



# 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. 24**

**13 – 14 June 2015**

## **11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B**

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** **O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** **Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

- V. 1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,  
To proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
- V. 2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
- V. 3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
Still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** Lord of grace and nature: **Hear our prayer**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** **There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

### **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 Winifred Chiminello, Eleonora Marino, Kathryn Lengyel and Roger Carson who died recently. We remember Irene Gillespie and Maria Dri whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

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

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

### **This Week's Readings: 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### Saint and Feast Days:

*Mon 15 June: St Vitus*

*Tues 16 June: St Richard of Chichester*

*Wed 17 June: St Teresa of Portugal*

*Thurs 18 June: St Gregory Barbarigo*

*Fri 19 June: St Juliana Falconieri*

*Sat 29 June: St Alban*

### **Next Week's Readings: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**Job 38:1, 8-11** **Psalm 106:23-26, 28-31** **2 Corinthians 5:14-17** **Mark 4:35-41**

**INCLUSIVENESS**

**HOSPITALITY**

**SERVICE**

**MISSION**

## From Fr Lasber Sinaga:

I am Father Lasber Livinus Sinaga, for short you can call me "Lasbert". I am the youngest in the family of five. Lasbert comes from the words of "Last birth last born". I am a member of CICM (the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Latin: *Congregatio Immaculati Cordis Mariae*). The congregation was founded in a suburb area called Scheut, Brussels, in 1862 by a Belgian diocesan priest, Theophile Verbist, for the evangelization of China and to specifically to take care of the orphanage and the abandoned children. Father Verbist and his first group of followers set out for their mission in August 1865. Less than three years later, on 23 February, 1868, the Founder of CICM died in Inner Mongolia. On hearing of his death, Pope Pius IX said, "the man may die ... God will not allow his work to disappear."

Inspired by our founder's devotion, CICM missionaries have proclaimed the Good News of the Gospel in some of the most remote places on earth. Today, almost a thousand priests and brothers originating from different 18 countries, are living and working in 23 countries throughout Africa, Asia, North and South America, and Europe. The latest new venture, South Africa, started in 2006.

CICM is an exclusively Missionary Institute of religious priests and brothers. Its members are called to go beyond geographical and religious boundaries (ad-extra) to share Jesus Christ with all those who do not know him.

I joined CICM in 1991 and I professed my religious vows in 1993. After taking my English course in Singapore, I continued my formation years (Philosophy and Theology) in Baguio City and Manila Philippines, including my 3 years intensive immersion among the indigenous people and with Catholic minority in Mindanao. In 2002, I was ordained as priest in my home town of Pangururan, North Sumatra, Indonesia.

After my ordination, I actually requested my superior in CICM province of Philippines if I could continue my Inter- Faith and life Dialogue in the southern part of the Philippines instead he assigned me to handle a big parish in Cebu City, central Philippines. I enjoyed doing parish works there and lived with people different from my own.

As a missionary in CICM, many times I experienced struggles. So often, I could not guess where my life was heading to. For instance, I expected that I would be in the parish for three or six years term, but only two years and I was recalled to be back to the country of my origin to serve as formator. I still desired for mission ad extra, but then I realised that I have to obey the superior of my congregation.

Why am I here in Australia? Why am I staying with you in Ivanhoe Parish? This is a mystery, not a misery as I arrived in the beginning of winter. I do believe that this still in accordance with God's providential plan of my next journey.

I had worked for ten years as mentor and as formator in our Institute to help and to accompany of our young people who have dream to be religious brothers or priests in their future. I was there to help them discern on their vocation. My mission was to prepare them well for the universal mission of the church, become good missionaries abroad or at least to be good persons if they leave their vocation.

In relation with this past ministry in formation, I find out that it is not an easy to be there. As formator, I realised that I need to be more equipped in skills, to be patient, attentive, passionate and knowledgeable in many aspects of life especially in the aspect of human spiritual and psycho-developments of formandi. This is one of the reasons, why I am here in your midst. I have come here for further study in counselling and psychotherapy. I am really grateful to have you as part of my journey. I sincerely thank Fr. Thang Vu whom I consider as my angel brother and I have Ruth Villani whom I meet very often. She is so kind to extend her helping hand; and all of you, the parishioners of Ivanhoe, thanks so much for your openness and generosity to accept me as a member of your community.

