



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. 10

7 - 8 March 2015

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

- V. 1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**
- V. 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**
- V. 3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**
- V. 4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold
And sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: God of work and God of rest: Hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Ingrid Weinberg, Maria Colavizza, Mike McGuire, Sarah O'Shaughnessy, Margaret O'Brien, 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 Margaret Beriman, Fr Joe Briffa, Carmela Trovato and George Mokdissi who died recently. We remember Len Ryan and Mary McEvey whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B

Exodus 20:1-17 **Psalm 18:8-11** **1 Corinthians 1:22-25** **John 2:13-25**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 9 March: St Frances of Rome

Wed 11 March: St Aengus

Fri 13 March: St Euphrasia

Tues 10 March: St John Ogilvie

Thurs 12 March: St Theophanes

Sat 20 March: St Maud

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent - Year B

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 **Psalm 136** **Ephesians 2:4-10** **John 3:14-21**

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.

Disciples

Life in brief: appears 250 plus times in the New Testament, meaning *one who learns*; sometimes used interchangeably with Apostles (*meaning one who is sent*), the Twelve, the 70; called to follow Jesus from various backgrounds; loved by Jesus to the end, slow to understand Jesus' mission; some names appear only once in Gospels; some names appear more than once; notable names: Peter, John (beloved disciple), James, Andrew; shattered at Jesus' passion; strengthened and changed by Jesus' resurrection; most of them died for the faith.

Story in focus I: He [Jesus] went up the **mountain** and **called** to him those whom he **wanted**, and they **came to him**. And he **appointed** twelve, whom he also **named** apostles, **to be with him**, and **to be sent out to proclaim the message**, and to have **authority** to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name **Peter**); **James** son of Zebedee, **John** the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); **Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James** son of Alphaeus, **Thaddaeus, Simon** the Cananaean and **Judas Iscariot**, who **betrayed** him. (Mk 3:13-19)

Reflection: Just re-read this passage slowly, pay attention to the bold text, especially the verbs.

Story in focus II: After this the Lord appointed 70 others and sent them on ahead of him **in pairs** to every town and place where he himself intended to go. (Lk 10:1)

Reflection: Re-read this short passage and pay attention to the bold text. As Jesus did earlier with the 12 of Mk 6:7, he sends the 70 out in pairs. It is not that they should never be sent alone, but journeying in pairs is safer, provides more encouragement and support.

What stories do I still remember about the Twelve?

How do I relate to them?

Who do I say about Jesus?

Were there women disciples? American scriptural scholar John Meier in his well-known *A Marginal Jew* suggests that not in name, but certainly in reality. There were a group of men and women such as Martha and Mary and Lazarus, the anonymous host for the Last Supper, perhaps not complete disciples as they did leave home, yet who supported Jesus and his companions, offering them hospitality.

Why does Mark's Gospel portray the disciples so negatively? In the words of Salesian Father Frank Moloney at eConference on Gospel of Mark in 2012, 'Mark makes the disciples in his Gospel much worse as they really are... he always presents them as failure and in the end the women disciples who are as much disciples as the men are they also fail... [Mark is writing for us too!] Failure is at the heart of Christian life, ability to live a balanced Christian life despite failures is one of the fundamental things in our Catholic Christian tradition because we believe in the God who loves us, forgives us and saves us despite our failures.' This is really encouraging!

In the nutshell, with their characters, personalities, backgrounds and their individual stories, their failures and witnesses with Jesus of Nazareth especially with the risen Christ, they can be our Lenten companions.

"The Woman" The Mother of Jesus – The Woman of Faith

Life in brief: Parents: Sts Anne and Joachim; husband: Joseph (Feast 19 March); accepted to be the mother of the Incarnated Word through the Annunciation (Feast 25 March); son: Jesus of Nazareth; notable titles and dogmas: Mother of God (Feast 1 January), Woman of faith, Mary, Immaculate Conception (1854), the Assumption of Our Lady (1950), Mary Help of Christians (Patroness of Australia, 24 May)

Story in focus: Meanwhile, **standing near the cross** of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "**Woman, here is your son.**" Then he said to the **disciple, "Here is your mother."** And from that **hour** the disciple took her into his own home. (Jn 19:25-27)

Reflection: Re-read this passage and pay attention to the words in bold. Most scriptural scholars generally agree that Jesus, through this scene, forms a new community of believing disciples. Mary and Jesus' beloved disciple are the pioneering members of this community. The late well-known Catholic scriptural scholar Fr Raymond Brown said: "At the foot of the cross, Jesus gives his physical mother a spiritual role as mother of the disciple par excellence, and the disciple a role as her son. Thus, there emerges a familial relationship in terms of discipleship." Our own Johannine scholar Fr Frank Moloney SDB stresses on the faith of our Lady: "The Mother of Jesus is handed over to the disciple to become the Mother of the Church. What we have here is but the logical conclusion and the full flowering of the early Church's developing consciousness of the primacy in time and quality of faith of Mary of Nazareth." From womb to tomb Mary existed for Christ through the Incarnation, throughout Jesus' public life, especially at his death, and for eternity, so Mary is our ultimate Lenten companion.

