



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. 31

2 – 3 August 2014

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

V. 1. 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. 2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord, teach us to be generous: Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember James Last, 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 Fr Mick Sheehy and Kathleen Atkins who died recently. We remember Peg Healy, Martha Nguyen, Carlo Nguyen, Norman Robb and Saverio Valente whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 4 August: St John Vianney

Tues 5 August: Dedication of St Mary Major

Wed 6 August: The Transfiguration

Thurs 7 August: St Cajetan

Fri 8 August: St Dominic

Sat 9 August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Next Week's Readings: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Psalm 84:9-14

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

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 9499 1515.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

From the desk of Fr Thang: Celebrating Eucharist

On the occasion of the late Fr John Cunningham's 50th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination, one of the children from our three schools wrote: "Fr John is a great Priest... he breaks the Bread very well!"... and they recognised the Lord at the Breaking of the Bread.

Recently at the Eucharist Workshop in our parish, the well-loved Emmaus story was told again to parents, teachers and children who are about to celebrate their first Eucharist in coming weeks. We congratulate these children and pray that their parents will bring them more often to the weekend Eucharist.

At the heart of the Catholic Church is the Eucharist. This is because it is the source and summit of life and mission of the Church. I am touched with the following reflections from the Jesuits on the Eucharist. First, the late Jesuit Cardinal Henri de Lubac famously once stated that "the Eucharist builds the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist." Interestingly each was founded by Christ. Second another late Jesuit Cardinal Dulles reflected: "Unless there were a church, there would be no one to celebrate the Eucharist, but unless there were a Eucharist, the church would lack the supreme source of its vitality." Third the former and late Jesuit General Fr Arrupe challenged us: "If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world In the Eucharist we receive Christ hungering in the world. He comes to us, not alone, but with the poor, the oppressed, the starving of the earth. Through him they are looking to us for help, for justice, for love expressed in action." Finally our current Jesuit Pope Francis indicates on his *Gospel of Joy* that the "Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

Last Monday I attended the Annual Reunion of the Corpus Christi Priests' Association. Bishop Vincent Long, a Silver Jubilarian presided over the Mass in the presence of Archbishop Hart and Fr Michael Morgan, a Golden Jubilarian was the homilist. Fr Morgan praised the significances of the Second Vatican Council with its changes especially in celebrating the Eucharist. After the Eucharist, we honoured these Jubilarians (26+) with a luncheon at the Moonee Valley Function Centre. I had a great time to meeting and catching up with other priests.

This week, I celebrated more Masses than usual: including two Masses at Port Phillip Prison, a College Mass, and a Funeral Mass. Although these Masses were at different settings they have a common purpose: Jesus Christ is the living Word (*the liturgy of the word*); and food for the journey (*the liturgy of the Eucharist*). I was touched by young college students at Our Lady of Mercy who wonderfully prepared the prayers and chose the readings for Mass. We reflected and prayed about fears and courage. I told them that Jesus Christ also shared our fears yet had the courage to face his fears. He is their hope and their friends as these young female students grow to be women of courage. I was also touched by beautiful voices of the prison inmates at the Offertory as I held these men's intentions for their families and their upcoming court cases in prayers:

To be Your Bread (David Haas)

Chorus: To be your bread now, be your wine now, Lord, come and change us to be a sign of your love.
Blest and broken, poured and flowing, gift that you gave us, to be your body once again.

1. We come to your table with our lives as they are.
Heal us Lord, for we are broken; make us one again.
2. Lord, we stumble through the darkness of night.
Lead us, now, O Lord, we follow; bring us home to you.
3. Give us the bread and wine that bring us to life.
Feed us, and we'll never hunger, never thirst again.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 2 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 3 August	10.00am	Mass & First Eucharist	M. I. School Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 4 August	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 5 August	9.15am	Communion Service	MOG Prep & Juniors Mother of God Church
Tuesday 5 August	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 6 August	9.15am	Communion Service	MIPPS 1/2H & 1/2R Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 6 August	12 – 3.30pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	Mother of God Foyer
Thursday 7 August	9.00am	Liturgy Group Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 8 August	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's PS – whole school	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 9 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church



First Eucharist: The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe congratulates the children who celebrate their First Eucharist at Mary Immaculate Church this weekend. We welcome their families, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion as part of their ongoing faith journeys. We thank all who have prepared and taken part in the liturgy, as well as those who have prepared the children both at the parish school and at home.



