

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. 12

21 – 22 March 2015

5th SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

- V. 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
- V. 2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
- V. 3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
That I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!


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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember John Cullen, 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 Maureen Macdermid, Sister Elizabeth Scheer MSC and Leo Foster who died recently. We also remember Steno Pellizzari, Angela & Giuseppe Prevedello, Carmela Nibali, Kathleen Butler, Ma Kim Thien and Letitia (Mary) Forster whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

 **Baptisms:** We welcome Ronan Borg and Olivia O'Sullivan 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: 5th Sunday of Lent - Year B

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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 23 March: St Turibius

Wed 25 March: Annunciation

Fri 27 March: St John of Egypt

Tues 24 March: St Catherine of Sweden

Thurs 26 March: St Margaret Clitherow

Sat 28 March: St Sixtus III

Next Week's Readings: Palm Sunday - Year B

Isaiah 50:4-7 **Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24** **Philippians 2:6-11** **Mark 14:1-15**

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

From the desk of Fr Thang: Psalm 50 (51): A Lenten Psalm

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more
and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your
sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence and be
without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born, a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my
heart teach me wisdom. O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness, that the bones you
have crushed may revive.
From my sins turn away your face and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit
within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor
deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour
sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and
sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper, and my tongue shall ring out
your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight, burnt offering from me you
would refuse, my sacrifice, a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

In your goodness, show favour to Zion: rebuild the walls of
Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
holocausts offered on your altar.

Background to Psalm 50 [2 Samuel ch. 11, 12]

2 Samuel chapter 11 recounts a story about King David, while walking on the roof of this palace, saw Bathsheba, who was then the wife of Uriah – a soldier, having a bath. He immediately desired her and later got her pregnant. In an effort to cover up his adultery, King David had Uriah killed in the front line of battle. The baby of this affair unfortunately died, Bathsheba was devastated. When confronted by the Prophet Nathan through a story of a rich man who took away the little lamb of his poor neighbour... "You are the man!" (*Please read 2 Samuel Ch. 12*), David admitted that he had sinned. It was into this context of disorientation that he traditionally wrote Psalm 50, acknowledging his sin and asking for forgiveness. For King David, confession, contrition and repentance were the first steps toward reorientation!

A closer look into the Psalm

Melbournian scriptural scholar Fr Mark O'Brien gives a helpful look into Psalm 50:

'The psalm portrays the healing, forgiving action of God in various images. God is like a benign judge who blots out the offence (does not keep piling up a dossier against the offender), like a devoted parent or host who washes away the grime of sin that stains the sinner (cf. the parable of the prodigal son), is the creator who alone can create a pure heart and a steadfast spirit, is one's faithful companion who remains loyal despite failures. The psalm also presents various images of sin: it is a rebellion ('offence'), a stain or disfigurement that marks the offender ('guilt'), and a straying from the right way (the term 'sin' often means to 'miss the mark/path'). The psalm ends by acknowledging that the restoration of the penitent is not just for his or her benefit but also for the community at large – to become a sign of God's compassion and thereby encourage others to 'return to you'. Another way of putting this is to say that an abiding sign of a restored and right relationship with God is that one becomes (again) God's disciple or servant, advancing and not impeding God's work of salvation.'

When reading the editorial, some may find difficulty with the notion of "a sinner was I conceived", the idea of a new born child being a 'sinner'! Yes, I agree too! Perhaps we should note that Psalm 50 is a personal reflection of a King after he committed adultery and murder. His words seem exaggerated! Also we may reflect that we humans were born into a not-so-perfect world – pollution, disharmony between the elements and human beings e.g. earthquake, flood, typhoon... the seeds of sins and evils are already there when we were born! Alternatively we can reflect on Catholic teaching on original sin.

Biblical Trivia:

1. Psalm 50 is also known as the great act of contrition, the *Miserere*. It is one of the 7 penitential psalms in the Psalter. Psalm 50 appears on most Fridays of the Morning Prayer of the Church.
2. *Why are Psalms numbered differently?* You might notice that there are 2 numbers for the *Miserere* Psalm (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36Y_ztEW1NE). If we look on a Catholic Bible on Psalm 50, we won't find the words there. Instead they are found on the next Psalm – Ps. 51. There are two ways of numbering the Psalms: the Hebrew Masoretic version and the Greek – Septuagint version (Catholic version). Both versions are in circulation; we, Catholics use both systems. That is why you see references like Psalm 50 (51); Psalm 22 (23).

