



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. 6

7 - 8 February 2015

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

- V. 1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **R.**
- V. 2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**
- V. 3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Good and loving God: **Hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Robbie Gordon, 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 Sheila Clancy and Bernard Healy whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptism: We welcome Eva Buzari who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her 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: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 **Psalm 146:1-6** **1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23** **Mark 1:29-39**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 9 February: St Teilo

Wed 11 February: Our Lady of Lourdes

Fri 13 February: St Catherine de Ricci

Tues 10 February: St Scholastica

Thurs 12 February: St Ethelwald

Sat 14 February: Ss Cyril & Methodius

Next Week's Readings: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 **Psalm 31:1-2, 5, 11** **1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1** **Mark 1:40-45**

Prayers of the Sick: *Please note that names will remain on the sick list for a month.*

To extend the time, please make personal contact with the Parish Office 9499 1515.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

After a few weeks break, the newsletter is back to normal. I would like to begin with an assurance. Many of you would feel uncomfortable with the Second Reading for the last two weeks: "Those who have wives should live as though they had none!"; and St Paul's passage to the Corinthians last week seemed to suggest that he is somehow against marriage. This text has also been used over the ages to argue that clergy and religious life is a better, a higher state of life, a closer following of Christ. We need to take into the context of Paul's sayings that Christ's Second Coming seems to be imminent! It is important to affirm that any vocation, state of life all have their dignity, challenge and its responsibilities. In addition it is important to listen with an understanding of the needs of our times, and that all of us, married, single or celibate are equally called to be disciples of Jesus. A Bishop once thanked his mother by saying this: "without your marriage ring, I would not have my ring!"

Later in this year, a second part of the world Synod of Bishops will take place at the Vatican from 4th to 25th October. The theme is "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World." Brisbane's Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Bishop Eugene Hurley of Darwin will represent the Australian Bishops Conference on this occasion. Please continue to pray for this Synod. I would like to quote the old introduction of Rite of Marriage in these beautiful words:

N. (Bridegroom) and N. (Bride), the promise you make to each other today is serious, because it will bind you together for life in a relationship so close and so intimate that it will profoundly influence your whole future. That future, with its hopes and disappointments, its successes and its failures, its pleasures and its pains, its joys and its sorrows, is hidden from your eyes. You know that these elements are mingled in every life and are to be expected in your own. And so, not knowing what is before you, but trusting in God's companionship, you take each other through the best and worst of what lies ahead, until death. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions as you commit yourselves to each other forever.

As the Year of the Consecrated Life began on the first day of the Liturgical Year 2015 (First Sunday of Advent 2014), it is important to remember, thank, support and pray for all those religious who are living in our parish, those religious men and women who played an important role in our formative years. During the week, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2 February), also known as the Candlemass. This Feast is also dedicated to pray for those who are living in the consecrated life. According to the Emeritus Benedict XVI, the purpose of this Feast is threefold: first of all to praise and thank the Lord for the gift of consecrated life; secondly to promote knowledge and appreciation of it among the whole People of God and lastly to invite all those who have dedicated their life totally to the cause of the Gospel to celebrate the marvels that the Lord has worked in them. It is important to recognise and celebrate the presence of those Religious Sisters in our parish. I would like to quote Pope Francis' words, a religious himself, a Jesuit: "I want to say one word to you and this word is joy. Wherever consecrated people are, there is always joy!"

"Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted." Psalm 146 expresses the praise, thanksgiving that is due to God as the source of all ministry and healing. In this Psalm which can be found at the front page we are asking that God will build up the Church so damaged and wounded in recent years: that the exiles, those who have estranged from the sacramental life of the Church may return to their baptismal homeland, that the broken hearted from marriage life may find healing and reconciliation, and that all wounds may receive proper attention.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 7 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 10 Feb	10.15am	Mass – Combined Parish Primary Schools	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 10 Feb	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 11 Feb	7.30pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	Mary Immaculate Hall
Saturday 14 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Saturday 14 Feb	6.30pm	Mass & Family Mass Grades 1 & 2	St Bernadette's Church
Wednesday 18 Feb		<u>Ash Wednesday Masses</u>	See newsletter item
Friday 20 Feb	6.00pm	Family Welcome Mass	St Bernadette's Church

Ivanhoe Playgroup: The Ivanhoe Playgroup offers a welcoming and supportive environment where parents and children can play, learn and have fun. **Ages:** The playgroup suits children aged between 0- 4 years

Venue: Mary Immaculate Church Hall, 4 Waverley Ave. Ivanhoe

Session Times: Wednesday 9 - 11am or Thursday 9 - 11am **Fees:** \$80 per term.

