



# 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

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**22-23 August 2015**

## **21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B**

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

- V.1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
- V.2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R.**
- V.3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**
- V. 4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** With Peter we pray: Lord, to whom shall we go? Hear our prayer

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:** We remember Janice Horton, 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 those who have died recently including Fr William O'Mara (SJ), Sr Paula Carden (MSC), Mary Ashby and Fred Berthun. We also remember George Mokdissi, Ursula Curtain, John Dolzan and Paolo Fazzino whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

 **Baptisms:** We welcome Theodore Junot who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

### This Week's Readings: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

**Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18**

**Psalms 33: 2-3, 16-23**

**Ephesians 5:21-32**

**John 6:60-69**

*Saint and Feast Days:*

*Mon 24 Aug: St Bartholomew*

*Wed 26 Aug: St Ninian*

*Fri 28 Aug: St Augustine*

*Tue 25 Aug: St Louis*

*Thur 27 Aug: St Monica*

*Sat 29 Aug: Passion of St John the Baptist*

### Next Week's Readings: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

**Psalms 14: 2-5**

**St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

## From the desk of Fr Thang: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Nostra Aetate* (In Our Time)

Last Sunday coming home after celebrating Mass in Vietnamese at Holy Name Church, East Preston, I watched ABC Compass. Among other things the episode talked about *Nostra Aetate*.

### *What is Nostra Aetate?*

It is Vatican II's Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christians. It passed on 28 October 1965 towards the end of Vatican Council.

This declaration reminds us of our roots in Judaism and calls us to reject certain erroneous ideas about the Jews which, for centuries, had been common amongst Catholics and Christians.

### *What does Nostra Aetate basically say about Judaism?*

It states that "the Jews should not be presented as repudiated or cursed by God, as if such views followed from the Holy Scriptures"; nor can the Passion of Jesus "be blamed upon all the Jews then living, without distinction, nor upon the Jews of today" (no 4). In particular, it deplores "all hatreds, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism directed at Jews at any time or from any source." (no 4)

For the last few Sundays we have heard *the Jews* a few times from Chapter 6 of John's Gospel. Surely, Jesus and his disciples were also Jews, so why the derogatory use of *the Jews*? Interestingly at the time this Gospel was being written, about in the last decade of the first Century, the early Jewish-Christians were experiencing some tension with the Jewish community and were in fact expelled from Jewish synagogues. This tension is reflected in the way the Jews are portrayed throughout John's Gospel.

As a result, this Gospel is often considered *anti-Semitic* because it contains some very harsh statements directed against *the Jews*. The term the Jews occurs 71 times in John's Gospel, all but four of which are plural in original Greek text. However, in different passages the Jews seems to refer to three different groups of people: (1) specifically and only to the Jewish leaders and authorities, rather than the people as a whole; (2) only or mainly to the people living in the geographical territory of Judea; (3) to all members (or some or any in general) of the ethnic/religious group of people still called Jews today.

Therefore we must be careful to read John's Gospel on at least two different historical levels, that of Jesus himself (late 20's) and that of the Johannine community (80's or 90's). Close biblical studies show that some statements are anachronistic in the mouths of Jesus and/or his opponents in the early first Century, but instead reflect more accurately the circumstance of the end of the first Century.

### *Gospel Focus – Peter's faith*

Having laid out a fairly difficult teaching to the crowd, Jesus is faced with the fact that many of those who were following him couldn't cope with what he was saying and they walked away from him. Jesus turns on the Twelve and demands of them, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' One can almost hear the frustration and weariness in his voice. Peter's response must have been a great relief to Jesus. Peter declares that Jesus has the message of eternal life and is the Holy One of God. He still hasn't quite got the full picture but it's something Jesus can continue to work with! ([Liturgyhelp.com.au](http://Liturgyhelp.com.au))

### *Something to ponder and act upon*

Examine within ourselves and try to uproot any remain of anti-Semitism.

Ponder on this quote from St John Paul II: "As the children of Abraham we are called as Christians and Jews to be a blessing to the world. In order to be such, we must be first of all a blessing to one another."

Ask in prayer with Peter: "Lord! To whom shall we go?"

Pray that God will inspire us with people who can honestly and faithfully interpret our religious tradition for us today.

### *Sources*

Liturgyhelp.com.au

<http://catholic-resources.org/John/Themes-Jews.htm>

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat-ii\\_decl\\_19651028\\_nostra-aetate\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_decl_19651028_nostra-aetate_en.html)

## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Wednesday 26 Aug	7.00pm	Reconciliation Catechists	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 26 Aug	8.00pm	Parish Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 27 Aug	9.00am	Liturgy Group	Parish Office
Thursday 27 Aug	9.15am	Reconciliation Service	Mother of God Church
Friday 28 Aug	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S 5/6	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 29 Aug	10.00am	<b>First Reconciliation for Catechists</b>	Mary Immaculate Church

