



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. 31

1-2 August 2015

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

- V. 1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us,
We will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**
- V. 2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**
- V. 3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Bread of life, hope for the world: **Hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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 Fr Geoffrey James Taylor PE and John Cullen who died recently. We also remember Saverio Cesario whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 3 Aug: St Germanus of Auxerre

Tues 4 Aug: St John Vianney

Wed 5 Aug: Dedication of St Mary Major Basilica

Thurs 6 Aug: The Transfiguration

Fri 7 Aug: St Cajetan

Sat 8 Aug: St Dominic

Next Week's Readings: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

1 Kings 19:4-8 **Psalm 33: 2-9** **Ephesians 4:30-5:2** **John 6:41-51**

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.

Corpus Christi Priests' Association

On Monday 27 July 2015, I attended the Jubilarian Mass of Corpus Christi Priests and others at St Monica's Church. This year the honours went to non-Melbournian priests: Principal Celebrant - Fr Justin Driscoll, Vicar General of Ballarat Diocese and Holimist – Fr Christopher Hope from Tasmania; Archbishop Hart was in choir dress. Two things that touched me were: (1) Fr Justin asked the congregation to pray for an increased awareness of the vocations that flow from our common Baptism – married life, single, religious and priestly life; (2) Fr Chris, a scriptural scholar, reflected on the theme of restlessness in the midst of God's people worshipping the golden calf in the Book of Exodus (Ex 32) and various priestly ministries in the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast. It is noteworthy that both readings were readings of the day!

After the Eucharist, we celebrated at a luncheon with the Jubilarians and other priests at Moonee Valley Racing Course. Interestingly among the Jubilarians, three related to Ivanhoe: Silver Jubilee - Fr Joe Caddy, a son of John and Pat Caddy and Fr Vincent Jewell, and of course Fr Len Thomas, a Golden Jubilarian. In particular, Fr Len gave us a bonus, a free newspaper and my name got mentioned once! By the way I am not about half the height of our Frs Len or John Cunningham... I am up to their ears! I reckon that I deserve a chocolate from Fr Len!

Johannine Gospel fills for Mark in Year B

After Masses on Sunday, I have the routine of taking Holy Communion to some senior people in our Parish. Every time we have a Gospel from John, one of these senior people remarks: "I find it very hard to understand John!" Well I think she has a point. The first three Gospels consist of Jesus' events and sayings which are ancient in form and reflect a consistent style and theme which we call synoptic Gospels. John contains some echoes of these gospels, but uses a more imaginative and artistic way of portraying Jesus. In a nutshell, John's Gospel belongs in a community which loved symbols.

You might wonder why we have John's Gospel while we are in the Year of Mark Gospel! Well it is partly because Mark is the shortest of the synoptic Gospels and does not fill up an entire year of Sundays. So the lectionary editors inserted John's Gospel for the next 4 Sundays. I have found the resources from Brisbane Liturgy Lines helpful <http://liturgybrisbane.net.au/>

These continuous readings John 6 are commonly called the *Bread of Life* discourse. They can appear to be repetitive if we hear only catch phrases such as "I am the bread of life" and are not alert to the progression from the first to the final reading in the series.

The chapter begins with Jesus feeding the five thousand (last Sunday). The next day, the people search for Jesus until they find him. Aware that all they want from him is more food, Jesus tells the people to seek by faith eternal food instead. Jesus offers himself to the world as bread of eternal life: all who believe in him will be raised on the last day (Week 18th of Ordinary Time)

In response to the Jews' questioning of how anyone with known earthly parents could be bread from heaven, Jesus reaffirms that he is the living bread from heaven and promises that anyone who eats this bread will live forever. When Jesus proclaims that the bread that he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, the Jews react angrily. Jesus' response is that they will have no life unless they eat his flesh and drink his blood (Week 19th of Ordinary Time)

Personally I have found *Lead, Kindly Light* by Blessed John Cardinal Newman a great source of prayer and consolation in the midst of what are happening in three Parish communities, our three schools, Parish Office, various meetings, my transition to new ministry next year.

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home, lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene; one step enough for me.

In the light of the Gospel's today which focuses on Jesus as the Bread of Life, we pray that may the Bread of Life lead us kindly one step at a time. When we see on our own vocation as married life, single life, religious or priestly life – we can see the challenge, the darkness of the souls, then we can ask the Good Lord to lead us gently, renew our human frailty, strengthen our trembling knees, guide us in his truth, and gently prompts us in his way and fills us with himself – the Bread of Life.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 1 August 3 – 6 August	10.00am	Reconciliation Clergy Conference	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 3 Aug	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 4 Aug	9.15am	Communion Service & Mother of God P.S.	4/5W Mother of God Church
Wednesday 5 Aug	12.00-3.00pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	Mother of God Church foyer
Wednesday 5 Aug	8.00pm	Ivanhoe Churches Together	Uniting Church, Ivanhoe
Friday 7 Aug	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grades 1/2A	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 7 June		Mass followed by First Friday devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 8 Aug	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church