Further details: Contact Liz Shearer: Phone 0411 345 664 or liz.shearer1@gmail.com

Mass time at Mother of God Church on Tuesday 10 February – 10.15am:

PLEASE NOTE: No 9.15am Mass at Mother of God Church. **Mass will be at 10.15am**
Children and staff from our three Parish Primary Schools will come to Mass at Mother of God Church to celebrate the Beginning of the School Year.



Ash Wednesday Masses: Wednesday 18th February 2015:

Mary Immaculate: 9.15am Mother of God: 7.30pm
St Bernadette's: 7.30pm Korean

Ashes will be available for parishioners at St Bernadette's, 6.30pm Mass on the following Saturday 21 February

Yarra Deanery Meeting Wednesday 11 February:

Parishioners are invited to attend our Yarra Deanery Meeting on Wednesday 11th February at 7.30pm in Mary Immaculate Hall, Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. – Fr Wayne Edwards, Yarra Deanery Coordinator

Austin Hospital Mass: There will be two monthly chapel services at Austin Hospital:

- An Ecumenical Service on the first Sunday of the month
- Catholic Mass on the third Sunday of the month.

St Bernadette's School Family Mass 1 / 2 – Saturday 14 February:

On Saturday 14th February children from Grades 1 & 2 at St Bernadette's School and their families will come to the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's. All are welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass.

Christian Meditation:

Meditation for 2015 has begun on Tuesdays at 4.15 at Mary Immaculate Hall in Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. New members always welcome. Enquiries: Kathy Gillespie 9497 1706 or 0438 530 324.

The Olympic Village Exodus Community invites you to see: "The Second BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL" on Sunday, 1st March - Nibbles at 2.30pm, Film 3.00pm at Palace Balwyn Cinema, 231 Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn. \$20 per ticket from: Anne Hall 9497 5153 or Jo Magnanini 9850 7702

World Day of Prayer: This annual opportunity to pray with people all over the world, which we share with the other Christian churches of Ivanhoe, will be held at Mary Immaculate Church at 10.00am on Friday, 6th March. The prayer this year has been prepared by the people of the Bahamas. We need a speaker for this occasion. Do you know someone who has visited this area of the Atlantic Ocean or who knows something about it? I would be very glad to hear from you. Merle 9497 1691 or merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

Sacraments 2015:

The Sacramental Brochure for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2015 is available in each church and on the website. Enrolments are only accepted from families **who live within the parish which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.**

Please note: Only children **who do not attend** Parish primary schools or **who have transferred out** of Catholic Primary schools need to enrol in the Parish Program. *Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program. It is recommended that sacramental preparation takes place in the parish where the catechist & family lives.*

Enrolment forms are available from Parish Office 9499 1515 and website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com

N.B. Closing date is Friday 27 March 2015 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.



Newsletter notices, items, prayers and anniversaries need to be given to the Parish Office **no later than 5.00pm, Wednesday each week.** Notices received later than this time will be

placed in the newsletter of the following week. Items can be left in the locked letterbox near the front door of the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Contact details:

Phone 9499 1515, Fax 9499 9959; or Email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com

Enrolments for Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg:

Application for enrolments for Year 7, 2016 close on Friday 27 February 2015. School Tours: Tuesday 9 February 9 – 10.30am, Friday 13 February 9 – 10.30am and Tuesday 24 February Twilight Tour 4.30 – 6.00pm. Enquiries: College Registrar Merri O'Halloran 9459 2511 or email: mohalloran@olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au

