



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. 13

28 – 29 March 2015

PALM SUNDAY: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:



Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: * Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- V. 1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**
- V. 2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**
- V. 3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**
- V. 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: God of mercy and compassion: Hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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 Huan Van Nguyen, Muoi Viet Nguyen and Mary O'Bryan who died recently. We also remember Armida Pascolo, Feliciana Torcasio and Gino Ranalletta whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 23 March: St Turibius

Tues 24 March: St Catherine of Sweden

Wed 25 March: Annunciation

Thurs 26 March: St Margaret Clitherow

Fri 27 March: St John of Egypt

Sat 28 March: St Sixtus III

Next Week's Readings: Easter Sunday - Year B

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

From the desk of Fr Thang:

Holy Week and Easter

2015 Lenten journey is coming to an end, and our hearts and minds turn to the journey through Holy Week to Easter. The liturgy this week is not afraid of tragedy and scandal. It makes us live the hour of Jesus, that Hour at once dark and glorious for which he said he had come. It is the week in which the unrepeated events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord took place.

Palm / Passion Sunday

Palms are blessed. With the Hebrew children, we, as a local church, take part in the prophetic entrance of Christ as he enters Jerusalem. Later in the Mass, we listen to the sombre story of Jesus' passion (trial and death). This year we listen to the Passion of our Lord according to Mark. The evangelist exaggeratedly presents the disciples much worse than they really are: betrayal, deserted, denial, failing to understand Jesus' mission... "Mark often presents them as failure and in the end the women disciples, who are much as disciples as the men are, they also fail. Failure is at the heart of Christian life, ability to live a balance 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." (*Fr Frank Moloney SDB at eConference on Mark Gospel 2012*) This is really encouraging!

The Easter Triduum in Brief

Holy Thursday – The Lord's Last Supper

In Brief: The evening Mass was developed and celebrated by 10th century; commemorate the Last Supper of our Lord; washing of the feet was included by the middle of 5th century; also known as Maundy Thursday – Maundy [English], *mandatum* [Latin] – command recalling the Lord's command at the Last Supper to 'do this in memory of me', or the command expressed in washing each other's feet as sign of mutual service; the stripping of altar cloths symbolised the stripping of Christ at his passion.

Scriptural quote: 'Do you understand' he said 'what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am. If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you.' *Jn 13:13-15*

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

In Brief: The celebration takes place at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the time when Christ died on the Cross. The celebration of Good Friday is not done in the form of a Mass due to the ancient tradition of fasting. The celebration includes the proclamation of the Passion from Gospel of John, the veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

At the end of the Liturgy of Word are the general intercessions which are the propitious moment to pray for the important and pressing needs of the Church and the whole world. As St. Teresa of Avila would say: "when the world is on fire, we cannot pray for little things."

Holy Communion: Good Friday Holy Communion has a particular significance. It stresses our union with Christ whose body was pierced, broken for us, on the cross. Our union with him is a sharing in his suffering and death, before it becomes a sharing in his glorious resurrection.

Action to do at the ceremony: Spend sometimes praying in silence with the crucified Christ.

Holy Saturday and Easter

An ancient homily on Holy Saturday reads: "Something strange is happening - There is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh." Basically we wait at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The spirit of Holy Saturday is magnificently captured by the concluding chorus of Johann Sebastian Bach's Passion according to St Matthew: "We sit by your grave with tears on our eyes, and to you we whisper: have a restful sleep, have a restful sleep."

Easter Vigil – The mother of all vigils

St. Augustine beautifully writes: "While we keep vigil on this night during which we recall to mind the burial of our Lord, we want our vigil to coincide with the time when he slept for us. Thus in the very night when he slept we keep vigil. During the time of his sleep we solemnize a vigil, so that when finally we have arisen for the eternal vigils, he may keep vigil for us".

The Easter vigil is arranged in four parts: the service of light, the liturgy of the word, the liturgy of baptism and renewal of baptismal vows, and the liturgy of the Eucharist. The central parts of the entire celebration are the baptismal and Eucharistic liturgy. While the season of Lent centered on the word of God for conversion, penance, and preparation for baptism, Easter centers on the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist.

Acclamation: Christ our light!

Sources: Anscar J. Chupungco, OSB, *Liturgy and Spirituality of the Holy Week*, catholicdlc.org.hk/holyweek.doc
Adolf Adam, *The Liturgical Year*, Liturgical Press, 1990, ch. 3 Universalis

Lenten Reconciliation Service: Second Rite – Communal Rite followed by Individual Confessions

❖ Tuesday 31st March

7.30pm

Mary Immaculate Church

Communion Service at Mother of God Church Tuesday 31 March 2015:

Please note that there will be a Communion Service on Tuesday 31 March at 9.15am at Mother of God Church since I will be in attendance at the Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. I thank all concerned who prepare the church and lead the Communion Service for our local church community. – **Fr Thang**

Project Compassion: Boxes and Lenten share packs need to be returned **no later than Sunday 5 April.**



The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe celebrates Holy Week and Easter:

Children are welcome to come to the various liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Children, including those preparing for their First Eucharist, are invited to join in the procession at the end of the Mass on Holy Thursday. Altar servers are needed on every occasion and Fr. Thang will be pleased to talk to you.

