



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. 18

2 – 3 May 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

- V. 1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**
- V. 2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**
- V. 3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord, that we will live in your love: **Lord hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Marty Brown, 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 Claire Kerin (mother of Fr Tony Kerin) who died recently. We also remember Onorina Renzella whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES RITE OF ENROLMENT



Parishioners Statement of Support:

We believe in the life of God's Spirit so much that we want to welcome you further into this community. We believe in the Mission of Jesus Christ and are ready to support you as you prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation Candidates:

I commit myself to join as fully as possible in the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Spirit of God be with me and all those who help me prepare, especially my parents and family, and those responsible for this programme.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

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.

From the desk of Fr Thang: Scripture in focus – Pruning (John Chapter 15)

“Every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.” V2

Horticultural processes of trimming and pruning are incredibly nurturing actions. They are removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season.

“You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.” V3

Spiritual trimming and pruning are brought about by Jesus’ teaching. Jesus’ words of truth are the means of trimming and pruning away what are useless and unproductive. Cleansing was already used, significantly at the washing of the disciples’ feet.

Sister Veronica RSM reflects “pruning” can take various forms:

‘A chance encounter, a sudden inspiration, a word from a friend, an unexpected illness, a confronting story: any such experience can bring us to our senses and serve as a “pruning” device. The first reading for today recounts the story of Saul of Tarsus who is “pruned” quite dramatically through his encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus. He is transformed from persecutor to defender of Christ and Christ’s followers. Saul “bears much fruit” and becomes a disciple. The Greek-speaking Christian Jews are suspicious, even murderous, when he tries to preach the gospel among them. It is worth reflecting on the cultural diversity that characterised earliest Christianity and the tensions that had to be resolved between different language groups or groups of different ethnic origin for the gospel to flourish and bear fruit. John’s gospel is written against the backdrop of such “pruning within the early communities. Sometimes the requisite “pruning” is respectfully hearing a point of view that differs from one’s own.’

Greg Sunter from *LiturgyHelp.com.au* brings close to home the actions of pruning and trimming:

Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to ‘prune’ our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish.

Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

Living the Gospel – Bearing fruit

The vinedresser cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do I bear fruit? When I strive to reach my fullest potential in whatever I do, I bear fruit. When I act out of motivation for the other person rather than myself, I bear fruit. When I strive to bring about the reign of God in my small part of the world, I bear fruit. Sometimes I too need to have some of my thoughts and actions pruned so that I might better bear the fruit that I am truly capable of producing.

Linking with the world of Movies

In *Karate Kid* (1984) when the young boy, Daniel (Ralph Macchio), is introduced to the art of bonsai by Mr Miyagi (the late Pat Morita). He is told to close his eyes, imagine a perfect shape and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential.

Something to ponder: What aspects of my life need a little pruning so that I might bear more fruit?
How am I able to do some pruning for others in positive and sensitive way?

Action response:

Make one branch in my life for cutting, another for trimming. Get rid of the old self, make way for the new.

Resources: <http://catholicreligiousaustralia.org.au/>; *LiturgyHelp.com.au* (adaptation)

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 2 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 2 May & Sunday 3 May		Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation candidates	All parish churches
Monday 4 May	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 5 May	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Prep	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 5 May	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 6 May	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate P.S. P, 1/2H & 1/2R	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 6 May	7.00pm	Confirmation Catechist Class 4	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 6 May	8.00pm	Ivanhoe Churches Together	Baptist Church, Ivanhoe
Thursday 7 May	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Friday 8 May	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette’s P.S. Grades 3/4C	St Bernadette’s Church
Saturday 9 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church



Confirmation Rite of Enrolment 2 & 3 May 2015:

We welcome children from the parish schools and parish catechist programme who have come to parish Masses this weekend for the Confirmation Rite of Enrolment as part of their preparation for Confirmation on Sunday 31 May at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Confirmation posters: Enrolment posters will be displayed in each church so that the Confirmation candidates and their families can be remembered in our prayers as they prepare for Confirmation. Parishioners are invited to write their names on bottom section of posters as those who will keep the children in their prayers. After Confirmation, posters will be returned to the children as a memento of their Rite of Enrolment.

Mother of God School Mass and School Open Day Sunday 3rd May:

We welcome children and their families from Mother of God School who have come to the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church this Sunday. There is an Open Day for the school and wider community from 11.00am – 1.00pm. Morning Tea will be served in the Marian Centre. Enrolments for 2016 now accepted.

Confirmation: Our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 31st May at 2.30 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral and, again, we have the opportunity to support them in this important step in their faith journey by forming the choir. If you have been with us in other years, we hope you can join in again. But, to fill that big space in the cathedral we need many voices, not opera singers but willing ones, so please think if you can be one of them. Put the date in your diary now and watch here in the next week or so for the times and locations of the practices. Merle: 9497 1691 or email: merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

Parish Strategy Review

We would like to thank all participants of the Strategic Review Workshops held at Mother of God, Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette's in March. These have been written up after Easter and the results presented to the PLT. To recap: we are moving towards designing our infrastructure to meet our new Mission, which is to: **“Engage and serve our whole community, including children youth and families, to share faith, love and care”**.

The review workshops analysed the positives and negatives of each of our parish assets or buildings, as well as looking at some of the diverse groups and other assets we have. A key outcome was to frame the objectives any redesign must meet. In summary, these are that our buildings should be:

- Welcoming and inviting to all, including all ages, people of diverse faiths and those needing pastoral care
 - Accessible to all both by position and by physical layout
 - A visible presence and connection to the wider community
 - Well designed (in a large range of dimensions, including architectural, comfort, functionality, energy efficiency, etc.)
 - Convey what we stand for – our spirituality, facilitate spreading the word, have an outward or service focus
- And one church should be open during the day

Thanks – Sue Moorhen for the Pastoral Leadership Team (PLT)



Outreach Social Afternoon – Wednesday 6th May:

Our next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 6 May at 12.00pm at Mother of God Church foyer, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. Come for lunch, cards, scrabble, knitting or a chat with others. Everyone is invited and welcome. – Helen

Memorial Mass for Fr Barry King: Saturday 9 May, 2.00pm at Holy Name Church, East Preston
Fr Barry King was Parish Priest at St Joseph's, Northcote from 1977 – 1984. Fr Barry King died 30 March.

Looking Ahead: Winter Masses at St Bernadette's Church: Because the weather is getting darker and colder, there are concerns for and by those who walk to and from the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's who may be finding difficulties at this time of the year. We are wondering if an earlier Mass at 6.00pm would be helpful, or is it preferable to leave it at 6.30pm and ask for your opinion. ***Please fill in the slip below and return to St Bernadette's Church by Saturday 9 May or to the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe by Monday 10 May.***

2015 Winter Mass Time at St Bernadette's Church:

Change to 6.00pm

OR

Leave at 6.30pm

The **Exodus Community** has again selected a film which sounds really interesting. It is 'Woman in Gold', the story of Maria Altman, an octogenarian Jewish Refugee, who takes on the Austrian government to recover the artwork which she believes belongs to her family. Friday, 29th May, the Palace Theatre, Balwyn, 10.45 for an 11am start, to be followed by a light lunch. Cost: \$20 per ticket. Contact: Anne 9497 5153 or Jo 9850 7702

Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2015 – Sunday 17 May:

"We are with people at their most vulnerable time"- Catholic Chaplain

Every day in our Archdiocese, Chaplains visit hospital wards, walk through prisons and visit young people in detention. They are also present with those affected by mental illness and HIV/Aids, as well as supporting men and women working at sea. Catholic Chaplains are tangible signs of God's presence. They are the face of hope at times of greatest need, a healing presence, a kind and gentle ear. On Sunday 17 May, you are invited to donate to this important work in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, via the Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in your local parish. Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

Patients and their families in public hospitals	Those affected by mental illness
Men and women in Prisons	Young people in youth justice facilities
Seafarers	Info: The Development Office, 9926 5714

St Mary's House of Welcome Trivia Night: Friday 22 May, 5.30pm at St Brigid's Parish Hall, 378 Nicholson St, Fitzroy North. Join us for a fun-packed trivia night to raise funds for the support of the disadvantaged. The trivia night will be hosted by comedian Rod Quantock. Bring your own picnic or buy dinner from the Digging for Fire BBQ food truck. **Cost:** \$30 **Details and tickets:** 9417 7985 or zoe.lake@smhow.org.au

Dr Sr Mary Glowrey – Servant:

Parishioners are invited to a gathering on Tuesday 26th May from 7.00 – 9.00pm at St Gregory the Great Hall, 396 Manningham Rd, Doncaster. The parish of St Gregory the Great will host a speakers' evening on the life of Dr Sister Mary Glowrey who spent a large portion of her life tending the sick in India. The cause for her canonisation has been opened and she may become the second saint from Australia. There will be opportunities for questions after the presentations. The evening will commence with a light supper of pizza and drinks. To assist with catering please contact Parish Office by Friday 22 May - 9848 2395; email: Doncaster@cam.org.au.

Vaucluse College Reunion: Since there is no reunion in May 2015, the next Vaucluse College Reunion will be 15 November at Genazzano College, Cotham Rd Kew. **Details:** www.fcjsisters.org.au/vaucluse

This Week's Readings: 5th Sunday after Easter Year B

Acts 9:26-31	Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32	1 John 3:18-24	John 15:1-8
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Saint and Feast Days:

*Mon 4 May: English Martyrs
Wed 6 May: St Dominic Savio
Fri 8 May: St Victor*

*Tues 5 May: St Asaph
Thurs 7 May: St John Beverley
Sat 9 May: St Gregory*

Next Week's Readings: 6th Sunday after Easter - Year B

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	Psalm 97:1-4	1 John 4:7-10	John 15:9-17
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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 9 – 10 May 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

J. Gray, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

K. Bator

Reader

M. Napolitano

Mass Coordinators

J. Costa

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti

R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verocchi

Lector

A. Tosolini

Special Ministers

M. Pollard, G. Reardon, F. Tosolini

Altar Society:

I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,057.00 Loose cash: \$501.95

Total: \$1,558.95

Second Collection – Presbytery:

Total: \$ 798.55

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