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



**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.

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

**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	22 Aug	-	-
	29 Aug	Laya Godwin & Claudia Gelsi	Mikayla Verkic & Thomas Beveridge
<b>10.00am MI</b>	23 Aug	Isabella Lessene & Matthew O'Connell	Aaran Lessene & Alice Ryan
<b>9.00am MI</b>	30 Aug	Simona Sgambati & Laura Rizzo	Claudia Sgambati & James Ferraiuolo
10.30am MOG	23 Aug	Hayley Game	Sadie Game and family
	30 Aug	Olivia Gooden	Theodora Hally and family

### **Celebrating 100 years: Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm.**

We've had some encouraging phone calls and other messages, so it seems the idea is getting through!! Please don't leave it too long look in the attic or the garage or under the stairs to locate 'treasures' which you know must be there somewhere!! We will take very good care of them and return safely to you. And, do help us to build up a list of names of parishioners of former days!! There will be sheets in the back of the churches in a few weeks but, meanwhile, make your own list. Tom, Peter, Merle ( [merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au](mailto:merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au) )

### **Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee.** Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August. 10am

A reminder: we are meeting at the MI hall until the end of the year. The topic this time---**Second Bite**. Do come if you can!!

**Laudatio Si' mi Signore** Since I first told you that we have purchased some copies so you can easily access them, I've done what I have been promising myself I would do. That is, start to read this special document — though slowly. I was especially enthused to read, under the heading of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis saying: "I do not want to write this Encyclical without turning to that compelling and attractive figure, whose name I took as my guide and inspiration when I was elected Bishop of Rome. I believe he is the example, par excellence, of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically". If you would like a copy (\$13) just ask. 9497 1691 [merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au](mailto:merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au)

### **Annual Mass of All Nations – Theme: Church Without Frontiers, Mother to All**

Sunday, 30 August 2015, Rosary at 2.00 pm, Mass at 3.00 pm. St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne  
Main celebrant: Archbishop Denis Hart DD. ALL WELCOME

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## **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: Tuesday 1 September**

Pope Francis has declared 1 September a day of prayer for the Universal Church. He says it will give individuals and communities an opportunity to implore God's help in protecting creation and an opportunity to ask God's forgiveness 'for sins committed against the world in which we live'.

## **Neighbouring Parishes (Deanery)**

We are fortunate in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe to have neighbouring parishes (Deanery) amongst whom resources can now be shared by everyone. At the recent Deanery meeting (which alternates between these parishes) one of the decisions made now gives people from all our neighbouring Catholic parishes further opportunity to share in some of our local special parish events from time to time, without duplicating what others are already doing very well. This will be done by advance sharing of information on special events that are open and likely to be of general interest to other parishes, and are just a short drive away. Examples include Special Guest presentations, Social Justice events, eConferences, Youth activities, Social activities, Mental Illness and various other forums and activities. Watch out for and take the opportunity to share in some of these worthwhile and hospitable special neighbourhood parish events.

## **A Day for Women at Holy Cross: Saturday 5 September 2015**

Come away and listen to the invitation of Spring – Season of growth and newness. To book ring Maree on 9846 6014 or Brigid 0400 869 044. Held at 207 Serpell Road, Templestowe.

## **Timeless Youth Camp for Years 7 and 8: Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 September**

Leave behind the ordinary these school holidays and experience all the adventure of a fun, friendly, faith-filled youth camp hosted by the Catholic Archdiocesan Office for Youth. Featuring Melbourne's National Evangelisation Team, the Timeless Youth Camp will explore how God's time and our time are connected. Located on the edge of the Dandenong Ranges, the campsite facilities include basketball, netball and tennis courts, a beach volleyball court, a ropes course, table tennis and an archery range, all in a beautiful bush environment—and we plan to make the most of our stay there! Everyone in year 7 and 8 is welcome. Cost: \$60, includes all meals and accommodation. (Any cost concerns, please contact the AOY to receive a concession rate) Details: <http://www.cam.org.au/youth/>

## **Social Justice in the city presentation: Wednesday 26 August, 12pm**

At Pastoral Centre, St Francis' Church, Cnr Lonsdale and Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne. Vicki Clark will be speaking on 'The story of place, home and social justice from an Indigenous viewpoint'. Vicki recently retired from her position of Coordinator of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria after 25 years of committed service. Vicki has taken a leading role in the National Reconciliation process and is currently co-chair of Reconciliation Victoria. We look forward to seeing you at the Pastoral Centre for a great presentation and a complimentary 'cuppa'. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to invite your friends and colleagues.

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## **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 29-30 August 2015**

### **ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday **6.00pm**

#### **Lector**

S. Moorhen

#### **Special Ministers**

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

### **MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

Leader  
M. Sibillin

#### **Reader**

S. Sgambati  
L. Rizzo

#### **Mass Coordinators**

J. Costa

#### **Counters**

M. Rocco, P Shannon

### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

A. Patterson

#### **Lector**

I. Chiera

#### **Special Ministers**

A. Patterson, M A Darcy, J. Ellis

#### **Altar Society:**

I. Chiera

**Choir Coordinator:** P. Verrocchi

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<b>First Collection</b> – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1059.10	Loose cash: \$702.60	<b>Total: \$1761.70</b>
<b>Second Collection</b> – Presbytery:			<b>Total: \$ 836.30</b>

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