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

Thank you from Fr Thang: We welcome and thank Fr Joseph Truong who celebrates 10.30am Mass at Mother of God, Sunday 3 August. We thank Fr Joseph for his generous assistance to our parish this weekend.

Clergy Conference 4 – 7 August 2014: I will be in attendance at the Clergy Conference next week from 4 – 7 August and I sincerely thank all concerned who lead and facilitate Communion Services at Mother of God and Mary Immaculate Churches as part of their ministry to each of our church communities. – **Fr Thang**

Religious services at Austin: We have received a letter from the Austin Hospital informing us that all religious services in the Austin Hospital will be ceasing as from November 2014. In each church there are copies of a prepared letter which can be signed and mailed to Austin Health P.O. Box 5555 Heidelberg 3084. We would be grateful for your assistance and support in this regard.

Parish Review Project Mission Survey: We sincerely thank all who took part in our recent survey by completing and returning surveys both as paper copies or through the website on line. Your contributions are much appreciated. Results will be published as soon as we are able. - Thanks PLT.

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

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	2 Aug	Georgie O'Sullivan & David Miot	Tessa Coen & Lilly Nolen
	9 Aug	Nam Nguyen & Emma Chen	Darcy Taylor & Leteisha Taylor
10.00am MI	3 Aug	First Eucharist – Mary Immaculate School	First Eucharist – Mary Immaculate School
	10 Aug	Dominic Kennedy & Olivia Carroll	Julia Bunton & Ciara Kirwan
10.30am MOG	3 Aug	Marco Perdisci	Christian Dastoli, Sofia Perdisci & Mikaela Orlando
	10 Aug	Isabelle Mikus	Julia Mikus & Charlize Traficante

Outreach news – August/September.

- Lunch & cards **Wednesday, 6th August.** Warm & cosy in MOG foyer. Bring a contribution for lunch.
- On **Wednesday 13th August,** Anointing Mass at Mary Immaculate 10.30am. Help with transport can be arranged. Morning tea will be provided by School parents in the Hall afterwards.
- A bus trip, “Round the Bay” has been arranged for **Wednesday 24th September.** \$55 per person includes travel by Mees Coach, ferry crossing, lunch at Queenscliffe Bowling Club and visit the Botanical Gardens in Geelong. Afternoon Tea will be provided by the Bus line. Minimum 35 passengers required. Departure **9.30am** from church car park in Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe; arrival back at Waverley Ave at approximately **5.30 pm.** Bookings with advance payment: Eileen, 9499 7120; Sue, 9499 1485; or Helen, 9499 7793

Thank you from Mother of God School:

Mother of God School community were recently presented a cheque for \$3,000 from FOODWORKS Ivanhoe East as part of the rewards program. This brings our total funds received from FOODWORKS to over \$10,000 in the past few years. This has gone towards resourcing our curriculum. Thank you to FOODWORKS and all who nominated MOG as you pass through the checkout for your continued support.

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*

Points from PLT Meeting 23 July:

- At this stage 94 parish surveys returned with majority submitted on line with equal representation from parish and school communities. Further consultation to occur with those who expressed interest. Results will be analysed and presented as soon as possible.
- Outreach Film Afternoon was well attended. Thanks given to Pat and Sue Kelly and John Costa for curtains made and replaced in Mary Immaculate Hall. Good response so far for outing on 24 September.
- Ongoing liturgy planning with parish and schools concerning forthcoming celebrations of First Eucharist. Discussion and input preparing Prayers of the Faithful is meaningful and beneficial for those present.
- Younger parishioners acknowledged as participants in weekend Masses as readers, taking the Offertory Gifts, altar servers and training for Multi Media; as well as recent participation in music liturgies.
- Ongoing discussion with Archdiocesan agencies re-future use of Ford Street property.

Being informed on important Parish and Church events & issues: Things are happening fast in the Parish and Church. All Parishioners and school families are welcome to join the Parish Mailing List for a very brief weekly 'Website Update'. You can self 'subscribe' or 'unsubscribe' directly from the website, providing your name and email address, or by emailing: comms@ivanhoecatholics.com

Thanksgiving Statements 2014 for Contributions given by envelopes, Credit Cards or Direct Debit:

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

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.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 9 – 10 August 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
M. Sibillin

Reader

D. Kennedy
O. Carroll

Mass Coordinators

J. Costa

Counters

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

C. Bellio

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,692.00	Loose cash: \$485.85	Total:	\$2,177.85
Second Collection – Presbytery:				\$ 709.15