The first time numbering varies when the Hebrew psalms 9 and 10 are joined as the Greek psalm 9 which causes the Greek numbers to be one less than the Hebrew numbers for most of the 150 psalms. That is why the Hebrew Shepherd Psalm 23 gets number 22 in Greek numbering. Or the *Miserere* Psalm 50 gets number 51 in Hebrew version. Clear as mud!

3. Bathsheba is the mother of King Solomon.

Actions of the Week

- Pray with Psalm 50 once or twice this week
- Listen and pray Psalm 50 on *youtube* (Taize version) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-RF6rBcah8>
Source: <http://liturgyhelp.com.au/>

Lenten Reconciliation Services:

Second Rite – Communal Rite followed by Individual Confessions:

❖	Saturday 28 th March	10.00am	St Bernadette's Church
❖	Tuesday 31 st March	7.30pm	Mary Immaculate Church

First Reconciliations: The children in our three Parish schools will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week at each of our churches. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Practices for Easter Ceremonies 2015: Tuesday 31st March at 7.30 pm at Mother of God Church. Looking forward to familiar faces and new faces most welcome. - Isma 9497 2322; Isma.chiera@gmail.com

Mary Immaculate School Family Mass Preps & Grade 6 on Sunday 22 March:

We welcome the children from Preps and Grade 6 from Mary Immaculate School, and their families who have come to be with them at 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 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

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee: Friday 27th March from 10.00am at 10 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe
Speaker: Michael Negri Topic: "Make a Wish". Trading Table has items for possible gifts at a later date.

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 3.00pm. 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

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

Parish Working Bee Saturday 18 April - 8 am - 12 Noon: Our working bees are not onerous; the cuppa and chat always make it well worthwhile! If you can spare an hour or two or more with many parishioners and school families as possible, you are invited to come and help the Parish in this most practical way. Mostly a garden clean up around the Parish Office, Hall and Mary Immaculate Church, and any other small jobs that can be easily done! BYO gloves, secateurs and/or weeding fork for the garden clean up. Any other gardening / pruning / cleaning equipment you can bring will be most welcome! Morning tea will be provided.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Sunday 22 March	9.00am	Mass & Mary Immaculate School P & Gr 6	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 24 March	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Grade 3/4O	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 24 March	11.00am	Mother of God School	First Reconciliation Mother of God School
Tuesday 24 March	6.30pm	St Bernadette's School	First Reconciliation St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 24 March	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lenten Lecture 3	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 25 Mar	9.15am	Mary Immaculate School	First Reconciliation Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 26 March	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate P.S. Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Friday 27 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grade 1/2A	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 27 March		Stations of the Cross after Mass	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 28 March	10.00am	Lenten Reconciliation – 2nd Rite	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 31 March	7.30pm	Lenten Reconciliation – 2nd Rite	Mary Immaculate Church

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.

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.

19th Annual Melbourne Passion Play: Sunday 29 March, 1.30pm at Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster
Come along to witness this amazing and moving re-enactment of Christ's Passion and death. Every year this Passion play, set in the beautiful surrounds of Ruffey Lake Park, is hugely popular. Come along and experience this event for yourself! Entry is absolutely free. **Details:** 0409 965 965 or www.passionplay.info

Solo Catholics Pizza Night: Friday 27 March, 7pm, 74–76 Kingsway, Glen Waverley. Come along and enjoy a fun night out with other single Catholics. Solo Catholics is a social group in age range of 45 to 70 which has been going for 45 years. We welcome those who are interested in meeting others. **Details:** Peter 0418 502 297

ANZAC Commemoration Services:



- **Commemoration Ceremony and Wreath-laying Service.** Sunday 19th April at 2.30pm. March from Ivanhoe Library Car Park to Soldiers' Memorial, Studley Rd, Ivanhoe for Commemoration Ceremony and Wreath-Laying. Refreshments and Afternoon Tea available in Ivanhoe RSL Club Rooms. Transport available for Disabled & Elderly Veterans: 9499 2051
- **ANZAC Commemoration Mass:** 6.30pm Mass Saturday 25th April at St Bernadette's Church

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.

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: 28 – 29 March 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Gray

Special Ministers

Sister Carmel, B. Jowett

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

G. McAllister

Reader

J. Pidutti

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti

R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

A. Tosolini

Special Ministers

D. Ervin, M. Chin, G. Reardon

Altar Society:

J. Mancini

Choir Coordinator: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$2,120.00 Loose cash: \$655.95

Total: \$2,775.95

Second Collection – Presbytery:

Total: \$1,099.75