



# 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. 20**

**16 – 17 May 2015**

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: YEAR B

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

- V. 1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**
- V. 2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**
- V. 3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** As we wait for the Spirit we pray: Lord hear our prayer

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Stuart King, 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 support those in need.

We remember those who have died recently. We remember Cecil Daley, Frank Greco and Elmo Pertile whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

### **Please note: Collections for Leaving Collections at each Mass:**

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections after Mass in each church this weekend for **Chaplaincy Appeal.** Please see notice in newsletter

**Archdiocesan Mass Census 2015:** Thank you to those taking Mass Counts at each Mass in our parish

### **This Week's Readings: The Ascension of the Lord - Year B**

**Acts 1:1-11** **Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9** **Ephesians 1:17-23** **Mark 16:15-20**

#### Saint and Feast Days:

*Mon 18 May: St Eric of Sweden*

*Wed 20 May: St Bernardine of Siena*

*Fri 22 May: St Rita*

*Tues 19 May: St Dunstan*

*Thurs 21 May: St Christopher*

*Sat 23 May: St William of Rochester*

### **Next Week's Readings: Pentecost Sunday - Year B**

**Acts 2:1-11** **Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34** **Galatians 5:16-25** **John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

## From the desk of Fr Thang: May Anecdotes Part II

### *Induction Service of the Reverend Stuart Gardiner – Vicar of St George’s Anglican Church, East Ivanhoe*

Last Wednesday night, I attended the Induction Service of Fr Stuart Gardiner as Vicar of St George’s Parish. This was the fourth time that I had participated in this kind of service. The Induction service marked the beginning of a new phase of ministry for Fr Gardiner and St George’s congregation. In the ceremony, Bishop Philip Huggins has effectively given Fr Gardiner a church building, a home (rectory) and the People of God at George’s. After the service, I and other local church leaders congratulated Fr Gardiner, his wife Gail and their children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those in our parish who have been/ are involved with Ivanhoe Ecumenical Activities such as Maundy Thursday, Richard McKinney Memorial Lectures (twice a year), Walk of Witness on Good Friday and Banyule Interfaith Mission. Let us pray for Fr Gardiner’s ministry and the People of God at St George’s.

### *An Autumn Welcome to Fr Lasber Sinaga, CICM*

On Saturday morning, Mr Chris Dixon – Chairperson of the Pastoral Leadership Team and I went to Melbourne Airport to welcome Fr Lasber Sinaga, CICM. Fr Sinaga is a priest of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (*Congregatio Immaculati Cordis Mariae*) which was founded in 1862 by the Belgian priest, Fr Theophiel Verbist (1823-1868). His congregation is now called CICM Missionaries. Fr Sinaga comes here to do further studies in Clinical Psychology at Cairnmillar Institute. Fr Sinaga will be staying at the back flat at the Parish Office. We welcome Fr Sinaga and pray for his stay with us here.

### *The Ascension of the Lord*

The last phase of the Easter Season is marked by the feasts of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost Sunday (next week). In Rome the feast of the Ascension was celebrated on 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday which was on Thursday. However, about 20 years ago, this feast has been moved to the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter in Australia and some other parts of the church. The Preface sets the purpose of this feast: Christ the mediator between God and the human race, judge of the world and Lord of all, has ascended, not to distance or abandon us but to be our hope. Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow.

During the week I went to Warringal Cemetery, blessed and buried the ashes of Mr and Mrs Curtain who died within a period of three months not long ago. I found the following Fr Rolheiser’s reflection helpful:

What does the Ascension mean?

Among other things, that the mystery of how we touch each other’s lives is strangely paradoxical in that the wondrous life-giving power of arriving, touching another’s life, speaking words that nurture, doing actions that build up, and giving life for another, depends also upon eventually leaving, being silent, absorbing rather than actively doing, and giving our goodbye and death just as we once gave our presence and our life. Presence depends too upon absence and there’s a blessing we can only give when we go away.

That’s why Jesus, when bidding farewell to his friends before his ascension, spoke these words: “It’s better for you that I go away.” “You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy.” “Don’t cling to me, go instead to Galilee and I will meet you there.”

How might we understand these words? How is it better that someone we love goes away? How can the sadness of a goodbye, of a painful leaving, turn to joy?

This is something that’s hard to explain, though we experience it daily in our lives. Allow me an example: When I was 22, in the space of four months, my father and mother died, both still young. For myself and my siblings, the pain of their deaths was searing. Initially, as with every major loss, what we felt was pain, severance, coldness, helplessness, a new vulnerability, the loss of a vital life-connection, and, the brutality and finality of something for which there is no preparation. There’s nothing warm, initially, in any loss, death, or painful goodbye.

Time is a great healer (*though there’s a lot more to this than simply what washes clean or is anaesthetized by the passage of time*). After a while, for me this took several years, I didn’t feel a coldness any more. My parents’ deaths were no longer a painful thing. Instead their absence turned into a warm presence, the heaviness gave way to a certain lightness of soul inside me, their seeming incapacity to speak to me now turned into a surprising new way of having their steady, constant word in my life, and the blessing that they were never able to fully give me while they were alive began to seep ever more deeply and irrevocably into the very core of my person. The same was true for my siblings. Our sadness turned to joy and we began to find our parents again, in a deeper way, in Galilee, namely, in those places where their spirits had flourished while they were alive. They had ascended and we were the better for it.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI ([http://liturgy.slu.edu/AscensionB2015/reflections\\_rolheiser.html](http://liturgy.slu.edu/AscensionB2015/reflections_rolheiser.html))

**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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### Archdiocesan Mass Census for the month of May 2015:

For the following weekends 16-17 May & 23-24 May all present (including children and babies) at Mass in each parish church will be counted as part of the Archdiocesan Mass Census 2015.

