



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. 46

15 – 16 November 2014

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

- V. 1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**
- V. 2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**
- V. 3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: That we will use our gifts for the growth of the kingdom:
Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Peter Fleming, Fr Burns Huggan, Margaret O'Brien, Katharina Dimitscheff, Tran thi Kim Chi, Sung Bui, 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 Kevin McLeod who died recently. We also remember Angela Bellio, Guido Chiminello, Angela and Robert Bona, Caterina and Filippo Giudice, Paul Campese and Annette Campese whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Psalm 127:1-5 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 10 November: St Leo the Great

Wed 12 November: St Josaphat

Fri 14 November: St Dyfrig

Tues 11 November: St Martin of Tours

Thurs 13 November: St Francis Xavier Cabrini

Sat 15 November: St Albert the Great

Next Week's Readings: Christ the King: Year A

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

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.

This is the month which is dedicated to praying for and doing good deeds for our Faithful Departed. I will gradually, and separately, celebrate the Masses you have requested through your offerings and thank you for this financial support. At the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church this weekend, we will celebrate a memorial Mass for our loved ones, family members and friends who have died during the year. These memories can be very painful especially if the deaths were unexpected, if multiple deaths occurred in a short time or if the mourning journey began relatively recently. Liturgically, remembrance, especially the Eucharist is not just looking back (the deceased), the present (we mourners) but also looking ahead to the future in faith and hope. Just as our loved ones shared in Christ's death in baptism, we believe that they will share in Christ's resurrection as well.

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul teaches us to be "quite certain about those who have died....so that they grieve like others do, who have no hope". That said, Paul exhorts us to "comfort one another with these words" (1 Thes 4:13-18). As Christians, we are called to be present to and comfort one another in the face of death. To be present simply means to be there for each other and sometimes words are not necessary. And the comfort that we are called to bring is not just on a human level. It is the presence and the comfort of faith which enable us to confront and address death.

Pope Francis in his recent address after the Angelus in St Peter's Square with thousands of pilgrims reminds us that death is not the end.

Remembering the dead, caring for their graves and prayers of suffrage, give us firm hope, rooted in the certainty that death is not the last word on human fate, death is not the last word, because mankind is destined to a life without limits, which has its roots and its fulfillment in God.

Pope Francis particularly asked the pilgrims to not only pray for their deceased loved ones, but also for those who were forgotten.

Every Eucharistic Prayer always has prayers for the dead. In the Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs I-IV, we pray "remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life."

November also reminds us about our profound solidarity with the deceased which is called the communion of saints: "The life and death of each of us has its influence on others" (Rom 14:7). Our lives are to be in relation to others: we exist from them (family), with them (society), through them (culture), and for them (community). Just as the Spirit inspires us to pray for ourselves, not to change God's will but in order to make us open to it, so we are inspired to pray for others in order that grace might touch and penetrate human freedom in its social reality. So praying for the dead is a recognition of such fundamental solidarity. If neither "death... nor heights nor depths, nor things present nor things to come, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" (Rom 8:38ff), neither do they sunder the bonds of charity that animate the Christian community.

In a nutshell, November is a great month for our Faithful Departed. Through our prayers, good deeds and celebrating the Eucharist, many of our deceased brothers and sisters will receive the fruits of our solidarity – eternal life with God. What is consoling is that these deceased will pray and intercede for us once they enjoy the eternal life with God.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 15 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 16 Nov	10.30am	Parish Annual Memorial Mass	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 18 Nov	9.15am	Communion Service & MOG Middle School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 18 Nov	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Advent Lecture	St George's Anglican Church
Tuesday 11 Nov	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 19 Nov	9.15am	Communion Service-MI Prep, 1/2H& 1/2R	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 20 Nov	9.00am	Liturgy Group Planning	Parish Office
Thursday 20 Nov	7.00pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 21 Nov	7.00pm	Catechist Rehearsal for First Eucharist	Mother of God Church
Saturday 22 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 22 Nov	10am – 4pm	Mother of God School Village Fair	Mother of God School
Sunday 23 Nov	10.30am	First Eucharist for parish catechist children	Mother of God Church
Friday 28 Nov	4 – 9pm	Mary Immaculate School Twilight Fair	Mary Immaculate School

Priests' Retreat 16 – 21 November 2014:

I will be in attendance at the Priests' Retreat next week from 16 – 21 November sincerely thank all concerned who will lead and facilitate Communion Services at each of our churches next week as part of their ministry to our parish and church communities. – **Fr Thang**



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

We welcome all who have come to our Parish Memorial Mass at Mother of God Church to remember loved ones, family and friends whose funerals have taken place in our parish within the past year, as well as remembering other relatives and friends who have died. Refreshments are available after Mass with thanks to those who prepared and contributed to this gathering.

