protect the most vulnerable people of our planet. He includes indigenous peoples. He also speaks of those who are homeless, migrants, or victims of human trafficking, of people who are addicted, and of the extreme vulnerability of unborn children. He goes on to say that our commitment to the vulnerable embraces not just humans in need, but also the wider community of life on Earth. He includes the land itself among the vulnerable, and all the creatures that are not able to defend themselves against ruthless human exploitation. ...'

Source: ACBC - Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Resource booklet 2014

Aboriginal Lord's Prayer:

(Recording – each line sung twice)

You are our Father, you live in Heaven. We talk to you, Father, you are good.

We believe your Word, Father we your children give us bread today.

We have done wrong, we are sorry. Teach us Father all about your word.

Others have done wrong to us, and we are sorry for them, Father today.

Stop us from doing wrong, Father. Save us all from the evil one.

You are our Father, you live in Heaven. We talk to You, Father, you are good.

© *Father You are Good, Global Recording Network Australia, 1994 Songwriters Workshop*

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 28th - 29th June 2014:

The Ivanhoe Conference sincerely thanks the parishioners for the great support given to the Winter Appeal this year. The food, clothing, bedding and the wonderful donations will make the winter months a lot more bearable for the people you have assisted.

Volunteers needed – for the Vinnies store at the Mall – various duties at time best suited to you
Monday – Saturday – Contact Carmel 9458 3428

News from Outreach – Film Afternoon: In response to popular demand we have arranged for a Film Afternoon on Wednesday 23rd July at 1.00pm in Mary Immaculate Hall: Another treat from Maggie Smith and a talented cast including Dame Judy Dench in the acclaimed, 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'. Our theme for the High Tea will be Christmas in July. Come and enjoy. Cost: \$10 per person. Caterers **greatly appreciate bookings the week prior - by 16 July.** Call Eileen 9499 7120 or Sue 9499 1485.

Request from Parishioner: House available for rental from mid July 2014 for six months: Four bedroom family home in Alphington with open plan living spaces, large and child friendly backyard. House is next to Pitcher Park and close to shops, train station and schools. Please call Kate on 0417 302 178

Thank you - Thanksgiving Envelopes 6 July – 28 December 2014:

Thank you to those who have collected their Thanksgiving envelopes for the period 6 July – 28 Dec 2014. Thank you to those who delivered envelopes to others – thanks for your time, energy, generosity and effort. If you wish to contribute to the parish through Thanksgiving there are three options: ***Envelopes*** can be given to each of our churches to suit your needs, ***Credit Card*** or ***Direct Debit***. Contact: **Phone:** 9499 1515, **Mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079, **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com – Ruth

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“The Joy of the Gospel & the Church Today” - Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

Wednesday 16 July, 5:30pm – 6:30pm Newman College invites you to a reception and conversation on "The Joy of the Gospel & the Church Today" by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Archbishop Martin is the Archbishop of Dublin, Primate of Ireland, Former Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Former Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See in Geneva. He will be interviewed by Fr Bill Uren SJ (Rector, Newman College, Melbourne University) with Q&A to conclude.

RSVP: Friday 11 July

Where: The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville

Contact: suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au or 9926 5761

CulturED Cafe presents Daniel Wells - Thursday 24 July, 7:30pm:

North Melbourne AFL star Daniel Wells is our guest for CulturED Café. He was 15 when he first played in the state league representing Western Australia and it took only three years before he was selected in the 2002 National Draft to play for North Melbourne. Since then, despite some injuries, he has become a force to be reckoned with on the field winning two best and fairest awards. Although not raised a Catholic, Daniel Wells became a Catholic after meeting his wife Mariangela. Join us to hear his story at CulturED Café.

Please RSVP for catering.

Cost: \$5 which includes a delicious dinner, drink and dessert.

Where: Cardinal Knox Centre (Cnr Lansdowne St and Albert Street, East Melbourne)

Contact: aoy@cam.org.au or call 9287 5565 with any queries.

Theology Short Course: Jesus and the Gospels:

Wednesday evenings: 30 July, 6 August, 13 August and 20 August, 6:30pm - 8pm

Step inside the world of Jesus and early Christianity: What are the Gospels? Why were they written? What is their theological message? How does each Gospel understand Jesus' Infancy, Life, Death and Resurrection?

This is an opportunity to explore the four Gospels with experts from the School of Theology at ACU:

Rev. Prof. Francis Moloney SDB, Assoc. Prof. David Sim, **Dr. Elizabeth Dowling** RSM and Dr. Michael Theophilos. This short course does not involve assessment and is not for university credit. It is a general introduction to the Gospels and is open to the public.

Refreshments provided from 6pm.

The Catholic Education Office Melbourne has approved this course for 6 hours towards Accreditation to teach in a Catholic School (under CECV Policy 1.6). Registration is essential.

Where: Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

Cost: \$80/person (Certificate of Attendance provided) or \$40/person (no Certificate required).

Registration: www.acu.edu.au/628933 Friday 25 July. **Contact:** Dr. Joel Hodge: joel.hodge@acu.edu.au

Loyola College Reunion Sunday 3 August, 2.00 – 5.00pm

All past students are welcome to attend this inaugural event which will feature displays and tours. Light refreshments will be provided. We especially welcome back the classes of 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2012. Bookings are essential **Cost:** Free event **Where:** Loyola College, 325 Grimshaw St, Watsonia

Register: www.trybooking.com/EOUC

Contact: Jodi D'Angelis LEXSA Secretary lexsa@loyola.vic.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 12 – 13 July 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

J. Gray, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

K. Bator

Reader

P. Vaughan

Mass Coordinators

E. Ballao

Counters

P. Black, P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Curry

Lector

M. Hoban

Special Ministers

T. Barker, R. Beltrame

Altar Society:

I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: School holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$2,080.00 Loose cash: \$383.80 **Total: \$2,463.80**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 714.55**

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