



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

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6 – 7 September 2014

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

V. 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

V. 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God

And we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

V. 3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Loving Father: Listen to our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Margaret O'Brien, Katharina Dimitscheff, Enrico De Fabion, Svetka Vukic, Sung Bui, Stella Marasco, Norman Cattanch, 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 John Bullen who died recently. We remember Felicia and Jack Biviano, Nell Ryan, Elsie West and Hanna Bairy whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Catechist First Reconciliation 6 September: We sincerely congratulate the children who received and celebrated their First Reconciliation Saturday 6 September at Mary Immaculate Church. We sincerely thank parents for their attendance at preparation sessions, as well as support, assistance & preparation as part of the Home based program. We welcome those who have come to be with the children on this significant occasion.

This Week's Readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 94:1-2, 6-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 8 September: Birth of the Virgin Mary

Tues 9 September: St Peter Claver

Wed 10 September: St Nicholas of Tolentino

Thurs 11 September: St Deiniol

Fri 12 September: Most Holy Name of Mary

Sat 13 September: St John Chrysostom

Next Week's Readings: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Year A

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 77:1-2, 34-38

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

INCLUSIVENESS

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A Spring Gathering for “Baby Priests” and Permanent Deacons

During the week, I attended an in-service for priests ordained under 10 years and permanent deacons. This gathering is designed by the Ministry to Priests to support us in our initial years of ordained ministry, to address the issues of transitions from seminary to parish life, from parish to parish, and in most cases from Assistant Priest to Administrator / Parish Priest. This in-service titled, “Understanding Power, Authority and Leadership” was very interactive and engaging. We explored, listened and discussed how leadership and its impact on effective engagement and dialogues with those we are serving. Also this gathering gives us the opportunity to meet with other priests and deacons for fraternity manner and maintain connections with one another. In an informal manner, there were shared discussions with Archbishop Hart and the Vicar General who provided affirmation and support of our respective roles as part of priestly life. The Archbishop was very grateful of our prayer and support during the recent Royal Commission Hearing. Thanks to Fr Greg Bourke and Megan Mitchem for organising events which are both professional and pastoral.

September 6th: Six Years as an Ordained Priest – A Celebration of First Reconciliation to 24 students and their parents from the Catechist Group

One of the great joys as being a priest is the celebration of the Reconciliation: empathise with people’s frailty and bringing the gift of forgiveness and healing to them. Normally on Saturday morning I would hear a hundred Confessions minus 98! This morning was very special. I believe Heaven must have been very joyful on this day.

Six years ago on a brilliant sunny September (06/09/2008), Frs Binh Le (currently in Rome, studying Canon Law after serving the Archdiocese as Vocations Director), Anh Nguyen (Parish Priest of Gladstone Park), Dispin John (Parish Priest of Alphington and Thornbury East) and myself were ordained by Archbishop Hart. I still remember the Archbishop’s words when he called us to look on this moment of mystery and transformation as the origin of our new mission. After this we stated our intentions to undertake the priestly office and renewed our promise of obedience to Archbishop and his successors. Then we prostrated ourselves on the marble-sanctuary as the congregation, led by our own John Caddy, implored the intercession of the saints. For me the poignant time was the priests young and old, sick, retired and frail coming to pray and lay their hands on us. After Holy Communion, on behalf of my fellow ordinands I gave a thank you speech.

Over the past three years you, the People of God in Ivanhoe have been a big part of me. You have allowed me to be a part of your life in the ups and downs, in the joys and hopes, anguish and anxieties of human nature. Thanks for that. Thanks for your love, support, and friendship. I would like to borrow words from my predecessor, the late Fr John Cunningham: “To the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe I say? That is very easy. You are all wonderful. Even when you are at your worst God loves you, and I would like to say, I love you too.”

Special Collection for our Retired Priests

At this weekend Masses we are invited to remember and support the Archdiocese’s retired and sick priests by contributing to the annual collection for the Priests’ Retirement Foundation (PRF). Priests witness people in their frailty from womb to tomb. Yet our priests too will suffer from the ravishes of human nature which we all share. This appeal is an opportunity to care for those who cared, now are retired, or perhaps sick.

Established by the late Archbishop Frank Little in 1990, the foundation enables the provision of comfort and basic health care to retired and sick priests through a network of carers in residential and private accommodation.

At a recent annual conference of the PRF, I noticed that the foundation cares for 87 retired priests and 3 priests under 65 who have retired due to ill-health. To donate to the Priests’ Retirement Foundation, you can contribute to the collection taken up at the weekend Masses this Father’s Day. All donations over \$2 to the PRF are tax deductible.

Thanks for your support and God bless.

Happy Father’s Day!

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 6 Sept	10.00am	First Reconciliation – Catechist children	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 9 Sept	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God PS Prep & Juniors	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 9 Sept	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 10 Sept	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate PS 5M & 6SO	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 12 Sept	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette’s PS Prep & T-P	St Bernadette’s Church
Saturday 13 Sept	10.00am	<u>No Reconciliation</u>	Mother of God Church

No Reconciliation at Mother of God Church Saturday 13 September:

Reconciliation will not be available at St Bernadette's Church on Saturday 13 September due to Fr Thang's attendance at a Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate at St Patrick's Cathedral at that time.

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



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.

14 September 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church Mother of God School children

PLEASE NOTE: 23 November 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church - Catechist children (Term 4)

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 their respective families.

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	6 Sept	Hannah Mullane & Laura Liptakova	Lily Vaughan & Samuel Liptak
	13 Sept	Holly & Sophie Foster	Charlie Ziebell & Nalani Gough
9.00am MI	14 Sept	Joshua Power & Raymond Myrteza	Edward Andrew & Ella Donhardt
10.30am MOG	7 Sept	Trent Pozzebon	Sofia Lotito, Luca Nicastrì & Alex Viola
	14 Sept	First Eucharist Mass	First Eucharist Mass



Outreach Reminders:

- Please finalise your booking for the 'Round the Bay' bus trip on September 24.
Contacts: Eileen, 9499 7120; Sue, 9499 1485; or Helen, 9499 7793

Special Collection 2014 - Fathers' Day Priests Retirement Foundation:

This weekend, 6 - 7 September, there are Leaving Collections at the end of each Mass for the Priests Retirement Foundation who is very grateful for your ongoing support. Envelopes are available for your use. Retired priests are very grateful for your ongoing support both now and in the future. Most priests have served at least 50 years in parish ministry before retiring.

- Priests are not employees of the Archdiocese or the Parish, and are thus ineligible for superannuation.
- Priests provide designated contributions for their retirement to the Foundation during their parish ministry from the weekly presbytery collection.

✦ Although priests generally retire at 75 years of age (according to Canon Law), there are many priests of retirement age who are still working in active service in Melbourne parishes, as well as retired priests who provide invaluable service as Supply Priests e.g. Fr Len Thomas, Fr Bren Donohue, Fr Peter Carrucan and Monsignor Tom Doyle who have assisted our parish this year and over past years.

✦ There are 87 Melbourne priests currently retired: 1 aged 100, 3 in their 90's, 50 in their 80's, 17 aged 75-80 years and 13 aged 66-75 years; as well as 3 priests under 65 years who have retired due to ill-health.

✦ There will be an average of 6 retirements per year for the next six years.

Please consider giving generously for the many retired or sick priests who have served us well over many years. Donations \$2 or more are tax deductible. Receipts for gifts of \$5 or more are issued end of July 2015.

Mercy Connect Project Melbourne:

Mercy Connect is currently recruiting volunteers to work with Adult Refugees and Asylum Seekers in supporting their English Language learning. These programs are running in three centres: **St Joseph's North Melbourne, Dandenong Library and Sunshine Library**. If you are willing to give a couple of hours each week to work in this project and assist these participants in their learning of English and daily skills for life in Australia, please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM or Tat Singa for an application form and further information: Mercy Connect, PO Box 221, Moonee Ponds, 3039. Phone: (03) 9326 1895 or email: somml@bigpond.com

Special Collection 20 – 21 September 2014:

As advised by the Archdiocese of Melbourne there will be a special collection at each church for the CatholicCare Annual Church Appeal.

