



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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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. 4

24 – 25 January 2015

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

- V. 1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**
- V. 2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
- V. 3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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 Phoebe Mount, Maria Tran Lieu, Francesco Rocco, Bruno Sartori and Hannah McKernan whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 26 January: Ss Timothy & Titus

Tues 27 January: St Angela Merici

Wed 28 January: St Thomas Aquinas

Thurs 29 January: St Gildas the Wise

Fri 30 January: St Aidan

Sat 31 January: St John Bosco

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 **Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9** **1 Corinthians 7:32-35** **Mark 1:21-28**

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.

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REFLECTION:

Seeing today's Gospel is set by the water's edge, this story seems appropriate.

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources ... and the intelligence ... to cross this river.' In an instant God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, went upstream a couple of hundred metres, then walked across the bridge!

The three men's prayers were all about gaining something: strength, resources and intelligence. Today's readings are about gaining things too. Unlike the instant answer to the hikers' prayers, Jonah, Paul and Mark know real gain usually comes less dramatically and quickly, and involves letting go of something as much as it involves taking it on. In the Christian life this is called conversion, and it's at the centre of our life of faith.

Christian conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime moment. It can happen every day in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in lifestyle.

All three readings show a different facet of conversion. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul, who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion of mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion.

These days we regularly hear God's call in personal terms. It's sometimes called 'me and God' theology. Modern hymns reflect it best. We regularly sing about how Jesus died 'for me', or that 'here I am Lord' or that 'I will follow you'. Individually these lines are all true, the problem is that they tend to play down the more ancient and biblical social dimensions of our call to conversion. In the Bible even though God and Jesus call people to conversion through personal relationships, there is no hint that this is where it stops. Every call leads to the wider community, to the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and out to the entire world in the New Testament.

Today's readings provide a litmus test for our conversion. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about 'my' God, 'my' prayers, 'my' Church, 'my' Mass, we are in need of conversion. We don't need to leave God's personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it's me-and-God-against-the-world, and welcome in the idea that it's US-and-God-IN-the-world.

May this Eucharist give us the strength, resources and intelligence we need to be converted personally and socially again this Sunday.

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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: 31 January – 1 February 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

S. Moorhen

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

As available

Reader

As available

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

M. Rocco, P. Shannon

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

A. Tosolini

Special Ministers

B. Dolzan, R. Beltrame, M. Chin

Altar Society:

A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera