



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. 16

18 – 19 April 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your face shine on us.

- V. 1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**
V. 2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**
V. 3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**
V. 4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: With Easter hope we pray: Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, 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 Ann McCrohan who died recently. We also remember Tom Mullens, Mr A. and Mary Anthony, Felix Tan, Giovanni Sansone, Val Rankin and Karin West whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday after Easter Year B

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 20 April: St Beuno

Wed 22 April: St Theodore

Fri 24 April: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Tues 21 April: St Anselm

Thurs 23 April: St George

Sat 25 April: St Mark the Evangelist

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday after Easter - Year B

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

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.

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From the desk of Fr Thang: Season of Easter

Easter is so important that we cannot even begin to celebrate it adequately in one day. It takes eight days (Octave); it takes a week of weeks (7x7); it takes 50 days: a Pentecost. Each day of these 50 days is Easter. Notice that during this great season, Sundays are names "of Easter" rather than "after Easter". Easter, Ascension and Pentecost do not form three seasons. The Eastertide celebrates the three dimensions of Resurrection, Ascension, and the Coming down of the Spirit. Interestingly, Eastertide was the first liturgical season celebrated by the early Church. It had its origins in a Jewish feast that began at Passover and concluded with a celebration of the end of the harvest and the giving of the Law – Torah to Moses on Mt Sinai.

Eastertide is a great opportunity for us to look at our Christian roots. The spirituality of the Eastertide is shaped by the Acts of the Apostles. Each day at Mass, both Sundays and weekdays (except on the Feast Day of a Saint), we read from the *Acts*. One of the helpful descriptions of the Liturgical Year is simply this: "The Liturgical Year is the way we read Scripture.") The *Acts of the Apostles* help us rediscover our Christian identity.

What gives us our Christian identity? What makes a Christian different from anyone else? We do not dress differently from our neighbours. We do not use a special language. We acknowledge that other religions can lead men and women to God. What is it that makes us Christian? "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no 638) At the heart of our Christian identity is the belief that God has radically changed the universe in the birth, life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Acts of the Apostles (*Acts*) is used precisely because it shows us the experience of the early Church in its infancy. The author of *Acts* wants to show how the life and deeds of Jesus are continued in the life and deeds of the first disciples and are to be continued in the Church of our day.

During Eastertide, we read about the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the disciples, the account of Stephen's martyrdom, Paul's conversion, the service ministry (Deacons), and some miraculous escapes from prisons and riots. We learn about the first Church Council in Jerusalem, where a decision was made to accept non-Jews without requiring that they also become practising Jews. *Acts* continuously emphasises how faith in Christ is shared and supported through Christian communities. Through *Acts*, we learn where we were first called Christians – *followers of Christ*. The book of Acts gives us information about how Christians lived in the years after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension. We learn how the believers celebrated the Eucharist together and shared their belongings. We learn how the Gospel message was preached, first to Jews in the synagogues and later to non-Jews. We learn how travelling missionaries like Paul and his companions went on long journeys and suffered many hardships to form and support new groups of believers across the Roman Empire. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church went from a small community in Jerusalem to a movement spreading across the entire Roman Empire.

So a good way to enter into the spirit of this season is to read the whole of the *Acts of the Apostles*. As we read the *Acts* and hear the book proclaimed at Mass during this season, we ask ourselves: Is this our Church? Are we a healing Church? What has happened to our identity? Are we a forgiving Church? Are we a living, caring, and evolving Church? Do we struggle to follow the inspiration of the Spirit to adapt the message of Jesus to the needs of our day? What are our missions? And so on.

This is the message of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. We are to find our roots; but more than that, we are to continue that great heritage into our own day. We read/listen to *Acts* not merely to be proud of our past, but to be challenged by the present. The bottom line is not: Does our Church have the most members? Does our Church have the most money? Does our Church have the most elaborate rituals? The bottom line is: Does our Church continue the saving, healing, and redeeming work of Jesus Christ? That is the challenge of Eastertide and the key to the spirituality of this liturgical season. The stories we read in Acts are not simply stories of long ago, not simply pictures in the family photo album. They are *our* story, they are *our* picture. Today, Jesus must rise in us. Today, Jesus heals and reconciles through us. Today, we must keep the story alive!

Sources: Adaptation from Fr Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M. "Spirituality of the Seasons: The Great 50 Days of Easter," St. Anthony Messenger, 102:12 (May, 1995) p 56.
The Catholic Youth Bible (1993), p 1265.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 18 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 19 April	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Prep – Grade 2	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 21 April	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Gr 3/4C	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 21 April	4.15pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 22 April	10.30am	Mass of Anointing and Blessing	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 22 April	10.30am	Mass & Mary Immaculate P.S. Grades 5/6	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 22 April	7.00pm	Confirmation Catechist Class 2	Mary Immaculate Hall
Friday 24 April	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grades 3/4MP	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 25 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 25 April	6.30pm	ANZAC Mass	St Bernadette's Church

Annual Collection for the Holy Lands on Good Friday:

Sincere thanks to all concerned for contributions to the Collection for the Holy Lands which totalled \$844.00

Project Compassion 2015: Project Compassion contributions need to be returned no later than 17th April.

If a **receipt is required, please fill in details on box lids or back of envelopes** before their return. Receipts are only issued when returns are processed and completed before sending to Caritas. – Ruth

Thank you from Fr Thang:

I would like to thank parishioners for cards, best wishes and gifts received in this Easter season which have been much appreciated. Sincere thanks to all parishioners, families and schools in the parish community at this time.