Census sheets are available in each church for use by counters for this purpose. Completed census sheets need to be returned to the Parish Office on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015. *Thank you for your assistance.*

### Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2015 – Sunday 17 May: *Letter from Bishop Vincent Long OFMConv*

Dear friends, Pope Francis recently declared the Holy Year of Mercy starting from December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He said: “This is the time of mercy. It is important that the lay faithful live it and bring it into different social environments. Go forth!” By his words and examples, Pope Francis gives us fresh impetus to show the Gospel of mercy to others, especially those who are in situations of great need.

In the Archdiocese of Melbourne, the works of mercy are increasingly carried out by lay Catholic Chaplains. I have had the privilege of ministering with them in places like hospitals, prisons, aged care facilities etc... They provide invaluable services to our brothers and sisters in need. But more importantly, they give crucial witness to our Catholic faith which affirms and celebrates the sacredness of every person in every stage of life.

Chaplaincy Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to commit ourselves to being the Church of Mercy. In the words of Pope Francis, “it must be a place of mercy where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel”. It is also an opportunity for us to support lay Catholic Chaplains who show the merciful face of God to patients, prisoners and others on our behalf. I urge you to contribute generously to the appeal so that the necessary works of the Church of Mercy may be sustained, for the sake of the least of Christ’s brothers and sisters. Yours in Christ,

+Bishop Vincent Long OFMConv  
Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Social Services

St Bernadette’s School Family Mass – Grades 5 & 6: We welcome the children and families from Grades 5 & 6 at St Bernadette’s School who have come to the 6.30pm Mass on 16<sup>th</sup> May at St Bernadette’s Church.

Mary Immaculate School Family Mass – Grades 1 & 2: We welcome the children and families from Grades 1 & 2 at Mary Immaculate School who have come to the 9.00am Mass, 17<sup>th</sup> May at Mary Immaculate Church.



Confirmation posters: Enrolment posters are displayed in each of our churches as our Confirmation candidates prepare for Confirmation. Parishioners are invited to write their names on bottom section of posters as those keeping the children in their prayers. After Confirmation on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, posters will be returned to the children as a memento of their Rite of Enrolment.

Our Confirmation Choir: Thanks to those who rugged up warmly and came to our first practice. Thanks to those who indicated their interest though unable to attend that time. **It’s by no means too late to come** if you can make it next Tuesday or the following one, or both, that is May 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 7.30-9.00pm at Mary Immaculate Church. Remember, the Confirmation ceremony will take place at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm and the cathedral is such a big space to fill with music. - Merle (9497 1691)

### Outreach Stop Press - Christmas in July with Outreach:

We are considering Bus Trip / Christmas Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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### **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

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Saturday 16 May	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 16 May	6.30pm	Mass & St Bernadette’s PS Family Mass 5&6	St Bernadette’s Church
Sunday 17 May	9.00am	Mass & Mary Immaculate Family Mass 1& 2	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 19 May	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Grades 5/6G	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 20 May	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate P.S, Grs 3/4C & H	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 20 May		Confirmation Retreat Day	Edmund Rice Centre, Amberley
Wednesday 20 May	7.30pm	St Bernadette’s P.S. Parents & Friends Meeting	St Bernadette’s School
Thursday 21 May	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee Meeting	
Saturday 23 May	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette’s Church

**Exodus Community:** Film: 'Woman in Gold' Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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

**Another eConference Broadcast live to our Parish & elsewhere - "Religion: Catalyst for violence or Peace?"**

Following several successful live eConferences in the past The Broken Bay Institute in NSW will broadcast another live interactive event to venues around Australia and other parts of the world, including our Hall behind Mary Immaculate Church on Tuesday 23 June, from 10:00am to 2:30 pm. Further details will be provided later. A light lunch will be offered (donation invited) so for catering purposes bookings are required. Contact John Costa, Merle Gilbo, members of the Liturgy and Outreach Groups, or the Parish Office.

**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)

**St Patrick's Cathedral Organ Recitals:**

The 4 manual Cathedral organ built by George Fincham & Sons in Richmond celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in November 2104. The organ was dedicated to those who had made the supreme sacrifice for their country, and Archbishop Mannix's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Episcopal Ordination in 6 October, 1962. To mark this anniversary and the Solemnities of Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi, organ recitals will be offered in the cathedral from 5.00 -5.45pm by organists on the following days:

- Saturday 30 May – Mr Dion Henman
- Saturday 6 June – Mr Thomas Grubb
- Saturday 13 June – Dr Paul Taylor, Acting Director of Music

Cost: \$10 (\$5 for pensioners)

Programs are displayed in each of our churches

**Life Hike 2015 – Great Ocean Walk Highlights:** Thursday 28 May through to Saturday 30 May

A most challenging and scenic route in the vicinity of Great Ocean Road. Contact Mary Collier, Right to Life Australia Office 9385 0100; or marycollier@righttolife.com.au. Online Registration: [www.righttolife.com.au](http://www.righttolife.com.au)

**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 23 – 24 May 2015**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

Sister Frances

**Special Ministers**

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

**MARY IMMACULATE:** Leader

Sunday 9.00am

E. Ballao

**Reader**

C. Nguyen

**Mass Coordinators**

M. Gilbo

**Counters**

P. & H. Nguyen

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

M. Hoban

**Lector**

M. Hoban

**Special Ministers**

A. Moloney, G. Crawford, B. Janus

**Altar Society:**

A. Moloney

**Choir Coordinator:** J. O'Brien

**First Collection – Thanksgiving:**

Envelopes: \$1,607.00 Loose cash: \$473.25

**Total: \$2,080.25**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:**

**Total: \$ 691.75**

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