Sources: Raymond E. Brown et al, *Mary in the New Testament: A Collaborative Assessment by Protestant and Roman Catholic Scholars*, Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1978, 213.
John Meier, *A Marginal Jew: Rethinking the Historical Jesus*, New York: Doubleday, 1994.
Francis Moloney, *Woman in the New Testament*, St Paul, 1981, 78-9.
Thomas Rausch, *Who is Jesus? An Introduction to Christology*, Liturgical Press, 2003. Ch 4.

St Bernadette's School Family Mass 3 / 4 – Saturday 7 March: We welcome the children and their families from Years 3 & 4 at St Bernadette's School who have come to the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's.

Project Compassion is an important part of our Lenten journey! Project Compassion boxes & Lenten share packs are available in each church to take home for your use need to be returned no later than Sunday 5 April. A large Project Compassion box is available in each church for contributions if you wish to use this option.

From Project Compassion: For the majority of Australians good health and great food are part of everyday life. However for First Australians living in rural communities with low incomes, limited access to nutritious, affordable food, and poor food choices (due to lack of education) severely compromises health and well-being of families. Supported by Caritas Australia, Centacare's 'Manage your Income, Manage your Life' Program opens up a new world for people such as Karen. Budgeting workshops and monthly budget planning sessions combined with nutrition workshops and cooking activities enable participants to take control of their money and budget, as well as providing regular and healthy food for their families. Centacare introduced Karen to the Food Support Program where those on low incomes can buy affordable groceries.

Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernadette's Church: As part of the Lenten journey, Stations of the Cross will take place after the 9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's on Friday **mornings** during Lent, but **not on** the First Friday of the month. All parishioners are invited. – **Fr Thang**

Volunteers Needed for Children's Reading Club in West Heidelberg: The St Vincent de Paul Society provides an after school Reading Club, based at St Pius X School, Heidelberg West from 3:30 - 4:30pm each Tuesday of the school term. We are looking for volunteers who enjoy reading and spending time with children who can give a couple of hours a week to support the children with their reading.

Grades 1 - 6 children will be encouraged to enjoy books and develop a love of reading and stories, as well as improving their English and Social Skills. This is not intended as a remedial or tutoring program. If interested please contact Reading Club Coordinator, Lina Troiano 0425 741 977 or lina.troiano@hotmail.com

Get Organ-ised! Free Event presented by City of Melbourne & Society of Organists (Victoria) on Monday 9th March 11.00am – 5.00pm at Melbourne Town Hall. Program includes:
 11am – 4pm Backstage Tours at 11am, 11.45am, 12.30pm, 1.15pm & 4pm
 11am – 1.30pm Open Console – 15 min sessions for organists
 2.00 - 2.45 pm Peter & the Wolf Narrator Red Symonds & 3 – 4pm Young Organists' Concert

Lenten Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2015:

Church on the Attack: Retrieving three Biblical Texts for a Culture of Disbelief - Rev Dr Bruce Barber. All lectures begin at 8pm. Fellowship and supper after each presentation at 9.10pm. Donation: Gold coin.

- Tuesday 10 March: *Creation (i.e. reception of the world) not Cosmogony (origin of the universe) Gen 1*
E Ivanhoe Uniting Church, cnr Maltravers & Lower Heidelberg Rds, Ivanhoe E
- Tuesday 17 March: *The Presence of an Absence, not the Absence of a Presence Exod 25:1-22; Jn 20:11-18*
St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 24 March: *The Redefinition of God: Two case studies from Paul and in the Gospel of John*
Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

Our Maundy Thursday Meal: It's always good to be able to spread good news and this item is surely that. After a few weeks of uncertainty, arrangements are now in hand!! Thursday, 2nd April, 5.30 for 6pm. Tickets will soon be available - perhaps you won't be surprised to hear that, this year, the cost will be \$25. - Merle

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 7 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 7 March	6.30pm	Mass & St Bernadette's Family Years 3 & 4	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 10 March	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Grade 4/5W	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 10 March	9am – 1pm	Mother of God School Open Day	Mother of God School
Tuesday 10 March	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 10 March	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lenten Lecture 1	E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church
Wednesday 11 Mar	6.30pm	Reconciliation Family Workshop	Mother of God School
Friday 13 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grade 1/2D	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 14 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church

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