

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. 30

26 – 27 July 2014

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, I love your commands.

V. 1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R.**

V. 2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R.**

V. 3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R.**

V. 4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **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: God of mystery and wisdom: Hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember George Kerovec, Enrico De Fabion, Svetka Vukic, Sung Bui, Giuseppe and Stella Marasco, Norman Cattanaach, 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 Olga Trevan who died recently. We also remember Ettore Pertile, Teresa Su Thi Nguyen, Nick and Joan Tedesco whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

 **Baptisms:** We welcome William Lynch who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his 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: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Psalm 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 21 July: St Lawrence of Brindisi

Tues 22 July: St Mary Magdalene

Wed 23 July: St Bridget

Thurs 24 July: St Declan

Fri 25 July: St James

Sat 26 July: Ss Joachim & Anne

Next Week's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 55:1-3 Psalm 144:8-8, 15-18 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 14:13-21

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.

During the third century, the early Church suffered a severe period of persecution which resulted in many martyrdoms. Lawrence was a deacon who acted as the steward over the Church’s property. After the death of Pope Sixtus, the Prefect of Rome demanded that Lawrence surrendered the treasures of the Church. He asked for two days in order to gather them. Contrary to gathering the property of the Church, Lawrence swiftly distributed as much Church property to the poor as possible. On the third day, the local authorities together with their armed soldiers arrived at Lawrence’s door. Lawrence presented himself to the Prefect.

The Prefect: We are here to pick up the treasures of the Church! We command you: Hand them over!

St Lawrence: *[Calmly pointed to all the poor, the lame, the sick, the blind, the weak, the aged, the children and the outcasts whom he gathered the night before]* Here they are! Take them! These are the treasures of the Church!

The Prefect: Are you kidding us? We have come to pick up the treasures of the Church! Hand them over or die!

St Lawrence: *[Again pointed to the same people he had gathered]* You asked for the treasures of the Church. These are our true treasures!

[Eventually St Lawrence was martyred on 10 August 258. He was the last of the seven deacons of Rome who suffered a martyr’s death]

In the midst of reviewing our churches, properties and other related buildings and land for a mission we need to recount this story.

Fr Rolheiser reflects:

“Many of us are getting ever more discouraged as, each year, the church is losing more and more of the young, the successful, the talented, and those others that our age and culture precisely considers as “golden.” Who’s left in the churches? The old, the weak, the psychologically unstable, and those with less choices and less place in the culture... [However] In the very old and the very young and in those who are marginalized through illness, poverty, or other kinds of unattractiveness, in those who are not seen as gold or silver in our culture, the church, more than ever, is full of treasure.”

Please continue to pray with our parish as we discern our way forward.

St Lawrence, pray for us!

Source: <http://ronrolheiser.com/the-treasures-of-the-church/#.U82vCfmSx8E>

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 26 July	10.00am	<u>No Reconciliation</u>	St Bernadette’s Church
Sunday 27 July	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God Middle School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 29 July	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God PS – Middle School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 29 July	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 30 July	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate PS 3/4B & 3/4C	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 30 July	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate P.S. SAC Meeting	Mary Immaculate School
Thursday 31 July	9.00am	Liturgy Group Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 1 August	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette’s PS Grade 3/4H	St Bernadette’s Church
Friday 1 August	9.15am	Mass followed by First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette’s Church
Saturday 2 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 3 August	10.00am	Mass & First Eucharist M.I.P.P.S. (NO 9.00am MASS)	Mary Immaculate Church

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IMPORTANT: Parish Review Project Mission Survey- closes Thursday 31 July

Parishioners and those interested in our parish should make sure they have completed and returned survey by Thursday 31 July.

As mentioned previously this survey is available on Parish website homepage: www.ivanhoe Catholics.com or by typing <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IvanhoeMissionSurvey> into your web browser.

Invitation and hard copies of the survey are available at each church and needs to be returned by the end of July. A labelled box is available in each church for Survey Returns. - Thanks PLT.

No Reconciliation at St Bernadette's Church Saturday 26 July:

Reconciliation will not be available at Mary Immaculate Church on Saturday 26 July due to Yarra Deanery Priests commitment for Fr Thang at that time. Appointments for Reconciliation can be made via Mother of God House 9499 5440 or Office 9499 1515.

