

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. 11

14 – 15 March 2015

4th SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

- V. 1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
On the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. **R.**
- V. 2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**
- V. 3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**
- V. 4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not,
If I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**

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


PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: God of light and joy: Hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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 those who died recently. We remember Antonio Borromeo, Giuseppe and Gelsomina Gentile, Franca Gentile, Carmel Cullen and John Sier whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

 **Baptisms:** We welcome Oliver Brooks and Lachlan Thorpe 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: 4th Sunday of Lent - Year B

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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 16 March: St Finnian

Wed 18 March: St Cyril of Jerusalem

Fri 20 March: St Cuthbert

Tues 17 March: St Patrick

Thurs 19 March: St Joseph

Sat 21 March: St Enda

Next Week's Readings: 5th Sunday of Lent - Year B

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-30

How are the 40 days of Lent calculated?

We have learned that Lent commemorates the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert or wilderness before his public ministry. However if we count the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, we will be surprised that there are 46 days! (6 weeks of Lent + 4 days from Ash Wednesday to Saturday before First Sunday of Lent) How come? There are 6 Sundays in Lent. All Sundays are days we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection and we are called not to fast and do others forms of penance on those days. Sunday Morning Prayer from Week 1-4 in Lent specifies: "This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep [*of course do not fast!*]. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold." (Nehemiah 8:9-10)

The Six Weeks of Lent

These weeks are not repetitive but rather a building up toward Easter. It is helpful to understand the structure of Lent as follows: The first four weeks take their direction from the readings, penitential rites and the rites related to the Catechumenate – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Rite of Enrolment, Rites belonging to the Period of Purification and Enlightenment). On the fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday - from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful!" calls us to rejoice in God's saving act. This Sunday you will see me wearing joyful liturgical colour of rose, please don't say pink! On the fifth Sunday of Lent the focus shifts to the Passover feast – Christ's passion. Again the 5th Sunday Morning Prayer in Lent says: "These are the Lord's solemn festivals, the sacred assemblies to which you are to summon the sons of Israel on the appointed day. The fourteenth day of the first month, between the two evenings, is the Passover of the Lord... you must do no heavy work." (Leviticus 23:4-7) Holy Week starts with the Palm or Passion Sunday in which we, the Church, take part in Christ's humble entrance to Jerusalem on a donkey to begin his last intense days on earth. The Triduum, meaning three days, refers to the period from evening of Holy Thursday until the evening of Easter Sunday.

Solemnities in March

- **17 March - St Patrick, Patron of the Archdiocese of Melbourne**

Life in brief: Born in Roman Britain around the end of the 4th Century. Died in Ireland about the middle of the 5th Century. Faced hardship as a missionary bishop in Ireland. Specially honoured in Australia because many people who came to settle here brought with them the faith and zeal of St Patrick.

Well-known Prayer: St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

- **19 March – St Joseph**

Life in brief: Born of the royal house of David; occupation: carpenter; wife: Mary of Nazareth; foster father of Jesus; notable qualities: upright man, cared for Mary and Jesus during his infancy; words spoken in the Gospels:... none!; death: unknown; patron saint of the Universal Church; Pope Francis chose this feast in 2013 to begin his Petrine ministry.

The Mission of St Joseph – The Preface

... on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph to give you fitting praise, to glorify you and bless you.

For this just man was given by you as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God and set as a wise and faithful servant in charge of your household, to watch like a father over your Only Begotten Son, who was conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **25 March – The Annunciation of the Lord**

This solemnity originated in the East during the 6th Century and gained universal observance in the West during the 8th Century. It is a feast of the Lord, commemorating the announcement to the Virgin Mary of the Word made flesh. Mary's acceptance of God's will, and occurrence close to Easter links the Incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.

Scriptural Quotes of the Feast: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (*Ps 39: 8,9; Hebrew 10:7*)

Here am I, servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. (*Luke 1:38*)

Trivial of the Week: How many hits do I get when I type John 3:16 on google?
Answer: About 72,700,000 results (0.38 seconds) 11 March 2015

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. This is the core of the Bible and the rest is just a commentary!

Sources: Adolf Adam, *The Liturgical Year*, The Liturgical Press, 1990
Daily Mass Book 2015, Liturgical Brisbane, 2015 & Universalis

Practices for Easter Ceremonies 2015:

- Tuesday 17th March at 7.30 pm at Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 31st March at 7.30 pm at Mother of God Church.

Looking forward to seeing all the familiar faces, and new faces most welcome.

