



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

Parish Priest:	Fr. Thang Vu	63 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East	9499 5440 (after hours)
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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. 23

6 – 7 June 2015

CORPUS CHRISTI: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.**

- V. 1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
 The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**
- V. 2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
 Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **R.**
- V. 3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.
 My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Jesus, bread of life and cup of blessing: **Hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Amanda Rathjen, Christine Smith, Br. James Maher MSC, 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 Monsignor John Flynn, Giuse Hoang Van Vuong, Kathryn Lengyel, Luka Fulmizi, Sandro del Fabbro and Anise Mokdissi-Murr who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: Corpus Christi - Year B

Exodus 24:3-8	Psalm 115:12-13, 15-18	Hebrews 9:11-15	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
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Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 8 June: St William of York

Wed 10 June: St Ithamar

Fri 12 June: Sacred Heart

Tues 9 June: St Columba

Thurs 11 June: St Barnabas

Sat 13 June: Immaculate Heart of Mary, St Athony of Padua

Next Week's Readings: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Ezekiel 17:22-24	Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16	2 Corinthians 5:6-10	Mark 4:26-34
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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.

Personal Security: Unfortunately there have been times when handbags have been stolen from the church. It is suggested that your handbag remains with you during Mass to protect its contents.

Confirmation Reflections

Parish – Merle Gilbo

When the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 31st May for the Confirmation of their young parishioners, it was at least 15 years since the first time we included the young people from **all** three schools and those who prepare for this sacrament as members of the **catechist group** in a combined celebration. This year's was one of the biggest groups so, with sponsors, families and friends, the beautiful cathedral was comfortably crowded.

As always, the day had been very well prepared for over years. The children had been guided through their faith journey from 'Prep' to this important step - by family, school, and parish - and participated so fully in the Mass. The music was supplied by the 'ad hoc' parish choir, greatly enjoyed by all who took part and competently led by John Caddy as conductor and by organist, Dr Paul Taylor.

Archbishop Hart spoke to the children with real understanding of their generation. His concelebrants were Fr. Thang and Fr. Lasber, our guest from Indonesia, studying here in Melbourne. Cathedral servers and young people from Ivanhoe added to the ceremony by their quietly efficient service.

We thank God for this uplifting experience for the life in our parish and pray for the young people as take up their call to become welcome and needed adult members of our community.

Catechesis – Ruth Villani

Confirmation is one of three Sacraments of Initiation which also include Baptism and Eucharist. Sacraments may be understood as signs and symbols that point to a deeper reality in the life of the Church which demonstrate the love and presence of God who is with us at all times. In reference to sacraments, I have found the following most helpful: 'A sacrament is the symbol and sign which point to something beyond us. It is an outward sign which provides an inner meaning. It is a lived experience'.

Sacraments are received individually as part of a group which in our case includes children from three parish primary schools and the catechetics program offered and supported by the parish. Sacraments are received as part of immediate families, as well the faith communities in the local parish and wider church. Sacramental life continues in our daily lives through ongoing and lived experiences which grow in faith, witness and discipleship.

Confirmation is an integral part of parish life and preparation takes place at the parish primary school/s or the parish sacramental program. Confirmation preparation takes place in the school setting for Grade 6 students, whereas those involved in the parish program attend sessions on Wednesday evenings in Mary Immaculate Hall. Catechist students can range from Years 6 – 10 and include those from government and private schools, and those living in the parish that left parish schools prior to Grade 6. Teachers are represented and supported by their respective communities, as well as being companions and personal witnesses at a variety of levels.

Students are encouraged to renew and affirm the choice for Baptism made for them by their parents and are encouraged to develop an understanding of what it means to them personally in the here and now. Anselm Grün suggests that Confirmation 'will touch their hearts and minds and enable them to live differently: as more adult, mature, courageous, creative, responsible human beings aware of their own mission in life.' Different aspects and dimensions of Confirmation are presented and discussed which include: belonging to family, parish and church; history, signs and symbols of Confirmation; gifts and fruits of the Spirit and elements of the Rite of Confirmation. Students are encouraged to develop an awareness and sense of personal responsibility and commitment through service and witness in and through their daily lives, words and actions at home, school and extra-curricular activities. Joseph Martos tells us that 'full participation in the life of the church implies a willingness to be of service to the community or to act on behalf of the church in some way.'

There are many involved at various levels of school and parish in respective activities such as Confirmation Family Workshops, Retreat Day, Sacrament of Reconciliation, rehearsal and Confirmation ceremony at the cathedral which include Fr Thang, parish schools – leaders, teachers and communities and the parish community - Liturgy group, Confirmation choir, as well as children and parents involved in the catechetics program who not only attended weekly sessions, but also acted as representatives at Confirmation Retreat Day and rehearsal at St Patrick's Cathedral. We thank all concerned for their commitment, service and witness to one another, their students, families and parish – the Spirit in action in, with, for and through one another.

Sources: Grün, Anselm. *The Seven Sacraments*. New York: Continuum 2003 p.121
Guzie, Tad. *The Book of Sacramental Basics*. New York: Paulist Press, 1981
Martos, Joseph. *Doors to the Sacred*. London: SCM Press 1981, pp204-205

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Saturday Evening Mass at St Bernadette's Church:

Thank you to all concerned for your responses in reference to change of Winter Mass Times at St Bernadette's which are much appreciated. As a result of further consideration and discussions it has been decided that:

As from 4 July 2015 Mass at St Bernadette's will be at 6.00pm on a permanent basis

A very significant date for the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe:

Have you noticed that there is another foundation stone opposite the one for the present Mary Immaculate Church? It was from the red brick church originally on this site and it was put in place on the 31st October 1915. So we have a centenary to celebrate in October this year. When we had the opportunity, we spoke to Bishop Mark Edwardes, our recently appointed Regional Bishop, about being with us and he pencilled in Sunday afternoon, 25th October. So we have a start.

