



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. 28

12 – 13 July 2014

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

V. 1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R.**

V. 2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows,

You level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R.**

V. 3. You crown the year with your goodness.

Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

V. 4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat.

They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord of the harvest may your seeds grow in our lives: **Hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

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 Cristiano Dall'Olio who died recently. We remember Fr John Cunningham, Santo Patti, Frank McClelland, Irma Pertile and Frank Ryan whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Emily and Irvin Saric and Stella West 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: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalms 64:10-14

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 14 July: St Camillus de Lellis

Tues 15 July: St Bonaventure

Wed 16 July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thurs 17 July: St Marcellina

Fri 18 July: St Frederick

Sat 19 July: St Macrina

Next Week's Readings: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalms 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

“The word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.” (Is 55:11)

For the next three weeks, the Word is revealed in parables: the sower (Sunday 15), the weeds among the wheat (Sunday 16), and the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price (week 17). In a nutshell, Jesus invites us to embrace the gracious opportunity of making a fundamental choice to follow the new revelation of the Kingdom of God: The kingdom of heaven is like householders who bring out from their storeroom things both new and old (Mt 13:52). Fr McBride reflects:

In [these] parables we are invited to make a choice and come to a decision; we are commanded to pay attention and face issues we might prefer to ignore. The parables tell us that it is in the midst of the everyday – the regular, mundane business of our eating, drinking, sleeping, choosing, loving, forgiving, reaching out, journeying, noticing people, answering doors, offer hospitality, sharing bread, and listening to midnight stories – that our happiness and salvation are being worked out. Throughout the parables we learn that inside the story of our everyday life lies the deeper story of our salvation.” (McBride, Parables, 36).

Fr Pilch, a scriptural scholar gives us an insight to the cultural world of Jesus:

In today’s parable, the first question is, who is the sower? In the ancient world, sowing preceded plowing. Still, the manner of sowing described in this parable is sloppy and wasteful. If the sower is a landowner, the peasant audience would despise his waste of precious seed. If the sower is a tenant farmer or a day labourer, the peasants would sympathize with his careful sowing which ends up wasting seed anyway because conditions are so difficult. The impossibly extravagant harvest gives a clue to the identity of the sower. On average, one might expect a four- or five-fold return on sowing. Thirty-, sixty-, and a hundredfold boggle the imagination. If a wasteful landowner realized such a profit, Jesus’ parable is hardly good news to the peasants who made up 95 percent of his audience. But if the sower were a peasant, then the good news is that the crop will satisfy the landowner, provide seed for next year’s sowing, pay all taxes, and still leave enough for the peasant to feed the family. Moreover, since it is clearly God and not human effort that produces this humongous harvest, the “something other” or “something more” that the parable intends is now very clear. The scenario describes sowing and farming, but it really points to a loving and provident God who looks after needy peasants. (Pilch, 109-110)

Today the word of God continues to be scattered generously and extravagantly with “throw-away” manner. Fr McBride reflects on this parable:

God still risks his word, hoping that we will take to it, welcome it, and make it our own. How would we describe our own responses to the word? Does it take root in us? Do we make serious efforts to understand it and know what it’s asking of us? Do we welcome it with great show and then go our own sweet way anyway? Do we hear it and then smother it with our own concern? Only we can answer the questions when we allow the parable to question us. And no one can do that for us. (McBride, Seasons, 259)

Listen, anyone who has ears!

Sources: Raymond E. Brown, *Christ in the Gospels of the Ordinary Sundays*, (The Liturgical Press, 1998)
 Denis McBride, *The Parables of Jesus*, (A Redemptorist Publication, 2005)
 Denis McBride, *Seasons of the Word*, (St Pauls, 2005)
 John J. Pilch, *The Cultural World of Jesus Sunday by Sunday Cycle A*, (The Liturgical Press, 1995)

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 12 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
		School Term 3 commences	
Tuesday 15 July	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 16 July	7.00pm	Reconciliation Session 1 – catechists	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 17 July	9.00am	Liturgy Group Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 17 July	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee	
Saturday 19 July	10.00am	<u>No Reconciliation</u>	Mary Immaculate 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.*

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. Invitation and hard copies of the survey available at each church. There is a labelled box in each church for Survey Returns until the end of July. - Thanks PLT.

No Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate Church Saturday 19 July:

Reconciliation will not be available at Mary Immaculate Church on Saturday 19 July due to Fr Thang's attendance at a Mass of Ordination at that time.

Appointments for Reconciliation can be made via Mother of God House 9499 5440 or Office 9499 1515.

Sea Sunday 2014:

On Sea Sunday churches around the world come together to remember seafarers and pray for them, their families and those who support them. The day is celebrated with services, parades and ship blessings. The Apostleship of the Sea cares for all seafarers when they come to our shores, irrespective of race, colour or creed. For their safe and efficient operations, ships depend on seafarers working far from their home and family for months, sometimes years – often in harsh and dangerous conditions. As an island nation Australia relies on seafarers. The work of the Mission to Seafarers is a way of acknowledging their work and hardships, by provision of support. Further information or make a donation: www.missiontoseafarers.com.au. (No collection requested in parishes due to Archdiocesan agreement through Chaplaincy Appeal in May).



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

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

"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

Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service – Buying Service:

The Buying Service is a free Victoria-wide telephone service which aims to get lower prices on essential household goods for Centrelink Concession Card holders and not for profit community groups.

Buying Service: Monday – Friday 10.00am – 3.00pm Phone: 03 9495 9655

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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.

Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus Retreat

Mondays: 28 July, 4 August, 11, 18 & 25 August, 7pm - 8:30pm

“Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than one’s nearest kin” (Proverbs 18:24)

Join us for a retreat which draws on the experience of friendship. During this retreat you will experience how Jesus relates to you and others. Bookings are essential. Places are limited.

Where: Champion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Corpus Christi Community, 855 Mickleham Road, Greenvale (in the old convent). **More info:** www.championcorpuschristi.com

Contact: Jane Phelan on 0449 725 425 or champion@corpuscc.org.au

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 lexxa@loyola.vic.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 19 – 20 July 2014

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

J. Costa

Reader

C. Nguyen

Mass Coordinators

J. Costa

Counters

P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

A. Patterson

Special Ministers

A. Patterson, M A Darcy, J. Ellis

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: J. O’Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,985.00 Loose cash: \$342.95 **Total: \$2,327.95**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 720.20**

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