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### HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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Saturday 13 June	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 16 June	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 17 June	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate PS Years 5M & 6SO	Mary Immac. Church
Thursday 18 June	9.00am	Liturgy Group	Parish Office
Thursday 18 June	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee Meeting	
Friday 19 June	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Prep C	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 20 June	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 20 June	4.00pm	Fr Len's gathering & sausage sizzle	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 20 June	6.30pm	Mass & Supper after Mass @ Cunningham Centre	St Bernadette's Church

**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.*

### **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**

<p><b><u>Personal Security:</u></b> <i>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.</i></p>
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**Welcome:** We welcome Fr Len Thomas who celebrates 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's Church on 13 June. We also welcome Fr Gary Walker who will speak at each of our Masses this weekend. At present Fr Gary is the Regional Director of the Missionary Society of St Columban, an exclusively missionary society originally founded to go to China, but now working in 14 countries. He was sent to Fiji in 1973 and was involved in the formation of students in the seminary. In 1994, he was assigned to Jamaica as one of a small group of Columbans working in the diocese of Montego Bay. Fr Gary has been on an international leadership team and is the editor of the iconic magazine 'The Far East'.

**Catholic Mission Collection this weekend 13 – 14<sup>th</sup> June:** *I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink:* Each year, thousands of children die from preventable diseases due to a lack of water and proper sanitation. By supporting the Catholic Mission Appeal today you are helping missionaries provide life-saving water as well as spiritual support which makes up the Living Water which is needed urgently by this country.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Pastoral Leadership Team.

**St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal – 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mass at Austin:** Mass will be celebrated at Austin next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Volunteers are asked to meet at 8.30am for 9.30am Mass at the Chapel. Parishioners are also invited to participate in this Mass to minister to the sick by their presence. Thank you – Fr Mario

### **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.
- For catering please contact Chris & Di Dixon 9499 6191 or 0418 544 324

### **Update from the Outreach Group – 'Christmas in July', Wednesday July 8, 2015:**

Let's brighten up this cold winter by enjoying, 'Christmas in July' in Midlands Golf Club in Ballarat. We will be warm indoors and enjoy lots of fun and good company. We have more than half the required numbers so this occasion **will definitely go ahead. Don't miss out, reserve your place, book and pay \$65 per person by June 30.** Details to remember are: departure from Waverley Avenue at 9.00am, return to the same place at approx. 5.00pm. We will have a 48 seater bus and hope to welcome more than the minimum of 35 people. Looking forward to a wonderful day. Bookings: Sue (9499 1485), Helen (9499 7793) and Eileen (9499 7120)

**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

**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](http://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.

**Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Mass:** Sunday 21 June, 11am at 434 St Georges Road, Thornbury. All are welcome at this Mass at the consecrated Chapel on St Georges Rd (look for high cream fence). To be followed by a shared lunch. Please bring salad or sweets to share. Details: 9926 5751; [sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au](mailto:sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au)

**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](http://www.melbournepriest.com)

**Meeting for youth at St John's Heidelberg:** 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.

**World Youth Day 'One Year to Go' Festival!** Sunday 5 July - Mass 2pm & Festival 3.30–5.30pm, St John the Evangelist Church/Catholic Leadership Centre, corner Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne. Join us for the launch of the 2016 World Youth Day Victorian Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland!  
Features: Father Robert Galea and the Stronger Band, Polish dancing, pierogi and the chance to win one of two \$2000 travel grants. Details: [www.wydvictoria.org.au](http://www.wydvictoria.org.au)

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 20 – 21 June 2015**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

J. Murphy

**Special Ministers**

A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

**MARY IMMACULATE: Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

J. Pidutti

**Reader**

M. Napolitano

**Mass Coordinators**

J. Costa

**Counters**

J. & H. Pidutti

R. Wickremesinghe

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

M. Hoban

**Lector**

J. Hodge

**Special Ministers**

M. Pollard, M. Chin, M. / P. De Silva

**Altar Society:**

A. Moloney

**Choir Coordinator:** A. Pollard

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**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$1,185.10 Loose cash: \$324.55 **Total: \$1,509.65**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:** **Total: \$ 676.25**

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