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 at Mary Immaculate Church and all concerned who prepare the churches for Mass and those who facilitate Communion Services as part of their ministry to each of our church communities. – **Fr Thang**

Mother of God Communion Service – Tuesday 4 August:

Since I will be at the Priests' Clergy Conference, there will be a Communion Service at 9.15am at Mother of God Church on Tuesday 4 August. I thank Bernadette Milesi who leads Communion Services at Mother of God Church. – **Fr Thang**



Outreach Social Afternoon – Wednesday 5 August:

Our next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 5 August at 12.00pm at Mother of God Church foyer, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. Come for lunch, cards, scrabble, knitting or a chat with others. Everyone is invited and welcome. – Eileen, Helen and Sue

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 7 August:

After Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All are welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.



Mass of Anointing and Blessing – Tuesday 11 August at Mother of God Church:

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing at 10.30am on Tuesday 11 August Church. Morning Tea will be available after Mass. Eileen 9499 7120; Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793 **Please note: No 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 11 August at Mother of God.**



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	6.00pm 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	1 Aug	Isabel Sharp & Jordan Borg	Samuel Borg & William Sharp
	8 Aug	Jacobo Huertas & Megan Shamieh	Charlie Shamieh & Lila Dunn
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	2 Aug	Gabrielle De Silva	Ben De Silva & family
	9 Aug	Sidney Delaney	Erin Gaffney & family

Light at the end of the tunnel!?

PLT and Catholic Homes have been negotiating sale of land at Ford St (former tennis courts) to Catholic Homes.

Agreement in principle has been reached on conditions and value. This agreement is expected to be ratified by Catholic Homes Board and Melbourne Archdiocesan College of Consultors in their September meetings. Settlement would be expected this year and it is believed that the agreement provides a reasonable sale price and a valuable service for the Catholic community. – Pastoral Leadership Team, Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe

Thanksgiving Statements 2015 :

Statements of contributions given by Thanksgiving envelopes for 1 January - 30 June 2015 are available for collection in each church this weekend. *Thank you for collecting them promptly which saves postage costs.* Thank you to those who deliver them either by foot or car to those unable to collect them personally.

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.

Mother of God School Cocktail Fundraiser Night:

Saturday 8 August @ 7pm

Where: Vasko 111 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe Tickets \$60 visit: www.trybooking.com/147245
Includes Cocktail Food, DJ, Door Prizes, Silent Auctions, Karaoke, Games. Bring spending money.
Drinks at bar prices. All money raised goes directly to the children at Mother of God School

Outreach Film Afternoon – Wednesday 12 August:

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.

Celebrating 100 years: Sunday, 26th October, 2.30 pm.

When three of us got together on Wednesday evening, we concentrated on proceeding to ‘dig’ for historical records. The archives are a wonderful source but several people have promised to look through stored papers - gathered by parents and even grandparents!! We would really like to hear from you and promise to take very good care of anything borrowed.

Another challenge was a brainstorm for the family names we could remember, to make a list to jolt all kinds of memories. One memory was that the late Eddie Jowett looked after the cool stores. Another of us knew that the dairy was run by the Murphy family!! Please help us add to the list!! For Tom and Peter, Merle merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

“Laudatio Si’ mi Signore” words of St. Francis - Praise be to you, my Lord. -An Encyclical Letter on Ecology and Climate by Pope Francis. The titles of a couple of chapters give a good glimpse of the content. “What is happening to our common home?”, “Ecological education and spirituality.” It has been very interesting to our media and maybe you watched Compass last Sunday night!! For your convenience, we ordered some copies and I’d be glad to give you one (for \$13!) - Merle 9497 1691 or email: merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

Six-30 Youth Holy Hour - Thursday 6 August, 6.30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne (entry via car park Lansdowne St). National Vocations Awareness Week is the first week of August. To celebrate this week in the Year of Consecrated Life, the Vocations Office invites you to Six-30 Youth Holy Hour. You are most welcome to join us in praying for vocations and to give thanks for the gift of consecrated life to the Church. All religious are invited to attend to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Wintertide Madness: Corelli in Concert:

Sunday 9 August, 3.00pm at St John the Baptist Church, 61

Queens Parade, Clifton Hill. Eight musicians present the musical works of Corelli, Lully, Boismortier, Fasch, Quantz and Handel. Join us for an afternoon of exquisite baroque music in the beautiful environs of St John’s.
Cost: Voluntary donation

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 8 – 9 August 2015

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday **6.00pm**

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

J. Gray, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

M. I. School

Reader

First Eucharist

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verocchi

Lector

A. Tosolini

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, B. Dolzan, I. Chiera

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$2,097.00 Loose cash: \$388.95 **Total: \$2,485.95**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **Total: \$ 730.80**

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