



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. 30

25 – 26 July 2015

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

- V. 1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**
- V. 2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**
- V. 3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord who answers all our needs: **Hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Jamie Bernhardt, 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 Kevin McEvey who died recently. We also remember Ettore Pertile and Grazia Villani whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 27 July: St Theobald

Tues 28 July: St Nazarius

Wed 29 July: St Martha

Thurs 30 July: St Peter Chrysologus

Fri 31 July: St Ignatius of Loyola

Sat 1 Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori

Next Week's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 **Psalm 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54** **Ephesians 4:17, 20-24** **John 6:24-35**

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

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.

At an ecumenical gathering in Ivanhoe among different Christian Denominations over 15 years ago, my predecessor +1, the late Fr John Rogan remarked toward his Christian-minister friends along this line: “We might have a strong sense of Liturgy but you have gained a deep sense of the Bible!” I think Fr John was right.

In recent years, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has chosen the fourth Sunday of July as Bible Sunday. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Vatican II’s highest teaching on God’s word through Scripture, Tradition and Church on-going teaching (*Dei Verbum 1965 -2015*). Basically this important document encouraged us to read, study the Bible and called for a wider use of scriptures in worship. In *Verbum Domini (2010)* Pope Emeritus Benedict expressed a heartfelt hope for “a new season of greater love for sacred Scripture on the part of every member of the People of God, so that their prayerful and faith-filled reading of the Bible will, with time, deepen their personal relationship with Jesus” (#72)

At the opening of the Synod of the Family on 5 October 2014 Pope Francis remarked: “The Bible is not meant to be placed on a shelf; keep it at hand, read it often, every day, both individually and together, husband and wife, parents and children, especially on Sundays. This way the family grows, walks, with the light and power of the Word of God!”

I think the message is clear: – get to know the Scriptures and be guided, enriched, challenged and transformed by them as we encounter God through the text and then bring the Lord to others. Locally, every Thursday morning at 9:00 am, Parish Office, we have a Word and Faith Meeting (Liturgy Meeting) where we come to listen to Sunday Readings, reflect on them in the light of the signs of times. From this, Group Convenor Merle Gilbo will gather the intentions and compose the Prayers of the Faithful. Personally this meeting helps me to reflect and share on Sunday Readings collaboratively which subsequently prepares me to write the homily.

Inspired by the openness of the Liturgy Group and following some of its meetings a parishioner recently ran an informal series of stimulating and enjoyable discussions on Pope Francis’ The Joy of the Gospel (*Evangelii Gaudium*). All who participated found it both joyous and highly worthwhile.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every members of the Liturgy Group. I strongly encourage anyone to come and be a part of this group whenever you can. Your life will never be the same I can assure you of this!

So on this Bible Sunday let’s give thanks for God’s word. We believe that all that came into being because God “spoke.” More importantly our existence and identity derive fully from God’s Word spoken in our history by the one like us. “Just like the loaves and fishes had to be eaten for them to be effective against hunger, so the word of God needs to be heard and taken into the heart for it to be effective in building us up spiritually. We must take a bite of scripture, chew on it for a while, and swallow and digest it a little longer, so that it can be absorbed into our system to fuel the good and selfless actions the mark the disciple of Christ. Through his word, God longs to speak to each person and draw us into relationship with him. let’s enter willingly and attentively into this conversation and be truly fed each time we hear God’s word.” (*Bible Sunday 2015 Resource – Broken Bay Diocese*)

Something to ponder and act upon

- Do I take the Parish Newsletter home to read, to reflect further?
- Do I have a Bible at home?
- When was the last time I read a passage from it?
- What is / are my favourite(s) scriptural passage(s)?
- Learn by heart a favourite scriptural passage this week.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 25 July	6.00pm	Mass & St Bernadette’s Family Mass 3&4	St Bernadette’s Church
Sunday 26 July	10.30am	Mass & St Bernadette’s P.S. Grades 3 & 4	St Bernadette’s Church
Tuesday 28 July	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Grades 3/4C	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 28 July	7.30pm	St Bernadette’s School Education Board	St Bernadette’s School
Wednesday 29 July	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate P.S. 5M & 6SO	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 29 July	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate P.S. Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Wednesday 29 July	7.30pm	St Bernadette’s P.S. Parents & Friends	St Bernadette’s School
Friday 31 July	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette’s P.S. – Prep H	St Bernadette’s Church
Saturday 1 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
3 – 6 August		Clergy Conference	

Clergy Conference 3 – 6 August:

I will be in attendance at the Clergy Conference next week from 3 – 6 August and I sincerely thank Fr Lasber who will celebrate Mass Mother of God and Mary Immaculate Churches and all concerned who prepare the churches for Mass as part of their ministry to each of our church communities. – **Fr Thang**

St Bernadette's School Family Mass Saturday 25th July: We welcome the children and their families from Years 3 & 4 at St Bernadette's School who have come to the 6.00pm Mass at St Bernadette's 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 regular and different intervals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and we are very grateful for those who are assisting us in this regard.



