



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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ALL SOULS' DAY: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- V. 1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**
- V. 2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**
- V. 3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. **R.**
- V. 4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord, be our light and our hope: Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Peter Fleming, Fr Burns Huggan, 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 those who have died recently. We also remember Luigi Danza, Bryan McEvey, Win Overton, Marcelo Bacarisas and Jack Duffy whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: All Souls' Day Year A

Isaiah 25:6-9 **Psalm 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14** **Romans 5:5-11** **Matthew 11:25-30**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 3 November: St Martin de Porres

Tues 4 November: St Charles Borromeo

Wed 5 November: Ss Elizabeth & Zechariah

Thurs 6 November: All Saints of Ireland

Fri 7 November: St Willibrord

Sat 8 November: All Saints of Wales

Next Week's Readings: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year A

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 **Psalm 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9** **1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17** **Matthew 2:13-22**

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.

Reflection – Richard Leonard SJ

A man died and went to the pearly gates. St Peter met him there. 'Before you meet with God,' St Peter said, 'I thought I should tell you that we've looked at your life, and you really didn't do anything particularly good or bad. We're not at all sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?'

The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, 'Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a woman who was being harassed by a group of bikies. So I pulled over, got out my wheel brace, and went up to the leader of the bikies. He was a big, muscular, hairy guy with tattoos all over his body and a ring pierced through his nose. Well, I tore the nose ring out of his nose, and told him he and his gang had better stop bothering the woman or they would have to deal with me!' 'I'm very impressed', St Peter responded, 'When did this happen?' 'About two minutes ago!'

All Souls Day has its roots in the sixth century Benedictine tradition of praying to the dead. It was a way of recognising the human bonds which go beyond death. By the tenth century this feast was about praying for the dead, that they might know the merciful love of God.

It is appropriate today for us to think about what a soul is. In an increasingly secular society it's interesting to note that the word 'soul' persists in ordinary conversation. Many non-religious people use this most religious of terms to describe another person. We often hear how others are lonely, distressed, or lost souls. It can be said that someone has a 'beautiful soul' or that a piece of music, a painting or other work of art 'stirred my soul'. We describe mellow jazz as 'soulful' and still alert others to distress by an SOS, 'save our souls'. These uses of the word reinforce St Thomas Aquinas' teaching that the soul makes us human, and sets us apart from other animals.

Nearly all the great religions of the world believe in a soul, or its equivalent – something that survives the annihilation of the body in death. I have come to the opinion that whatever else might characterise the soul, memory is an integral part of it.

I have done several funerals of people who have suffered from Alzheimer's disease. These are rarely very sad occasions because the family invariably says that they 'lost' their loved one months or years before. Why? Because increasingly their loved one couldn't remember anyone or anything. We hold to caring for the body from the womb to the tomb, because we believe that human dignity must always be respected. There are now theories about how even the memories of the circumstances of our conception and birth have a bearing on the way we live our lives. It is also apparent that even when people seem to have lost their memory, or are unconscious, that there is some recognition of some things at a very deep level.

Soul as memory means that when I meet God face to face, I will remember who I am and how I lived, and God will remember me. It's also a comfort for us to think that we will be reunited with those we have loved who have died before us, because we remember each other.

And what is best about a 'remembering soul' is that it is purified. In the old catechism we used to say that heaven was the place where we are perfectly happy with God for eternity. If we think of purgatory as a stage rather than a place, then it's possible to reclaim it as a moment when we see the fullness of God's sacrificial love for us, and recall our sometimes destructive behaviour toward ourselves, others and the world. Purgatory can be a moment where our memory is purified so we can be eternally happy with God in heaven.