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

Bible study with our Uniting Church friends: This week we gather at 10.30am on Wednesday, 1st April, at the Uniting Church, Seddon St, Ivanhoe. Everyone welcome - just bring your own bible. (Merle 9497 1691)

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. – Merle 9497 1691

Ecumenical Walk of Witness Good Friday 3rd April: Begins at East Ivanhoe Uniting Church and concludes at Mother of God Church where tea, coffee and Hot Cross buns will be available after the Walk of Witness.

Outreach Social Afternoon on Wednesday 1st April from 12.00 -3.00pm at Mother of God Church foyer.

Stop Press - Christmas in July with Outreach: We are considering Bus Trip / Christmas Wednesday, 8th July which includes Morning tea in Ballan, 3-course Christmas lunch at Midlands Golf Club in Ballarat, medley of songs of various styles, old and modern, surprises and games, and a visit to Ballarat War Memorial prior to departing Ballarat. **Cost:** \$65 p.p. Departure from MI in Waverley Ave 9.00am & return to MI about 5pm. Start planning, invite your friends and finalise your booking - payment by June 30. **Bookings:** Sue 9499 1485 and Helen 9499 7793. We will have a 48 seater bus and hope to welcome more than the minimum of 35 people.

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, as well as 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.

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

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Tuesday 31 March	9.15am	Communion Service	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 31 March	7.30pm	Lenten Reconciliation – 2nd Rite	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 1 April	12 – 3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	Mother of God Church foyer
Thursday 2 April	8.00pm	Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 3 April	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 3 April	3.00pm	Good Friday – Passion of the Lord	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 4 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 4 April	<u>7.30pm</u>	Easter Vigil Mass	Mother of God 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.*

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee and Asylum Seeker:

Since our last request we have trained a further 22 volunteers to work in the schools assisting the Refugee and Asylum Seeker students. We now have 150 volunteers working in schools and our 3 adult programs. The majority of these volunteers have come through the advertising in parish newsletters.

Mercy Connect Project Melbourne– Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not necessarily limited to retired, casual and part-time teachers; those interested are encouraged to apply. Interview process will be in May followed by a Training Day early in June. There will be training days for all volunteers and support will be available on a regular basis. Our next Training Day is on Thursday 4th June.

We are currently recruiting volunteers for the second half of the year to work in one of the 34, Primary, Secondary, Catholic and Government Schools where we are placed, or with one of the Adult Asylum Seeker Language Groups in Sunshine, Dandenong and North Melbourne. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. **Contact details:** Mercy Connect Project Melbourne 9326 1895; Website: www.mercyworks.org.au or email: somml@bigpond.com

Blueprint Workshop Day for Youth Ministers: Saturday 18 April, 10am–4.30pm

Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Blueprint is a workshop day offered by the Archdiocesan Office for Youth, designed to support people working or volunteering in youth ministry. Blueprint April 2015 will focus on equipping new leaders and those looking to start in youth ministry with skills and practical training to assist them in evangelising young people. The day includes a keynote presentation from Bishop Mark Edwards, workshop options, Mass, and great networking opportunities. All youth leaders are welcome to attend. There is no cost and lunch is provided. Registration online is essential. **Registration:** www.trybooking.com/HGUD **Details:** aoy@cam.org.au or 9287 5565

Annual Mission Concert:

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 19 April at St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Rd, Kew. Concert starts at 2pm and stars Mike Brady. Free Admission. During the concert there will be a collection with proceeds will go to assist the missions.

Catholic War Veterans' Association:

The Catholic War Veterans' Association holds a Commemorative Mass each ANZAC Day rotating around the Catholic parishes of the Yarra and Booroondara Deaneries. This year is the 100th Anniversary of the landing of Australian troops at ANZAC Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Veterans, family, friends and parishioners are invited to 2015 Mass at 8.00am on Saturday 25th April, St Gregory's the Great, 71 Williamson Rd, Doncaster.

Mass for Expectant Mothers and their Families:

Sunday 31 May, 11.00am St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

The Life, Marriage and Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition. **RSVP:** Friday 22 May **Details:** 9287 5587

Registration: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or lmf@cam.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 4 – 5 April 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector **Special Ministers**

By arrangement By arrangement

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

By arrangement **Reader** **Mass Coordinators**

By arrangement By arrangement M. Gilbo

Counters

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan **Lector** **Special Ministers**

By arrangement By arrangement By arrangement

Altar Society: By arrangement **Choir Coordinator:** By arrangement

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,498.00 Loose cash: \$695.65

Total: \$2,193.65

Second Collection – Presbytery:

Total: \$ 973.30