- Isma 9497 2322 or email: Isma.chiera@gmail.com

Repatriation Hospital Mass:

Mass will be celebrated at Repat. Hospital next Sunday 22nd March. Volunteers please meet at 10:00 for the 11:00am Mass at the Hospital Chapel. Volunteers help bring the patients from the wards to the chapel and back again. Parishioners are also invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence. Thank you – Fr Mario

Mother of God School – Catholic Education Week – Sunday 15 March:

We welcome the children and their families from Mother of God School who have come to the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church to mark the beginning of Catholic Education Week. We thank the school families who have provided Morning Tea after Mass in the church foyer.

St Bernadette's School Twilight Fete - Friday 20 March from 3.30 – 9.00pm:

Parishioners are invited to come and join the school community for their Twilight Fete on Friday 20 March from 3.30-9.00pm at St Bernadette's Primary School, 53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe. Flier displayed in each church.

Cake Stall at St Bernadette's School Twilight Fete:

Calling all keen bakers to help with the fete bake sale! We would absolutely love you to put your great baking skills to use as we need lots of stock to sell. Items must not contain any cream and be labelled with a list of ingredients (no need to price items). As there will be a pre-planned cupcake stall running alongside the bake sale, we are not in need of cupcakes but a variety of larger cakes, slices, biscuits - whatever your specialty. Cakes can be delivered to St Bernadette's Primary School on the morning of the fete (Friday 20th March) or at any time during the fete, directly to the stall itself. Thanking you all in advance! Happy Baking.

Mary Immaculate School Family Mass Prep - 6 Sunday 22 March:

On Sunday 22nd March children from Prep – 6 from Mary Immaculate School and their families will come to the 9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church.

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 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: Thursday, 2nd April, 5.30 for 6.00pm.

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!! Tickets are now available at \$25 per person. Do think of coming. – Merle

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 14 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Sunday 15 March	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 17 March	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Grade 5/6G	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 17 March	9am – 1pm	Mother of God School Open Day	Mother of God School
Tuesday 17 March	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 17 March	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lenten Lecture 2	St George's Anglican Church
Wednesday 18 Mar	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate P.S. Prep, 1/2H&R	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 18 Mar	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Thursday 19 March	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee	
Friday 20 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grade 1/2K	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 20 March	3.30-9pm	St Bernadette's School Twilight Fete	St Bernadette's School
Saturday 21 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 22 March	9.00am	Mass & Mary Immaculate School	Mary Immaculate Church

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Information from Outreach: Our next 'first Wednesday' Lunch and games day will occur on 1st April. A big welcome to all who are free between noon and 3pm. Find us in the foyer at Mother of God Church.

We also need to advise that the three organisers are stretched this year due to a mix of commitments – family, holidays, health issues, with the result that all three will not be together till late July – early August. Three people are essential to share the organising tasks. We are thinking of a film / high tea day at that time and possibly a bus trip in mid-October but nothing concrete at present. Anybody willing to step in and help is welcome – please contact one of the names below. We will continue the lunch / games days the first Wednesday of each month. We wish everyone the joy of the Risen Lord at Easter.
- Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 and Eileen 9499 7120

Pope Francis' World Youth Day Message 2015:

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God (Mt 5:8)

Copies of Pope Francis' World Youth Day Message are available in each church.

- Every year the Church celebrates World Youth Day on Palm Sunday, which this year falls on 29th March.
- There will be a Victorian World Youth Day pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland in 2016. Young people are invited to join Pope Francis next year on this pilgrimage of faith and encounter with the universal church.
- The Victorian Bishops have decided to coordinate one joint Victorian pilgrimage to World Youth Day in 2016 with a number of lead-in options. Four pilgrimage options will be available for WYD pilgrims aged 18-35 years. The four pilgrimage groups will unite in the host city for week-long festivities and a shared retreat afterwards. More details at a later date.

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.

Sarita, aged 34, attended school until the eighth grade making her one of the most educated women in her village. In 2007 there was change in her village in Nepal. Caritas Nepal, supported by Caritas Australia, initiated the Kolkatia Fish Raising Group, an innovative and collaborative group that works for the common good of the wider community. Sarita joined a group of 12 who were provided with funding and training to establish and run a business raising and selling fish. The group produce around 8,000kg of fish each year which is sold through local markets, purchased additional farming land and diversified their crops. As a result Sarita's family has a steady income and now share a secure, sustainable source of healthy food for life.

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.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 21 – 22 March 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
E. Ballao

Reader

M. Ballao

Mass Coordinators

E. Ballao

Counters

P. Black, P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

I. Chiera

Special Ministers

M. A. Darcy, B. Dolzan, B. / S. Janus

Altar Society: P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,701.00 Loose cash: \$438.55

Total: \$2,139.55

Second Collection – Presbytery:

Total: \$ 837.70