Giving a Voice to Families: 2015 Synod on the Family: Following the recent Synod on the family, Pope Francis and the Bishops' Synod are again seeking input ahead of their 2015 meeting. In response to feedback during the previous process, a simplified questionnaire has been developed for our local church. The survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Synod2015. The online survey will be open until midnight **Tuesday 10 February**. **Contact:** Life, Marriage and Family Office on 9287 5579 or at lmf@cam.org.au

Loyola College Ex-Students Association Presents A Classic Car Show: Friday 13 February, 6.00pm
Enjoy a BBQ and look over the classic cars from Metro Classic Car Club and independent owners. Cars will be on display and car owners ready to share their enthusiasm. This is a family event. Just show up—no ticket required! If you have a classic car you would like to bring along, please email lexsa@loyola.vic.edu.au.

Mass for Solo Catholics: Sunday 22 February, 10.30am at St Cecilia's Church, 37 Hillside Pde, Glen Iris
Solo Catholics, a social group that has been going for 45 years, welcomes anyone in the age range of 45–70. Join us for Mass, which will be celebrated by Fr Gerard Dowling. The Solo Catholics Annual General Meeting will follow Mass at 11.30am. New members are welcome to attend. Following the AGM, lunch will be held at Caulfield Racecourse at 1 Station St, Caulfield at 1pm. **Contact:** Peter on 0418 502 297

Anima Education Term 1 2015: Three Popes, Three Encyclicals: Mondays 16 February - 30 March, 6.30–8.30pm at Mary Glowrey House, 132 Nicholson St, Fitzroy.
When Saint John Paul II died in 2005, he left behind a half-finished encyclical on the virtue of charity. When he became Pope, Benedict XVI picked this up and completed it, and it became *Deus Caritas Est*. In 2007, Benedict issued the encyclical *Spe Salvi* on the virtue of hope. At the time of his resignation, he left the manuscript of an encyclical on the virtue of faith for his successor, Pope Francis, to complete. *Lumen Fidei* was issued in 2013, the first encyclical of his Pontificate. In this reading course, we will investigate the themes and messages that run through each of the three encyclicals in order to deepen our understanding of the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love. 'So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.' (St Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:13) **Course** consists of 12 hours (6 x 2 hour) interactive sessions of reading and discussion. The lecturer will be David Schütz BTh BA GradDip MinGradDip LIM. **Enrolment & more info:** David: 0400 978 938 or david.schutz@cam.org.au. **Cost:** \$15 per night (\$90 for whole course)

Short Course in Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection:
Wednesdays 25 February, 4 March, 11 March and 18 March 2015, 6.30pm-8pm in the Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy
A Short Course offered by the Australian Catholic University for the public in 2015. It is an opportunity to explore the most important topics of Christian faith during the season of Lent with theologians from ACU, including Rev. Prof Anthony Kelly CSsR and Rev. Prof Francis Moloney SDB. The Course will follow the events of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday), as they are stated in the Apostles' Creed. Refreshments provided from 6pm. Registration is essential and closes Friday 20 February. **Register:** <http://www.acu.edu.au/686192> **Contact:** Dr Joel Hodge joel.hodge@acu.edu.au

St Anthony's, Alphington, Celebrates 100th Anniversary:
In 2015 St Anthony's Parish Alphington will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a calendar of events throughout the year! We would like to hear from any past parishioners who may have lost contact with our parish. Why not join us in the preparations and celebrations? Do you have a story to tell or memorabilia to share? We would love to hear from you! **Contact:** 0425 748 738.
More info: www.stanthonysalphingtonhistory.webs.com or website: www.holyspiritandstanthonysparish.com

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 14 – 15 February 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

J. Gray, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Conroy family

Reader

Conroy family

Mass Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti

R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verocchi

Lector

C. Bellio

Special Ministers

B. / S. Janus, M. Pollard, C. Bellio

Altar Society:

I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,511.00 Loose cash: \$338.60

Total: \$1,849.60

Second Collection – Presbytery:

Total: \$ 784.85