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.

JCMA Islamic Museum Tour: Monday 8 September, 10–11.30am Islamic Museum, 15a Anderson Rd, Thornbury. Come along and join the hosts, the Jewish Catholic Muslim Association Women's Committee, on a tour of the Islamic Museum at Thornbury. After a guided tour with our host Sherene Hassan we will be gathering at the museum cafe for coffee or lunch. **Contact:** Coralie Ling on 0466 615 575 or coralieling@gmail.com **More info:** www.facebook.com/jcmaonline/events

Buddhist and Catholic Discussion on Care in Hospitals and Prisons: Saturday 13 September, 9am–2pm Buddhist Society of Victoria, 71 Darling Street, Malvern East. A day for understanding the caring needs of different faiths and cultures, for those who are unwell and for those who have committed unwholesome deeds, with speakers from both the Catholic and Buddhist faith. **Contact:** 9926 5708 or eic@cam.org.au

40th Anniversary Celebration Day Catholic Book Club: Friday 26 September, 7.00pm
Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. In September we are discussing "The Cardinal's Snuff Box" by Henry Harland (1900).
Contact: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or see www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com.

Pope Francis and the Revolution of Tenderness: Thursday 2 October, 7.30pm–9.30pm (following Six30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral) at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne
In a world of so much struggle and sadness, where do we find joy? Bill Donaghy, from the Theology of the Body Institute in the USA, shares how St John Paul II's vision of human dignity meets Pope Francis' revolutionary approach to finding meaning in our lives. **Cost:** \$5 (includes pizza and soft drink)
RSVP: Tuesday 30 September **Contact:** lmf@cam.org.au

Liturgical Music Workshop - Tuesday 7 October, 7.30pm-9.30pm:
Venue: Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne. "The primary role of music in the Liturgy is to help the members of the gathered assembly to join themselves with the action of Christ and to give voice to the gift of faith."(Sing to the Lord 125). Whether you're an experienced musician / choir or looking to start / rejuvenate music ministry in your parish, come to this workshop and learn new techniques and resources available to you. Presenters: Larissa Cairns and Dr Paul Taylor. **Cost:** \$15 per person
Registration: Contact the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation 9926 5604 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

Old Paradians' Association (OPA) Centenary Dinner - Friday 17 October, 7.00pm:
The dinner will showcase the 100-year existence of the OPA, established in 1914 as a means of ensuring all Old Boys of Parade College maintained their connections. Event organisers are seeking to attract the greatest gathering of Old Paradians in history - from the OPA's member football and cricket clubs through to College teachers, staff both past and present, and its Old Boys from as far back as the pre-World War II days - to be part of the celebrations. Old Paradian Matthew Keenan, a member of SBS' commentary team for the Tour de France, is returning from Europe to act as Master of Ceremonies. **Cost:** \$120 (includes three-course dinner) at Level 17, RACV City Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne **Bookings:** www.trybooking.com/84908
Contact: Mirella Busso-Lee on 9468 3302 or mirella.busso-lee@parade.vic.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 13 – 14 September 2014

<u>ST. BERNADETTE'S:</u> Saturday 6.30pm	Lector K. Gillespie	Special Ministers E. Crawley, J. Gray	
<u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u> Sunday 9.00am	Leader M. Sibillin	Reader J. Power R. Myrteza	Mass Coordinators E. Ballao
			Counters T. McKinley, E. Ballao
<u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u> Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan MOG School to arrange	Lector M. Anjoul	Special Ministers MOG School to arrange
	Altar Society:		Choir Coordinator: To be arranged

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1, 414.00 Loose cash: \$969.90 **Total:** **\$2,383.90**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$1,190.75**

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