



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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11 – 12 October 2014

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

V. 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

V. 2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

V. 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

V. 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Loving God who welcomes all: **Hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Margaret O'Brien, Katharina Dimitscheff, Enrico De Fabion, Svetka Vukic, Sung Bui, Stella Marasco, Tran thi Kim Chi, Amy Nguyen, John Coonan, Kathryn Lengyel and Gino Villani who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Fr Donald Lourensz, Geoff Jones and Norman Cattanach who died recently. We also remember Fr John Rogan, Concetta Stramandinoli, Vittorio Bertoli, Maria Bertoli, Eileen Duffy and Nora Healy whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Frederick Joyce 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: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 22 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 13 October: St Edward the Confessor

Tues 14 October: St Callistus

Wed 15 October: St Teresa of Avila

Thurs 16 October: St Richard Gwyn

Fri 17 October: St Ignatius of Antioch

Sat 18 October: St Luke the Evangelist

Next Week's Readings: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

From the desk of Fr Thang:

As a parish, it is always a communal and joyful occasion when we take part in baptisms of infants. Amidst signs and symbols of baptism, clothing with the white garment after baptism has a particular meaning:

<name>, you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven. Amen (*The Rite of Infant Baptism, no 99*)

In today's Gospel, the King who is God has invited all to come into the great banquet in these words: We request the honour of your presence in the Kingdom of God, and afterwards at the wedding reception. Dress formal!

At movie club this month, we watched *Wish I were Here*. In his second feature movie which he co-wrote, starred and directed, Zach Braff explored the themes of religion, individualism, parenting, and especially dying. Aidan (Braff), close to his father Saul (Mandy Patinkin), arranges a room in the house so that his dying father can have his final days at home, whilst his brother cannot bring himself to see his father. Parinkin's character shows a reality of facing death (family, regret, reconciliation...), including a beautiful conversation with Sarah (Kate Hudson).

For those in our parish and beyond who are journeying with your loved ones at the last stage of their earthly journey, this movie is a reminder of your day-to-day encounter. I have found the first reading and psalm to be consoling messages. By the way these are a few of the favourite scriptural texts at funerals! Just listen to some of the consoling verses: On this mountain he [God] will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples... he will destroy death for ever; the Lord is shepherd there is nothing I shall want...If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

On October 8 last year, Pope Francis announced that in October this year there would be an Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on Family. It would explore, listen and discuss the "challenges of marriage, of family life, of the education of children, and the role of the family in the life of the church." Subsequent communications made clear that this Synod would be followed by an Ordinary Synod of Bishops in October 2015, on the same topics.

Last Sunday (Oct 5) Pope Francis opened the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on Family. Over 250 people, including the presidents or vice presidents of 114 National Bishops' Conferences (Archbishop Hart is one of them), 13 heads of Eastern Catholic churches, three Superiors General of religious orders, heads of Vatican offices and synod officials, Synod Fathers appointed by Pope Francis, and 13 married couples (Dr Ron and Mavis Pirola from Australia) from around the world. We are praying for and with them that all will be blessed with pastoral hearts and listening ears.

I have found the following words of Pope Francis encouraging:

"Synod assemblies are not meant to discuss beautiful and clever ideas, or to see who is more intelligent... They are meant to better nurture and tend the Lord's vineyard, to help realise his dream, his loving plan for his people."
(*Homily at the opening of the Synod*)

"Speak clearly. Don't tell anyone, 'you can't say that'... the spirit of collegiality is to speak boldly and to listen with humility."
(*Remark at the First Session of the Synod*)

If the documents of the Vatican II were the product of debate, disagreements, conciliation, compromise, even messy processes, then it is our hope and prayer for the Part I of II of this Synod that all participants are speaking and listening to the voice of the Spirit.

Something to ponder and act on:

- Today if this is God's invitation to his Great Banquet, what is my response today? And what has happened to my wedding dress?
- Reach out to those in our parish who are journeying toward the end of their earthly life.
- What are my favourite scriptural texts at Funeral?
- Pray slowly the Shepherd Psalm which can be found in the newsletter and parish website.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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| Saturday 11 October | 10.00am | Reconciliation | Mother of God Church |
| Tuesday 14 October | 9.15am | Mass & Mother of God P.S. – Seniors | Mother of God Church |
| Wednesday 15 Oct | 9.15am | Mass & Mary Immaculate PS Grs 3/4B & C | Mary Immaculate Church |
| Wednesday 15 Oct | 7.00pm | Catechist Eucharist Class 1 | Mary Immaculate Hall |
| Friday 17 October | 10.30am | Mass of Anointing and Blessing | St Bernadette's Church |
| Saturday 18 October | 10.00am | Reconciliation | Mary Immaculate Church |

Prayer for the Synod on the Family

An Extraordinary Synod on the Family, Rome 5th – 19th 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.