Mother of God School Family Mass Sunday 19th April: We welcome the children and their families from Junior Grades (Prep – 2) Mother of God School who have come to the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

Thank you: We sincerely thank Fr Peter Carrucan who will celebrate the 9.15am Mass at Mother of God on Tuesday 21 April for parishioners and Mother of God School Grade 3/4C. – **Fr Thang**



Mass of Anointing and Blessing - Wednesday 22nd April at Mary Immaculate Church:

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Wednesday 22nd April at 10.30am at Mary Immaculate Church. Morning Tea will be available after Mass in the Parish Office. Sue 9499 1485

Please note: There will be no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 22nd April at Mary Immaculate

Feedback about Holy Week and Easter liturgies:

The Liturgy Group invites you to provide feedback concerning Easter Triduum liturgies – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. Comments and responses are most welcome and can be provided through ‘Your View’ on the parish website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com; parish email: catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com, or speak to Fr. Thang or Liturgy Group members: Fiona Tosolini, John Costa, Isma Chiera, Sue Kelly, Anita Moloney or Merle 9497 1691 (merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au).

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee.

Friday, 24th April, 10am at 10 Donaldson St. Ivanhoe.

The speaker, Melissa Baulch, will speak about a most appropriate topic - The Shrine of Remembrance.

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 and Elderly Veterans: 9499 2051

Please Note: ANZAC Commemoration Mass at 6.30pm on Saturday 25th April at St Bernadette’s Church

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. On 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.

Church Music Panel Discussion: At the Crossroads Again?

Monday 20 April, 6.30 - 8pm at St Paul’s Cathedral, Corner Flinders and Swanston Sts, Melbourne. Come along and hear an insightful discussion about church music. This event is free and open to all with an interest in church music.

The panel will consist of musicians and theologians and will be chaired by Peter Sherlock, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Divinity which include: Paul Taylor, Acting Director of Music, St Patrick’s Cathedral; Peter Carolane, musician, theologian, Minister, Merri Creek Anglican Church; Dorothy Lee, Dean of Trinity Theological School; Fay Magee, musician, theologian and teacher based in country Victoria and Andrew Reid, Director, Royal School of Church Music, U.K. Questions from the floor are welcome, and hymns and songs will be sung by all. **Registration and details:** Marion Dewar on 5662 4432 or imdewar@dcsi.net.au

Celebration of 500th Anniversary of St Teresa of Avila:

Renowned theologian, historian & scholar of mysticism. **Lecture:** Wednesday 29 April, St Teresa of Avila, The Contemplative in Action. Speaker Professor Bernard McGinn at Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne 7-9pm & **Interactive Workshop:** Friday 1 May at Carmelite Centre, 214 Richardson St, Middle Park from 10am – 12 noon. Teresa of Avila **Symposium** 21-23 May. Contact Carmelite Centre: 9690 5430

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. We'll have a 48 seater bus & hope to welcome more than minimum 35 people. **Bookings:** Sue 9499 1485 and Helen 9499 7793

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

The Family Care Sisters: The Family Care Sisters facility at Croydon, offers holistic care to all women (aged 20-70 years) who are in need of a peaceful environment, 'time out', support or nurturing. Our residential program operates each week, Monday-Friday (Feb - mid-Dec). A daily group session is held on topics such as 'relaxation', 'well-being', 'self-awareness', 'boundaries', etc. Cost: \$150 (which can be paid in instalments). For further information or to book in, please contact us on: Phone 9723 6797
Web: www.familycaresisters.com.au Email: resthome.familycare@bigpond.com

Invitation from St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe: Saturday 2 May at 7.00pm

Templestowe parish invites you for a night of discussion on: Asylum seekers who arrive unauthorised by boat. St Kevin's Templestowe offers you a chance for new insights. Guest speakers are Dana Affleck, law student who established 'A Road to Refuge' an interactive website and Aran Mylvaganam – a refugee from Sri Lanka. Venue: 7.00pm at St Kevin's Primary School, 26-44 Herlihy's Rd, Lower Templestowe

Reasons for Hope: A conversation between two Franciscan bishops on finding the Good News in the Faith and Lives of Ordinary People on Thursday 14 May, 7 - 9pm | All Saints Church (174 Brunswick St, Fitzroy) - A conversation between two Franciscan bishops on 'finding the Good News in the faith and lives of ordinary people'. Cardinal Wilfrid Napier OFM is Archbishop of Durban, South Africa who was appointed by Pope Francis as one of the Presidents of the 2015 Synod on the Family. He will be interviewed by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. Also features music by the Vietnamese Choir of Melbourne. Please RSVP to both events by contacting the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.or.au.

2015 Knox Public Lecture: Treasures Old and New: Monday 25 May, 7.30pm at Catholic Leadership Centre, corner Victoria Parade and Hoddle St, East Melbourne. Professor Therese D'Orsa is a Catholic missiologist and educational leader who has taught in primary, secondary and tertiary settings. She will be speaking on 'Treasures Old and New: Catholic Education Fifty Years on from Vatican II.' The respondents will be Ms Kate Fogarty, Principal of Assumption College, Kilmore, and Bishop Mark Edwards, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. **RSVP:** Wednesday 20 May **Details:** jill.allen@ctc.edu.au or 9412 3304

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 25 – 26 April 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** S. Moorhen **Special Ministers** Sister Carmel, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** M. Ballao **Reader** S. Elliott **Mass Coordinators** M. Gilbo **Counters** M. Rocco, P. Shannon

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** M. Hoban **Lector** J. Hodge **Special Ministers** B. / S. Janus, B. Dolzan, M. Chin
Altar Society: I. Chiera **Choir Coordinator:** M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,523.00 Loose cash: \$433.40 **Total: \$1,956.40**
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