



# 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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**20 – 21 September 2014**

## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

V. 1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **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. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** Compassionate and kind God: **Hear our prayer.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### **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 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 Sheila Ryan, Simeon Berthelot and Robert Basiaco who died recently. We also remember Louis Berthelot, Norman Robb Sr, Alfio Nibali and Johanna M. Curtain whose anniversaries occur at this time, and the month anniversary of Salvatore Maiolo. May they rest in peace.



**Baptisms:** We welcome Billie Bovill who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her 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: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

### Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 22 September: St Maurice

Tues 23 September: St Pio of Pietrelcina

Wed 24 September: Our Lady of Walsingham

Thurs 25 September: St Finbar

Fri 26 September: Ss Cosmas & Damian

Sat 27 September: St Vincent de Paul

### Next Week's Readings: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm 24:4-9

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

## From the desk of Fr Thang:

“Every time a friend succeeds, a small part of me dies.” - Gore Vidal

“It’s not whether you win or lose that counts – it’s just that your friends fail, that’s the main thing!”  
- Frank Devine

As another footy season is coming to a close, the above quotes could apply to us or at least our footy team. Envy, a deadly sin, the mean and part of human nature from which so many twisted stories come - from Cain and Abel, or Joseph and his brothers, or Saul and David scripturally to Evil Queen in Snow White, or Iago in Othello in folktale literature. Envy is an emotion that I wish I had something such as a quality, achievement or possession that someone else has.

In the Parable of the Vine Labourers, we feel the sentiment of the earlier workers who have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat: How can it be just that the vineyard owner pays all the workers the same when they have not worked the same amount of time?

I have found a reflection by a Dominican Sister and Scriptural scholar Barbara Reid OP helpful:

It was at my grandfather’s funeral that I first heard an interpretation of this parable that made sense to me. The priest spoke about how my grandfather, who converted to Catholicism on his deathbed, was like those who were hired last in the parable. He talked about how some people, when they are going on a train trip, buy their tickets far in advance, ensuring their reserved seat. Others rush into the station at the very last moment, buy their ticket and reach the same destination at the same time as those who planned ahead. The assurance that my grandpa had arrived at the same heavenly destination that all of us were striving for was very comforting to me as a youngster.

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A woman at a Bible study workshop many years later helped me understand this parable from a whole other angle. She was a single mother raising three children alone after her husband deserted them. She had little education and few marketable skills. Day after day she stood in line at the unemployment office, hoping against hope for a job.

As she read the parable, she remarked that the ones standing idle all day long in the marketplace were not lazy. They would gladly work if anyone would hire them. But they were always left behind because they were old, infirm and unskilled, unable to work as hard as the more robust. They were like her and the people who thronged to the unemployment lines these days, she said.

As she reflected on the ending of the parable, she observed that if the landowner had given the labourers that were hired last anything other than one day’s wage, what good would that do? How would they feed their children? Sure, she admitted, the first hired had worked all day in the hot sun, but they also had the satisfaction of knowing all day long that at the end of the day they would be able to feed their family.

“My friends... why by envious because I am generous?”

We are invited to learn the mind and heart of God: “My ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.” The Parable of the Vine Labourers is God’s story that challenges us to embrace the Reign of God.

### Something to act on this week

- Even if I am [envious] angry, I must not sin: never let the sun set on my [envy] anger, or else I will give the devil a foothold. [*Eph 4:26-27 Scriptural text at middle of the week Night Prayer*].
- Be generous to someone, or charitable organisation this week, not only with money, but also with time.
- Pray this Psalm often this week: 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.

**Sources:** <http://americamagazine.org/content/the-word/justice-reign-god>  
<http://www.abc.net.au/tv/firsttuesday/s4066322.htm>

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### HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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Saturday 20 Sept	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 23 Sept	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 24 Sept	10.30am	Outreach Bus Trip – approx. return 5.30pm	See newsletter item
Thursday 25 Sept	9.00am	Liturgy Group	Parish Office
Saturday 27 Sept	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette’s 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 9499 1515.*

## *Prayer for the Synod on the Family*

An Extraordinary Synod on the Family, Rome 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Dear Heavenly Father, Our Beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for the upcoming Synod on the Family. Please send Your Holy Spirit and fill all who take part with wisdom, courage and love. Sustain our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he may guide us by his example of fatherly love.

In our families, help us always to follow in Jesus' footsteps by showing mercy to others, especially families who suffer separation from one another and those who feel unloved. Open our eyes, hearts and hands, so that we may recognise and serve You by helping our sisters and brothers.

These things we ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen. St Mary and St Joseph, pray for us.

**Thank you from Fr Thang:** We sincerely thank Fr Len Thomas who will celebrate 9.15am Mass at Mother of God on Tuesday 23 September whilst I am Port Phillip Prison. We thank Fr Len for the generous assistance he gives to our parish in many ways. – **Fr Thang**

**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	20 Sept		Cooper Ginn & Kamal Assaad



**Outreach Bus Trip on this Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September:**

Departure: 9.30am from church car park in Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe.

Return: Approximately 5.30 pm at Mary Immaculate Church car park, Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

Please contact: Eileen, 9499 7120; Sue, 9499 1485; or Helen, 9499 7793

**Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal:** Sincere thanks to all concerned for contributions given to the Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal. Total includes leaving collections & credit card donations: \$1,586.40

**CatholicCare Church Appeal in Parishes 20 – 21 September:**

As advised by the Archdiocese of Melbourne there are Leaving Collections this weekend for CatholicCare who has been serving and caring for families for 79 years in our Archdiocese. The Annual Church Appeal enables CatholicCare to support families in our community in different circumstances and at a variety of levels. CatholicCare is very grateful for your ongoing support and contributions, as well as assistance and support given over many years. Envelopes available in each church and can be mailed direct to CatholicCare.

**Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee:** Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. 10am at 10 Donaldson St.

The speaker - someone very well known - here in Melbourne and who actually served as a priest in our parish some years ago. Yes, it is Fr. Bob Maguire.

**Visit to the Islamic Museum:** As a member of JCMA (Jewish, Christian, Muslim Association of Australia) I had heard about this event but I was pleased to see it advertised quite widely, including in our newsletter and since the museum is in Thornbury, it was easy to reach. We were told it consists of four galleries and as we were guided through them, saw them to be beautifully appointed, embracing faith and worship, history and culture, science and education. My response was to pray that we will grow to appreciate, more and more, how many values we share. [www.Islamicmuseum.org.au](http://www.Islamicmuseum.org.au). Open M-Th. 10am - 4pm & F 10am - 9pm. - Merle

**St Francis of Assisi: Blessing of the Animals:** Saturday 4 October, 4.30pm at St Brigid's Church Hall, 378 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy North. In honour of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi Emeritus Bishop Hilton Deakin will bless house pets and other animals at St Brigid's Church Hall. Contact: [johndrennan1934@yahoo.com](mailto:johndrennan1934@yahoo.com)

**'Why Go to Mass on Sunday?':**

St John's Parish, Heidelberg invites you for a series of talks which will be presented by Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB at St John's Primary School Library at 7.30pm.

- Thursday 23 October – Why do we celebrate Mass?
- Thursday 30 October – God speaks to us: Signs, Symbols and Space in the Mass
- Thursday 6 November – How we participate in the Mass

Entrance: Free      RSVP & more information by Monday 20 October: 9457 1066 during office hours.