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 |
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| 6.30pm St B | 11 Oct | Alyssa Di Muzio & Lucas Bryant | Charlie Ziebell & Nalani Gough |
| | 18 Oct | Mia Panozzo & Angelique Rebillard | Will Coburn & Will Jackson |
| 9.00am MI | 12 Oct | Ethan Voice & Natasha Bambino | Charlie Naish & Miranda McEvey |
| | 19 Oct | Olivia Egan & Jack Egan | Lachlan Molinaro & Annabelle Memmolo |
| 10.30am MOG | 12 Oct | Sofia Ruggiero | |
| | 19 Oct | Ryan Justice | |



Mass of Anointing and Blessing - Friday 17th October at St Bernadette's Church:

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Friday 17th October at **10.30am** at St Bernadette's Church. Morning Tea will be provided by the children at St Bernadette's School in the School Library after Mass. If transport is required please contact Outreach members: Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793.

Please note:

There will be no 9.15am Mass on Friday 17th October at St Bernadette's Church

Mother of God School Family Mass Sunday 19th October: On Sunday 19th October children and their families from Prep and Junior School will come to the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

CatholicCare Church Appeal: Sincere thanks to all concerned for contributions given to Annual Appeal for CatholicCare. Total includes leaving collections & credit card donations: \$875.40

Ford St Development:

- Catholic Homes has placed a sign on the Ford St block advertising a proposed Retirement Village of 23 units.
- Neighbours and interested residents have 14 days to appeal against the development.
- If successful with the application Catholic Homes would pay lease payments to the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe and would have full responsibility for developing, building and managing the complex.
- Further developments will be reported.

A Big Thank You from Outreach: CPI Outreach thanks all the people who supported our excellent day 'Round the Bay' on September 24th. Apart from an afternoon shower we had perfect site-seeing weather, the latest, a most comfortable bus, a caring driver, and as usual, Mee's Busline couldn't have been more helpful. A big cheer too, for Sue Kelly who arranged the whole event. A few reminders for the next few weeks:

- First Wednesday lunch/games, November 5th
- Memorial Mass during November, further details to follow
- We are currently negotiating Christmas lunch outing 10 December at 12.00pm. Further details later.

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.

Catholic Missions: World Mission Day Appeal 18 - 19 October: 'When I grow up I want to be alive'

Next weekend there will be Leaving Collections at the end of Masses for the Annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal as advised by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The theme of this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal, 'When I grow up I want to be alive', is inspired by Ephesians 2:4-6, 'God who is rich in mercy... made us alive'.

This appeal invites parishioners across Australia to reach out through their financial gifts and prayers to support the crucial work of the Jamaican Catholic Church, and dedicated missionaries like Marist Missionary Sister Teresia Tinanisolo, in helping people turn away from violence and crime to seek a new future through the power of education and the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Parishioners are also encouraged to consider how this appeal is a concrete way to respond to the invitation by Pope Francis to participate in the mission of the Church to 'go forth', and to share with others your faith, hope and evangelising charity. Freecell: 1800 257 296 or www.catholicmission.org.au/Jamaica

Yarra Theological Union Open Day: Sunday 19 October, 2pm–5pm

98 Albion Road, Box Hill Yarra Theological Union (YTU), a Catholic College of the University of Divinity is holding an Open Day where information can be obtained regarding all undergraduate and postgraduate courses available. **Contact:** 9890 3771 or admin@ytu.edu.au **More info:** www.ytu.edu.au

'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.

The Gift of Time Out:

Thursday 23 October, 9.30am – 3pm at Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville

How often do you exercise self-care? In ministry most of our energy is spent being outward-focussed, caring and serving others. Do you need the opportunity to exercise that same care and compassion to yourself? Then join us for a day of nourishment and relaxation facilitated by Marea Richardson – where through music and scripture, we will get in touch with the wisdom of the body and soul to recover some energy for the onward journey. Places are limited so register early to avoid disappointment. **Cost:** \$25 (incl. morning tea and lunch) **RSVP:** Friday 17 October **Contact:** Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation: evangelisation@cam.org.au. For enquiries, call 9926 5761.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 18– 19 October 2014**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, A. Pellizzari

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

K. Bator

Reader

O. Egan
J. Egan

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti
R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

A. Patterson

Special Ministers

B. / S. Janus, D. Ervin, M. Chin

Altar Society:

L. Ford

Choir Coordinator: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,452.00 Loose cash: \$476.50 **Total: \$1,928.50**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 719.70**

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