So let's remember at this Eucharist all those 'departed souls' we have known and loved over the years, that they might pray for us that we never forget God's saving love and live lives worthy of it.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 1 November	10.00am	No Reconciliation	
Wednesday 5 Nov	7.00pm	Catechist Eucharist Class 4	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 6 Nov	7.00am	Liturgy Group planning	Parish Office
8 – 9 November	All Masses	Special Collection for Catholic Deaf	Ivanhoe Parish churches
Saturday 8 November	10.00am	No Reconciliation	
Sunday 9 November	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God PS Family Mass	Mother of God Church
Monday 10 Nov	7.00pm	Baptism Preparation session	Parish Office
Tuesday 11 Nov	9.15am	Mass (Remembrance Day)	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 11 Nov	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Advent Lecture	E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church
Wednesday 12 Nov	7.00pm	Catechist Eucharist Class 4	Mary Immaculate Hall

News from Fr Thang:

At this time I am on Annual Leave until 8 November. I sincerely thank Fr Thinh Nguyen who celebrates our weekend Masses, and Fr Ted Teal and Fr Peter Carrucan who celebrate weekday Masses whilst I am absent. Fr Ted will celebrate Masses at Mother of God and St Bernadette's Churches, and Fr Peter will celebrate Masses at Mary Immaculate Church. The parish is grateful for priests supporting our parish in a variety of ways, as well as giving generously in both their time and spirit. Sincere thanks to those who ensure that all is in readiness for Mass celebrations in each of our churches. – **Fr Thang**

No First Friday Devotions at St Bernadette's - Friday 7 November:

Mass only will be celebrated at 9.15am on Friday 7 November. **No First Friday devotions** after Mass

No Reconciliation at 10.00am: 1 November Mary Immaculate Church; 8 November Mother of God Church



<u>All Saints' Day</u>	Saturday 1 November 6.30pm	St Bernadette's Church
<u>All Souls' Day</u>	Sunday 2 November 9.00am	Mary Immaculate Church
	Sunday 2 November 10.30am	Mother of God Church
<u>Memorial Mass</u>	Sunday 16 November 10.30am	Mother of God Church

Memorial Mass – Sunday, 16th November at 10.30am at Mother of God Church:

Each year the parish celebrates a Memorial Mass to remember loved ones, family and friends whose funerals have taken place in our parish within the past year, as well as remembering relatives and friends who have died outside our parish. The Memorial Mass will take place on **Sunday, 16th November at 10.30am at Mother of God Church.** All are invited to attend. Names of others who have died this year can be included in the booklet, but need to be given to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday 12 November. **Please note change of date & place.**



Memorial Books: Parishioners are invited to write the names of those who have died since last November in books that are available in each church for November 2014. Past names or anniversaries of those who have died written in previous years are still recorded in these books.



The Ephpheta Appeal for the Apostolate for the Catholic Deaf 8 – 9 November: Next weekend there are Special Collections for John Pierce Centre which conducts the Catholic Deaf Ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. John Pierce Centre Appeals take place in Melbourne Archdiocesan Parishes on a rotation basis. This year the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe will be 8 - 9 November as advised by the Vicar General.

A Deaf volunteer, with a hearing interpreter to assist) will give a short talk at each Mass in Auslan (Sign language). They will speak about life as a deaf person, their involvement with the Centre and the work of the Apostolate for the Catholic Deaf. There will be a Leaving Collection at the end of each Mass.

Mother of God School Family Mass Sunday 9th November: On Sunday 9th November children and their families from Middle School (Grades 3 & 4) will come to the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

Welcome to the children from our parish schools who have come as readers and bringing the Offertory Gifts.

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	8 Nov		Massimo Spina & Anna Stone
10.30am MOG	9 Nov	Lucy Doran	



Outreach Social Afternoon – Wednesday 5th November:

Our next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 5th November at 12.00pm, Mother of God Church foyer, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. Come for lunch, cards, scrabble, knitting or a chat with others. Everyone is invited and all welcome. - Sue, Helen and Eileen

Why Go to Mass on Sunday?': True to his form, Fr. Elio Capra SDB really brought this to life when he gave the first of his three talks on Thursday 23rd October, calling it: 'Why do we celebrate Mass?' On the second week, his topic was 'God speaks to us: Signs, symbols and space in the Mass' and again was really appreciated by all who heard. There is still one more chance: **Thursday, 6th November** when he will challenge us to explore: '**How do we participate in the Sunday Mass**'. Don't be deterred if you haven't made it to the earlier talks. You would find this one very well worthwhile. **7.30pm, St John's school library.**

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Parishioner request for assistance: John is a member of the parish St Vincent de Paul Conference who is looking to rent a small unit or bungalow to rent in the Ivanhoe area as from 1st December. Please contact John 9499 7869 as soon as possible if you are able to assist in this matter. Thank you – John.