Needed now is a group of people to work together to make it a really significant celebration. Maybe you have had family associations with the church and can help us remember. Maybe you are just interested in the history of the Catholic Church in the area. We would like to start with a meeting around the end of May to make a 'grand plan' working out what needs to be done and who can do it - invitations, catering, liturgy, historical records etc. We do look forward to hearing from YOU. - Merle, for the Pastoral Leadership Team.

News from Father Len: Invitation to celebrate Fr Len Thomas' 80 years of life and 50 years as priest'

- **Saturday 20 June** in the Cunningham Centre, Stanley St, Ivanhoe at 4.00pm - sausage sizzle before 6.30pm Mass in St Bernadette's Church followed by cake, supper and free newspaper
- **Saturday 4 July** at St Pius X, 419 Waterdale Rd, Heidelberg West - 6.00pm in the Hall before 7.00pm Mass in St Pius X Church followed by cake, supper and free newspaper at 8.00pm
- For either event BYO cold drinks.
- To assist with catering please contact Chris & Di Dixon 9499 6191 or mobile: 0418 544 324

Fr Len's Milestone Celebration:

The dates and places have been well-publicised and have surely been noted in diaries, on calendars and smart phones. At a recent meeting of the Pastoral Leadership Team, the question on minds was: What would be a sensible present for Fr Len to honour these special occasions? We were sure that he would say as many do: 'I don't really need stuff.' There was really an easy answer: A gift of money - which he will surely use in many different ways with and for the many people in his life.

- Opportunities to contribute to a 'Leaving collection' are *this weekend 6-7 June & next weekend 12-13 June*

St Vincent de Paul - Winter Appeal - Sunday 14th June:

This season is shaping up to be a very cold winter and some families in our parish and nearby vicinity are struggling to keep warm. The Society invites the parishioners to assist this appeal with donations of canned food, warm clothing, doonas and blankets which can be placed in the box near the door of each church. Alternatively, you may prefer to contribute to the Appeal Collection or take an envelope from the table in the foyer. Your support for this appeal is greatly appreciated.

Catholic Mission Collection next weekend 13 - 14th June:

I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink: This year we are invited to reach out and support the life-saving work of Catholic Missions in Madagascar - to help produce clean water and sanitation facilities, as well as formation and spiritual support to children in desperate need.

Thanksgiving Envelopes 5 July - 27 December 2015 are available for collection in each church.

Mary Immaculate, Mother of God & St Bernadette's are in alphabetical order.

Statements for Thanksgiving contributions for January - June 2015 will be available at a later date. Statements for Credit Card or Direct Debit contributions will be available on request mid-July.

Please feel free to deliver envelopes to those nearby those or unable to collect them personally which assists parishioners concerned, as well as saving postage costs. Thanks to all who assist parishioners and the parish.

If wishing to contribute to the Parish Thanksgiving program, contact details are: **Mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079 **Phone:** 9499 1515 **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com
If unable or no longer wish to contribute as part of Thanksgiving please contact the Parish Office personally using the details above **as soon as possible** so that envelopes are not sent when no longer required. - Ruth

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 6 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 10 June	7.30pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	St Kevin's Templestowe
Thursday 11 June	9.00am	Liturgy Group	Parish Office
Thursday 11 June	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Friday 12 June	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Prep H	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 13 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church

Available in each church:

- Media Release: Australian Bishops Conference – 'Don't Mess with Marriage': Letter and booklet
- Media Release: Statement of Archbishop Denis Hart concerning Cardinal Pell
- Parish website: Forthcoming Ordination of Charles Balnaves, previous Yarra Deanery Coordinator
Australian Archbishops item – Cath News & Francis Sullivan Truth, Justice, Healing Council

Outreach Stop Press - Christmas in July with Outreach:

We are considering a Bus Trip / Christmas on 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. Payment is needed by 30 June. We'll have a 48 seater bus & hope to welcome more than minimum 35 people. **Bookings:** Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793

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. For further details refer to website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com 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 Parish Office.

New Vocations Website: The new website launched by the Vocations Office features more than 40 short videos of interviews with the Archbishop, Bishops and 14 priests from Melbourne who answer some of the most commonly posed questions about the priesthood. A good insight into the lives of some Bishops and priests. These videos, and other resources, can be viewed at www.melbournepriest.com

Meeting for youth at St John's Heidelberg:

The Melbourne AOY NET Team will be hosting a two part event at our parish on 13 and 14 June. Year 9 to Young Adults are invited and welcome!

- On Saturday 13 June, please join us from 7.00 – 9.00pm for an evening of Fellowship, Food and FUN!
- On Sunday 14 June, please join us from 10.00am – 2.00pm for a sharing on **God's Love**. We will finish off the session with a Barbeque lunch!

On both days we will be meeting at St. Monica's located behind our Parish Hall, 55 Cape St, Heidelberg. We hope to see you there on one or both days! For more details, please contact the Parish Office 9457 1066.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 13 – 14 June 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** **Special Ministers**
K. Gillespie Sister Carmel, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** **Reader** **Mass Coordinators** **Counters**
Conroy family Conroy family S. & P. Kelly P. Black, P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** **Lector** **Special Ministers**
E. Mount A. Tosolini B. / S. Janus, F. Tosolini
Altar Society: P. Caddy **Choir Coordinator:** M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,206.00 Loose cash: \$440.25 **Total: \$1,646.25**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **Total: \$ 684.80**

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