First Eucharist Celebrations: We remember and pray for the children in our Parish Primary Schools who are preparing to receive and celebrate their First Eucharist in Term 3.

9 August	10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church	Mary Immaculate School children
15 August	6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's Church	St Bernadette's School children
11 October	10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church	Mother of God School children
22 November	10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church	Parish Catechist children

Change of Mass time at Mary Immaculate Church on Sunday 9 August: 10.00am

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday 9 August no 9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

News from our Parish Schools: We welcome children from our parish schools who have been invited to participate as readers and bring the Offertory Gifts as part of Parish Masses, and families present with them:

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.00pm St B	25 July		
	1 Aug		
9.00am MI	2 Aug	Amy Vaughan & Mia Chiminello	Kaitlyn Leigh & Cameron Estelle
10.00am MI	9 Aug	Mary Immaculate School First Eucharist	Mary Immaculate School First Eucharist
10.30am MOG	26 July	Ashleigh Cardamone	Estella Butler & family
	2 Aug	Gabrielle De Silva	Ben De Silva & family

The Joy of the Gospel: This first encyclical of Pope Francis contains so much to reflect on that we will have another opportunity to do this together at Parish Office, Thursday, 30th July at 10am!! Everyone most welcome.

Celebrating 100 years !! 2.30pm on Sunday, 25th October.

Have you written this important date in your diary? Why not do it now?

A small but enthusiastic group met a couple of weeks ago and looked at the 'big picture' - based on:

- Looking at archival resources and very interested in more.
- Brain storming whom we should invite.
- Planning the Liturgy
- Catering - this will be so important for 'talking time.'

Next Meeting: Parish Office, **7.30pm Wednesday, 29th July.** All welcome!!

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee : Friday, 31st July

Dr Alan Tait will present a very interesting: "Dinosaur Dreaming" .

Please remember that, until the end of the year, these events will take place in the Mary Immaculate Church Hall - corner of Waverley Ave. and Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe.

Do you know someone who is fascinated by dinosaurs? Do tell them about this.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program:

This week on *The Journey's second birthday*, Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of John; Marilyn Rodrigues talks about the importance of creating family memories and Fr Dave Callaghan MGL asks the question "What would heaven look like?" Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email. – Catholic Archdiocese of Wollongong

Outreach News, July 2015: Film Afternoon: Wednesday 12 August, 1.00pm at Mary Immaculate Hall
Firstly, many thanks to Mees Bus lines' staff and all the people who enjoyed our bus outing to Ballarat on the loveliest day of July (to date).

1. Don't forget lunch and cards on August 5. MOG foyer at noon. All welcome.
2. We have arranged a film/high tea on August 12. Not a musical. We can guarantee you will laugh with well-known actors and comedian – imagine that! 1.00pm at the Mary Immaculate Hall \$10 per person. Please help the caterers by letting us know you are coming. Call Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120. See you there in a warm hall.

Day Retreat Hosted by St Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park: Saturday 1 August

9am–3pm, at 'Amberley', 7 Amberley Way, Lower Plenty.

'Seize the Opportunity to Share the Gospel!' All parishioners and friends are invited to this retreat at Amberley, the beautiful country Retreat Centre. The presenter is Fr Anthony Girolami of St Francis of Assisi Parish.

Mass will be at 9.30am. Lunch: bring a plate; tea & coffee provided. Come away for a day to spend with the Lord in prayer and reflection. **Cost:** \$6 **RSVP:** Tuesday 28 July

Bookings: Ruth on 9407 6704 or ruth.lees@cam.org.au

Loyola College Reunion Sunday: Sunday 2 August

2–5pm at Loyola College Watsonia, Functions Room, Old Loyola. This year we celebrate the Classes of 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2013. Enjoy a glass of Champagne, finger food, photo displays and a college tour. Have your photo taken with your friends in our booth. A free event. Gift provided.

Bookings essential: trybooking.com/GZTB

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 at Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe 3106

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.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 1 – 2 August 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday **6.00pm**

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

G. McAllister

Reader

A. Vaughan
M. Chiminello

Mass Coordinators

P. & S. Kelly

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti
R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

J. Curry

Special Ministers

D. Ervin, G. Reardon, A. Moloney

Altar Society:

I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,539.00 Loose cash: \$346.45 **Total: \$1,885.45**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **Total: \$ 633.60**

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