



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. 14

4 – 5 April 2015

EASTER SUNDAY: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

V. 1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

V. 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**

V. 3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Risen Lord: **Hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

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 Rosina Murdocca and Dũng Tri Pham who died recently. We also remember Felix Tan whose anniversary occurs at this time, and the month anniversary of Carmela Trovato. May they rest in peace.

Mass Counts: There will be Mass Counts at the Easter Vigil and at each Mass on Sunday morning

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 6 April: St Celestine I

Tues 7 April: St John Baptist de la Salle

Wed 8 April: St Julia Billart

Thurs 9 April: St Mary of Egypt

Fri 10 April: St Terence

Sat 11 April: St Stanislaus

Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday after Easter (Divine Mercy) - Year B

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31



We wish all parishioners, families, friends and visitors a Happy and a Blessed Easter.

- Fr Thang, Pastoral Leadership Team and all at the Parish Office

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“Life wasn’t meant to be easy, my child, but take courage: it can be delightful.”
Malcolm Fraser, former Prime Minister (1930-2015)

That could be a sentiment experienced by us, Christians, who participated in the 2015 Easter Triduum of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. The life of a person, fully man and fully God, was not meant to be easy for Jesus. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews succinctly summarises of Jesus’ earthly life: “During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.” (*Hebrews 5:7-9*)

In Mark’s gospel, after patiently instructing his disciples on his mission, and three times having predicted his passion, Jesus courageously took God’s mission of love to the heart of Judaism, Jerusalem, and entered his passion. The late American biblical scholar Fr Raymond Brown put it beautifully, “abandoned by his disciples, betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, accused of blasphemy by the priests, rejected in favour of a murderer by the crowd, mocked by the Sanhedrin and by Roman troops and by all who came to the cross, surrounded by darkness, and seemingly forsaken by his God,” (*A Crucified Christ in Holy Week*, Liturgical Press, 1986, p32) Jesus entered willingly and courageously into his passion. However, before his passion, Jesus also consoled his fearful disciples perhaps in stronger words than Mr Fraser famously had said: “In the world, you will have tribulation. But take courage; I have conquered the world!” (John 16:33) This is really encouraging!

“He has risen; he is not here.” (Mark 16:6) These are delightful words, heralded to the women at the tomb. This message once again is presented to each one of us today. Through the Paschal Mystery of our Lord we have been given a wonderful life. That wonderful, awesome life which Christ has offered and called to each one of us to walk with him in newness of life, is done through our renewal of baptismal promises: Do we renounce sin, so to live in the freedom of the children of God? Do we believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? Do we believe in Jesus, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? And do we believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting? After that I will use the **warm** holy water to sprinkle the worshipping community which reminds us of our baptism, dignity, and our place in God’s family. Remember it is the **warm** holy water!

Let’s thank God for everything that he has done in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. So “hold up our limp arm and steady our trembling knees, and smooth out the path we tread, then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.” (*Hebrews 12:12-13*)

Christ is risen Alleluia! He is truly risen Alleluia!

Happy Easter 2015 everyone!

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 4 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 11 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Monday 13 April		School Term 2 commences	
Monday 13 April	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 14 April	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 15 April	7.30pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	St John’s Heidelberg
Wednesday 15 April	7.00pm	Confirmation Catechist Class 1	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 16 April		St Bernadette’s School Feast Day	
Thursday 16 April	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee Meeting	

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.



Sincere thanks to all who prepared, facilitated and participated in the respective liturgies during Holy Week and Easter - those who provided service and commitment to our parish both in a public manner and behind the scenes over many weeks, months and years. We recognise and thank all concerned in our parish for their talents, expertise, commitment and time to provide meaningful liturgies for our parish and service on a regular basis which include Liturgy Group, sacristans, choir, Altar / Church Decorators, altar servers, Lectors, Special Ministers, Communion to the Sick, Multimedia, website, collectors... – **Fr Thang**

Thank you:

We sincerely thank Fr Len Thomas who celebrates Mass with us at St Bernadette's Church on Easter Sunday. We also thank Fr Len and Fr Wayne Edwards for being with us for First Reconciliations for the schools over recent weeks and the parish Lenten Reconciliation Service last Tuesday evening. We are grateful to the priests who support our parish in a variety of ways, as well as giving generously in both their time and spirit. – **Fr Thang**

Project Compassion 2015: Project Compassion contributions need to be returned Easter weekend or no later than 17th April. If **receipt is required, please fill in details on box lids or back of envelopes**. Receipts are only issued when returns are processed and completed before sending to Caritas. – Ruth

Divine Mercy Sunday at the Parish of Ss Peter & Paul's, Doncaster East: The Parish of Ss Peter & Paul's extends a warm invitation to all to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, 12th April at Ss Peter & Paul's Parish, 23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East. Information, please contact Nadia in the Parish Office on 9842 1480

Outreach 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 per person. Departure 9.00am from Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe and return about 5.00pm AT Mary Immaculate. Start planning, invite your friends and finalise your booking - payment is needed by 30 June. Bookings: Sue 9499 1485 and Helen 9499 7793. We'll have a 48 seater bus & hope to welcome more than minimum 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

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugees and Asylum Seekers:

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

Casual Youth Minister: Doncaster Parish is seeking to employ a Casual Youth Minister and would love to speak with anyone who might be interested in this work. To make an application: Please send a résumé with referees to the Parish Priest at doncaster@cam.org.au by 10 April 2015. Enquiries before application can be addressed to Sharon on 9846 8657 or to Monsignor Tony on 9848 2395.

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

Retreat Day at Passionist Community Holy Cross Centre: Thursday 23rd April from 9.30am – 3.00pm

During days of reflection there will be opportunities offered for Prayer / meditation, Mass (day time only), silence / solitude, small group sharing (optional) and Anointing. Tea and coffee provided, bring own lunch. Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Rd, (corner Smith's Rd), Templestowe. Phone: 9846 6014

You are invited to support Holy Cross Centre according to your means with suggested donation \$20 - \$25

Workshop: The Grief of Bereavement – Companionship the Bereaved:

Thursday 23 April, 9.30am–3.30pm

Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville

Loss and Spirituality are intimately entwined. When loss or change comes we are often unprepared. The focus of this workshop will be: exploring the nature of grief in a Christian context; understanding how the type of attachment to the deceased person influences the grief response; being with the bereaved and the role of compassion; importance of self-awareness and self-care. Participants will be enabled, through discussion, case studies and the support of music, to reflect on their own experience of grief. Facilitated by Marea Richardson, a Registered Guided Imagery and Music Therapist (Music Psychotherapy), Accredited Grief and Loss Counsellor (NALAG) and Spiritual Director working at Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality in Kew. Cost: \$25
Registration: Complete booking form available from Parish Office and submit to Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation by Thursday 16 April Details: Johanna Carroll 9926 5765 or email: ministry@cam.org.au.

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 at St Gregory's the Great, 71 Williamson Rd, Doncaster.

St Patrick's Cathedral Choral Scholarships 2016:

Cathedral Choir Scholarships are available for boys entering Year 5 in 2016. Applications close 15 May and auditions at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 23 May. Applications available online: www.stkevins.vic.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 11 – 12 April 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

J. Gray, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

K. Bator

Reader

J. McCormack

Mass Coordinators

J. Costa

Counters

P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

A. Tosolini

Special Ministers

F. Tosolini, B. Dolzan, A. Moloney

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: P. Verrocchi

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,596.00 Loose cash: \$628.55

Total: \$2,224.55

Second Collection – Presbytery:

Total: \$ 987.25

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