



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. 3

17 – 18 January 2015

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

- V. 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord. and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**
- V. 2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**
- V. 3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**
- V. 4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord hear us: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Maria Colavizza, Mike McGuire, Sarah O'Shaughnessy, Margaret O'Brien, Katharina Dimitscheff, Tran thi Kim Chi, Sung Bui, Amy Nguyen, John Coonan 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 Alan Wain and Pierrot Auguste whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptism: We welcome Violet Dorbolo and Emily Pattison who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their families, 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: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Samuel 3:3-10, 19 Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 19 January: St Wulstan

Wed 21 January: St Agnes

Fri 23 January: St John

Tues 20 January: St Sebastian

Thurs 22 January: St Vincent

Sat 24 January: St Frances de Sales

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 24:4-9 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

REFLECTION:

In recent years we have all had to learn to live with 'voice mail' as a necessary part of modern life. Sometimes it can be hard to get a human being on the other end of the telephone. The endless repetition of options and reassurances can be frustrating. But let's think about what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail in Heaven. Imagine praying and hearing this: 'Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options: 1 for Requests; 2 for Thanksgiving; 3 for Complaints; 4 for All Other Inquiries.'

And, what if God used the familiar excuse, 'I'm sorry, we're busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, so please stay on the line and we will attend to you as soon as possible.' Worse still, imagine if we heard, 'Our computers show that you have already prayed THREE times today; Please hang up and try again tomorrow,' or, 'This office is closed for the Sabbath, please pray again on Monday at 12.01am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local Priest, Rabbi or Imam.'

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew's recommendation.

What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches and pursue what intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life, and invite him to come and make a home with us. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew and Peter could have no idea where their response to God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the runaround, rather than being hooked up to the source of life which makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world and the next. © Richard Leonard SJ www.liturgyhelp.com 2015

News from Parish Office:

- Ruth is on leave from 5 - 30 January 2015. The Parish Office will be attended at different intervals.
- Brief newsletters for the month of January have been prepared and collected in advance. Anniversaries for January 2014 have been included in these newsletters. Notices, anniversaries and prayer requests received after 5 January 2015 will be placed in the newsletter for 6 – 7 February 2015.
- Notices can be left in locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe.

Understanding change, loss and grief (small group) seminars (St John's Parish House Heidelberg)

Designed for people with an interest in learning about grief, its potential triggers and impacts, and strategies for managing and moving forward. Participants may be interested in finding out more about grief for personal reasons or to deepen their understanding of the impact of grief and loss for their professional or work experience. Seminars will be conducted from 6pm – 9pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 28 January 2015 Thursday 5 February 2015 Thursday 19 February 2015

Normally seminar costs \$20 (including a workbook), these three seminars will be offered at no charge.

Limited numbers. Please contact Julie 0411 241 005 or julie.jensen@optusnet.com.au to reserve your place.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 24 – 25 January 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

T. Nibali, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

As available

Reader

As available

Mass Coordinators

E. Ballao

Counters

S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

M. Hoban

Lector

M. Hoban

Special Ministers

As available

Altar Society: P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: School holidays