Memorial Books: Memorial Books with the names of those who have gone before us are available in each of our churches. Past names for deaths or anniversaries written in previous years are still recorded in each Memorial Book. Parishioners are invited to write the names of those who have died in the books located in each church for the month of November 2014.



First Eucharist Celebration:



We remember and pray for the 26 catechist children in our Parish who attended catechist classes over past weeks to prepare for their First Eucharist. The children will receive and celebrate their First Eucharist next Sunday 23rd November as part of the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

The Ephpheta Appeal for the Apostolate for the Catholic Deaf 8 – 9 November:

The following is a letter received from the John Pierce Centre:

‘Dear Parish, I am writing to thank you most sincerely on behalf of everyone here at John Pierce Centre for giving our volunteers such a lovely welcome to your Parish last weekend. Our volunteers have let us know that they enjoyed attending your Parish and that they were given a very warm welcome. It is not always easy for people to stand in front of people they have never met, especially the Deaf, however, we have had the most delightful feedback from our volunteers and again we sincerely thank you all. God bless you for allowing us to feel blessed.’ – Christine Elder

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	15 Nov		Matthew Mezzalira & Millie Beveridge
6.30pm St B	22 Nov		Will Coburn & Sonny O’Connell
10.30am MOG	16 Nov	Elio Bagnara	

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.

- o 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.
- o 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 10.00am 0 4.00pm:

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!

Mary Immaculate School Twilight Fair:

Parishioners are invited to Mary Immaculate School Twilight Fair on Friday 28 November from 4 – 9pm at Mary Immaculate School, 7 – 9 Rockbeare Grove, Ivanhoe.

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.

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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 18 November: Contradictions & Crisis in the Church St George's Anglican Church
- Tuesday 25 November: The Teaching the Church Forgot Mother of God Church

The Joy of the Gospel:

The small group which met a couple of weeks ago to share thoughts about this significant book so much wanted to continue!! If YOU would like to join in, just come: Thursday, 27th November, 10.30 - 11.30am at the Parish Office. And if you would like a copy of the book, ask me – Merle 9497 1691

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**

Mother of God Church Roster: The rosters are being prepared for next year for assistance at the 10.30am Mass. We are looking for volunteers to go on the rosters to help in the roles of Sacristan, Reader, Special Minister and alter service. If you would like to assist at the Masses please ring Helen Taylor on 9499 3041. If there are any changes to the roster from current volunteers please ring me.- Helen.



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*

Jesuit Theological College Book Launch - Tuesday 18 November, 5.30pm-7.30pm:

Jesuit Theological College, 175 Royal Parade, Parkville - You are invited to the launch of works published by two **members** of the Jesuit Theological College: *Life Abounding: A Reading of John's Gospels* by Brendan Byrne SJ (St Paul's Publications) to be launched by Rev. Prof. Dorothy Lee and *The Second Vatican Council: Message and Meaning* by Gerald O'Collins SJ (Liturgical Press) to be launched by Rev. Dr. Ormond Rush.
Contact: Br Mukesh Patel SJ at mukesh@jtc.edu.au or on 9341 5800 or 0412 783 069

The Australian Christian Meditation Community Presents Fr Laurence Freeman:

Monday 8 December, 7.00 – 9.00pm at Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
 Hear Fr Laurence Freeman, the Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, speak about the ancient art of meditation. Meditation 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.' It is advisable to use the online booking form to ensure a place at this event.
Bookings and more info: www.christianmeditationaustralia.org (click on 'Booking form and Melbourne Brochure') **Contact:** Mirella Pace or Kathy Gillespie on 0437 514 148

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 22 – 23 November 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

	Lector	Special Ministers
	J. Murphy	B. Jowett, J. Gray,

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader	Reader	Mass Coordinators	Counters
J. Pidutti	E. Donhardt	S. & P. Kelly	P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan	Lector	Special Ministers
J. Curry	T. Barker	T. Barker, M A Darcy, J. Ellis
Altar Society:	I. Chiera	Choir Coordinator: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,226.00	Loose cash: \$504.15	Total:	\$1,730.15
Second Collection – Presbytery:				\$ 843.65

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