



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: 6.00pm 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. 29

18 – 19 July 2015

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- V. 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
- V. 2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. **R.**
- V. 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**
- V. 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: By your grace, bring our human family together: Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Amanda Rathjen, Christine Smith, Br. James Maher MSC, Stuart King, Marty Brown, Ingrid Weinberg, Mike McGuire, 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 also remember Michael Curtain whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Jeremiah 23:1-6 **Psalm 22** **Ephesians 2:13-18** **Mark 6:30-34**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 20 July: St Apollinaris

Wed 22 July: St Mary Magdalene

Fri 24 July: St Declan

Tues 21 July: St Lawrence of Brindisi

Thurs 23 July: St Bridget of Sweden

Sat 25 July: St James

Next Week's Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Kings 4:42-44 **Psalm 144: 10-11, 15-18** **Ephesians 4:1-6** **John 6:1-15**

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

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From the desk of Fr Thang: Seasons of our Lives and Shepherding Psalm

Recently I have been called to visit and administer the sacraments to our parish people with special needs, including those of advancing age, those diagnosed with terminal illness, and those who are preparing for loved ones at the final stages of their lives. It has not been easy!

As a way of communication and to show my solidarity with them, I would like to begin with extracts from a deep conversation between 19 years old Nikos Kazantzakis (1883-1953) and Fr Makarios, an elderly monk:

“Do you still wrestle with the Devil, Fr Makarios?” Nikos asked. “Not any longer, my child. I have grown old [*and tired*] now, and he has grown old [*and tired*] with me. He doesn’t have the strength. [*So I leave him alone and he leaves me alone.*]...I wrestle with God. ”

“With God!” Nikos exclaimed in astonishment. “And you hope to win?”

“I hope to lose, my child. My bones remain with me still, and they continue to resist.”

Kazantzakis, Nikos. *Report to Greco*. Peter Bien Trans. New York: Simon and Schuster. 1965. Pp 222-23.
The italics were added.

According to Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI, this deep conversation highlights the fact that our spiritual struggles evolve as we grow old and go through life. The struggles of young age are not necessarily the struggles of mid-life and beyond. How does our spiritual life evolve and demand new things from us as part of life? Drawing from the insights of St John of the Cross in *The Darkness of the Night*, Rolheiser elaborates three fundamental phrases of our spiritual lives, three journeys of discipleship.

Essential discipleship - The struggle to get our lives together.

This struggle begins really at birth but becomes more our own individual struggle when we reach puberty and begin to be driven by powerful inner forces to separate ourselves from our families so as to create a life and a home of our own. During this time we struggle to find ourselves, to get our lives together, to create a new home for ourselves. This can take years and might never be achieved. Indeed, for most everyone, some elements of this struggle will continue throughout their entire lifetime.

Generative discipleship - The struggle to give our lives away

Our main concern now is not so much about what to do with our lives but how to give them away so as to make the world a better place. These are our generative years and they are meant to stretch from the time we land in a vocation, a career, and a home, until our retirement years. This phrase begins then and, for most of us, this will constitute the longest period of our lives. During all those years, our task in life is clear: How do I give my life away more purely, more generously, more generatively?

Radical discipleship - The struggle to give our deaths away

As Christians, we believe that Jesus lived for us and that he died for us, that he gave us both his life and his death. But we often fail to distinguish that there are two clear and separate movements here: Jesus gave his life for us in one movement, and he gave his death for us in another. He gave his life for us through his activity, through his generative actions for us; and he gave his death through his passivity, through absorbing in love the helplessness, diminutions, humiliations, and loneliness of dying, especially on the cross.

(<http://www.ronrolheiser.com>)

At the heart of today’s Liturgy of the Word is shepherding. Psalm 23 expresses the intimate relationship of the believer to the Lord under two images: the sheep and the shepherd. In ancient world the image of shepherd was applied to kings who were shepherds of their people. In the prophetic books (Is 40:11, especially Ez 34) it is often used in the collective sense: the Lord is the Shepherd of Israel. In today’s first reading, Jeremiah contrasts the notions of scattering and gathering in his development of the shepherd image. He stresses the responsibility of the leaders has for guiding and safeguarding the people. The leaders had not only neglected God’s people, they actually mislead them, causing them to be scattered. We might reflect the consequences that we are living as church due to the terrible actions of religious leaders in the sexual abuses. We pray for and try to support the victims who have been suffered enormously. At the same time we, as church, we are praying and working toward healing, accountability and caring shepherds. At personal level, Psalm 23 also describes different stages of our lives being led by the good shepherd: Being led to fresh and green pastures, restful waters, reviving my drooping spirit, guiding me along the right path, giving me comfort, walking in the valley of darkness. God, the good shepherd, gives us protection, nourishment, rest and guidance. The psalm affirms God’s intense care and being with his people.

Something to ponder and act upon:
At what phrase that God is calling me now?

Where am I at now in my journeys of discipleship?
Pray slowly the Shepherding Psalm.

Mother of God School Family Mass Sunday 19th July: 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.

News from the Parish Office:

- At present Ruth will be in attendance at the Parish Office on Monday and Thursday
- The Parish Office will be attended at different intervals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and we are very grateful for those who are assisting us in this regard.

Celebrating the centenary of the first church in Ivanhoe:

Thanks to those who have expressed their interest and offered help. Plans are developing and there will be more to say in the next couple of weeks. - Merle

The Son of Man exhibition: ACU Melbourne Gallery, from 8-20 July

Michael Galovic's exhibition The Son of Man opened Tuesday 7 July at the ACU Melbourne Gallery. It is open from 8 - 20 July, Monday - Saturday 11.00am – 4.00pm, and closed Sundays. It is an exhibition of traditional icons, contemporary religious and mythological artworks. The ACU Melbourne Gallery is a modern and vibrant art space at the ACU, 26 Brunswick St, Fitzroy.

Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion During Mass:

Tuesday 21st & 28th JULY(continuous) 7.00-8.45pm @ St Francis Pastoral Centre (326 Lonsdale St Melbourne)

What's on offer? Fr Tony Mc Sweeney will lead participants through a presentation rich in biblical, spiritual, and liturgical guidance based on the Eucharist, the foundation of this important ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass.

Who is this workshop for? This workshop is for any parish nominated individuals or rostered groups seeking initial or refresher formation in order to serve their community through this beautiful ministry of hospitality. Why not sign up locally and car pool to attend for an evening of valuable faith formation and fellowship with others in this ministry across the Melbourne Archdiocese?

RSVP: As always, for catering/planning purposes, please let us know at the earliest opportunity of your intention to participate ie: Parish Name and number of attendees as soon as possible. Contact our office on 9926 5761 or email evangelisation@cam.org.au. Car parking fee assistance may be available if there is enough interest shown. Please nominate when you RSVP. - Mary Ryan, Co-ordinator Adult Faith Formation/Parish Liaison. Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation

Faith and Fabric – Spirituality through Fabric Art:

Uniting Church, 187 Burgundy St, Heidelberg Exhibition - 23 – 26 July, 10.00am – 4.00pm Presented by
Traralgon Uniting Church Fabric Art Group Workshop Friday 24 July from 10.00am – 2.00pm

Cost: \$30 – BYO Lunch. All materials supplied. Bookings essential: Phone 9458 1984

Short Course on World Religions:

Wednesdays 29 July, 5, 12, 19 and 26 August, 6.00 –8.00pm at
Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. Learn about the beliefs and practices of the major world religions with experts from ACU: Dr Edmund Chia, Fatih Erol Tuncer, Rabbi Fred Morgan, Rev. Dr John Dupuche and Prof John D'Arcy May **Registrations and details:** www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 18 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 19 July	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Prep – 2	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 21 July	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 22 July	6.30pm	Eucharist Family Workshop Schools & catechist	Mother of God School
Wednesday 22 July	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 23 July	9.00am	Liturgy Group Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 24 July	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. – Prep C	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 25 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 25 July	6.00pm	Mass & St Bernadette's Family Mass 3&4	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.

Opening the Doors Foundation Oration and Birthday Celebration: Thursday 30 July 2015, 6–8.30pm

Madeleine Centre, Genazzano College, 301 Cotham Road, Kew.

Opening the Doors Foundation (OTDF), supported by Genazzano FCJ College, warmly invites you to their 14th birthday celebration, with special guest Vicki Clark. Vicki Clark is a Mutthi Mutthi/Wemba Wemba woman who has been instrumental in establishing and running Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Victoria for 25 years, where she has demonstrated dedicated service, leadership and a number of achievements. This evening will acknowledge Vicki's last official function for Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. We recognise her leadership and service and the depth of her significant and much valued contribution over the years. A raffle will be drawn on the night; a limited number of tickets will be available for sale on the evening. Monies raised will be donated to the Foundation, helping to keep Koori kids in a form of education of their choice.

Cost: \$10 (light refreshments will be served, with wine and beer available for purchase)

Details: OTDF on 9443 9070 or Lila McInerney (Genazzano College) on 8862 1088

Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/ICVV> by Wednesday 29 July

Mary Mackillop Centre Open Day:

Saturday 8 August, 10am–4pm at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Join the Sisters of St Joseph as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our Victorian foundation. Afternoon tea will be served in the delightful surrounds of the Heritage Centre between 1pm and 3pm on Saturday 8 August, the feast day of Saint Mary MacKillop. Our OPEN DAY commences at 10am and concludes at 4pm. Pray in the Chapel, take a tour of the Museum, visit the gift shop, and enjoy afternoon tea. All welcome.

From the Passionist Community, Templestowe: A History of God: Saturday 22nd August

These sessions will look at the sweep of history and consider how people have understood, communicated with and responded to 'the divine'. In particular, we will consider how this affected faith in Israel and throughout 2,000 years of Christianity and how this has influenced us.

We will cover that in two morning sessions, and title it 'A History of God (Parts 1 and 2)

The third session will address 'What are the challenges we face today?' This will involve looking at how faith and our way of relating to God, is affected by huge changes in how we view the world, as a result of scientific discoveries.

The final session will look at the vision of Passionist **Thomas Berry CP**, in regard to the challenge of being a Christian in the modern technological age with all the concerns for the environment that Pope Francis has highlighted in his mid-year encyclical.

The timetable will be:

9.30am: Arrival and Cuppa	12.50pm: Lunch
10.00am A History of God Part 1	1.45pm: Challenges to Faith
10.50am: Morning Tea	2.30pm Sharing
11.30am: A History of God Part 2	2.50pm: Thomas Berry & The Christian Future
12.20pm Discussion	3.30pm: Finish (Cuppa)

To register, please contact Maree Butler: hcc@passionist.org.au Cost: \$10.00 to cover lunch. You are invited to give a donation for the presenter. Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe 3106

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 25 – 26 July 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday **6.00pm**

Lector

S. Moorhen

Special Ministers

Sister Carmel, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

Reader

Mass Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

P. Black, P. Fannin

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

E. Mount

Lector

E. Mount

Special Ministers

B. / S. Janus, D. Ervin, M. Chin

Altar Society: G. Hegarty

Choir Coordinator: P. Verrocchi

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$2,148.00 Loose cash: \$473.25 **Total: \$2,621.25**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **Total: \$ 763.90**

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