Mother of God School Family Mass Sunday 27th July: We welcome children and families of Grades 3 & 4 (Middle) from Mother of God School who have come to 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

Thank you from Fr Thang: I sincerely thank Fr Bren Donohue who will celebrate 9.15am Mass at Mother of God on Tuesday 29 July whilst I am at Port Phillip Prison.

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 1st August:

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All are welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.



First Eucharist Celebrations: We remember and pray for the children in our Parish Primary Schools who are preparing to receive and celebrate their First Eucharist in Term 3.

3 August	10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church	Mary Immaculate School children
30 August	6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's Church	St Bernadette's School children
14 September	10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church	Mother of God School children

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday 3 August there is no 9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

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10.00am Mass & First Eucharist M. I. School**

News from our Parish Schools: We welcome children from our parish schools who have been invited to participate as readers and to bring the Offertory Gifts as part of our Parish Masses and their families:

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	26 July	Matilda Lee & Chloe Rogers	Luken Cendoya & Charlie Connell-Tobin
	2 Aug	Georgie O'Sullivan & David Miot	Tessa Coen & Massimo Spina
10.00am MI	3 Aug	First Eucharist – Mary Immaculate School	First Eucharist – Mary Immaculate School
10.30am MOG	27 July	Claire Tosolini	Ayrton Cerra & Cordella Mitsch
	3 Aug	Marco Perdisci	Christian Dastoli, Sofia Perdisci & Mikaela Orlando

Thanksgiving Statements 2014

Statements of contributions given by envelopes, Credit Cards or Direct Debit for 1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014 are available for collection. *Thank you for collecting them promptly which saves postage costs.* Thank you to those who deliver them by foot or car to those who are unable to collect them personally.

If you are either unable or no longer wish to contribute as part of the Parish Thanksgiving program please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible: Phone:** 9499 1515; **mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079, **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com – Ruth

PLT Nominations 2014: The Pastoral Leadership Team invites parishioners to consider nomination for the Leadership Team to join them in both leadership and service to the parish community.

PLT NOMINATION FORM 2014 - CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

I wish to nominate for a General Parishioner Position on the Parish Leadership Team:

Full name:

Address:

Phone: Mobile no:

Email address:

*Please forward this nomination form to the Parish Office 9am – 5pm before **Monday 6 August 2014**
Any questions or queries please ring Chris Dixon: 9499 6191 or Pat Kelly 9499 1485*

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.

Holy Hour to pray for Vocations Monday 4 August, 7.00 – 8.00pm: Join the Carmelite Sisters at this annual event held during National Vocation Awareness Week (3 – 10 August 2014) to pray for vocations. Refreshments will be available after the Holy Hour. **Where:** Carmelite Monastery, 94 Stevenson St, Kew
RSVP: Monday 28 July **Contact:** Sr Maureen at mmerlofcj@gmail.com

High Tea - Sunday 17 August, 2:30 – 4:30pm: Come and enjoy a lovely High Tea with guest presenter and international designer Liz Davenport who will showcase her Spring fashion collection. All proceeds will go towards funding the Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service provided by CatholicCare. **Cost:** \$50
Where: Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill **Contact:** Angela 9926 5722; fundraising@ccam.org.au

Marriage Education Program Subsidy: CatholicCare are offering marriage education programs for couples. The Australian Government Department of Social Services is currently offering a \$200 subsidy to couples wishing to participate in the following marriage education programs:
•Pre-marriage programs •Couples programs •Family programs **Contact:** Prema on 9287 5516
More Info: www.ccam.org.au/ServicesCourses/RelationshipEducationCourses.aspx

Italy & French Riviera Tour 3rd - 25th May 2015: Invitation from St Francis Xavier Parish, Montmorency
Inclusions: International flights, all transfers, guided tours as per itinerary, private coach travel and all breakfasts and 10 Dinners. Trip cost: \$8,300pp twin share. If interested, want to receive an itinerary or need clarification please email Olivia Centorrino: ocentorrino@ct.com.au or call her on 0401 485 558

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 2 – 3 August 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

S. Moorhen

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

First Eucharist

Reader

First Eucharist

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

M. Rocco, P. Shannon

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

J. Curry

Special Ministers

M. Pollard, G. Reardon, A. Moloney

Altar Society:

F. Tosolini

Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,164.00 Loose cash: \$411.15 **Total: \$1,575.15**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 671.55**

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