Richard McKinney Memorial Advent Lectures 2014: Topic: *What has Christianity done to Jesus?*
Speaker: Rev Dr Lorraine Parkinson, retired Uniting Church minister Lectures begin: 8.00pm. Fellowship and supper are available after each presentation at 9.15pm. Donation: Gold coin Contact: 9497 1017

- Tuesday 11 November: How did Jesus of Nazareth become Jesus the Christ E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church
- Tuesday 18 November: Contradictions & Crisis in the Church St George's Anglican Church
- Tuesday 25 November: The Teaching the Church Forgot Mother of God Church

A chance to achieve two good outcomes: That is, enjoy a film which has had excellent reviews and support the work of the Exodus community. The film will be 'My Old Lady' with its great cast including Maggie Smith. **Place:** Balwyn Cinema (231 Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn), **When:** Friday, 14th November: 10.45am for an 11am start. **Cost:** \$20 per ticket includes a light lunch. Book by 10th November with Anne Hall: 9497 5153 or Jo Magnanini 9850 7702. **PS.** I'm hoping to go and could take three passengers!! - Merle 9497 1691

Australian Christian Meditation Community Silent Retreat: Friday 14 Nov. 7pm - Sunday 16 November, 4pm, Pallotti College, Millgrove Our modern life can be so hectic, we often yearn to take time out. Why not do so and take up the invitation to meditate? This invitation is not just for nuns, monks and priests - it is for every Christian who wants to find out more about himself or herself and about what Jesus was offering when he said, 'I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.' This silent retreat is open to all, from experienced meditators to beginners. Retreat Leader: Fr Michael Mifsud. **Bookings:** chrmedvic@gmail.com **Contact:** 0437 514 148 **More information:** www.christianmeditationaustralia.org

Parish Working Bee Saturday 22 November – 8am - 12 Noon:

If you can spare an hour or two or more, as many parishioners and school families as possible are welcome to come and help the Parish in this most practical way. Morning tea will be provided.

- Mostly a garden clean up around the Parish Office, Mary Immaculate Hall and church... Window cleaning needs to be done, so bring a scraper blade, some old newspapers and a bottle of methylated spirits.
- BYO gloves, secateurs and a large garbage bag for the garden clean up. Any other gardening / pruning / cleaning equipment you can bring, is very welcome too!

Mother of God Primary School Village Fair 2014 – Saturday 22 November:

We invite everyone to the MOG Village Fair 2014. Please join us and try a delicious range of homemade goodies; jams, cakes and gourmet food and BBQ. Beautiful locally made arts and craft will be on sale. Also you can enjoy fun rides, an animal nursery, custom car spectacular, books, toys, auctions and prizes plus much more, as well as entertainment all day. We look forward to seeing you all at the MOG Village Fair!

Christmas is Coming: CPI Outreach has a confirmed booking to celebrate Christmas Lunch (3 courses) at Yarra Valley Country Club at mid-day on Wednesday, December 10, 2014. The cost per person is \$25. Please remember to bring a KK gift to value or \$5. Travel can be arranged by contacting Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120. **It is essential that you RSVP (telephone any number above) by 1 Dec 2014**



Christmas Cards and Calendars: Christmas Cards are from St Vincent de Paul.
Cost: **\$3** for a packet of 5 cards and **\$5** for a packet of 8 cards – container provided in each church
Columban Calendars 2015 Cost: **\$9** each. *Graphics: www.Free-graphics.com*

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 8 – 9 November 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

M. Sibillin

Reader

M. Napolitano

Mass Coordinators

E. Ballao

Counters

S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

J. Hodge

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society: A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,520.00 Loose cash: \$531.65 **Total: \$2,051.65**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 846.60**