



# 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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**29-30 August 2015**

## **22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B**

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** **Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** **The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

V.1 Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

V.2 He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

V.3 He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** **May your grace give heart to our actions. Hear our prayer.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** **How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.**

**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. We also remember Elsie West, Gwen Keppel, Marie Ryan, Rose and Mio Tosolini, Palmora Drake and Rita Wain whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**Catechist First Reconciliation 29 August:** We sincerely congratulate the children who received and celebrated their First Reconciliation Saturday 29 August at Mary Immaculate Church. We sincerely thank parents for their attendance at preparation sessions, as well as support, assistance & preparation as part of the Home based program. We welcome those who have come to be with the children on this significant occasion.

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

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8      Psalm 14: 2-5      St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27      Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Mon 31 Aug: St Aidan of Lindisfarne*

*Tue 1 Sept: St Giles*

*Wed 2 Sept: St William of Roskilde*

*Thur 3 Sept: St Gregory the Great*

*Fri 4 Sept: St Cuthbert*

*Sat 5 Sept: St Lawrence Giustiniani*

### Next Week's Readings: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

**Isaiah 35:4-7**

**Psalm 145:7-10**

**St James 2:1-5**

**Mark 7:31-37**

## **From the desk of Fr Thang:**

### **101<sup>st</sup> World Day for Migrants and Refugees – Church Without Frontier, Mother to All**

This year Pope Francis, through the theme, *Church without frontiers, Mother to all*, calls us to go beyond ourselves, to live out our baptismal call, and to show compassion and solidarity to those who are marginalised. In particular, he asks us to care for migrants and refugees who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind.

#### *Some facts in 2015*

51.3 million people are displaced worldwide;  
3 million refugees arose from the Syrian war.

In Australia, both two major parties have maintained a policy of indefinite mandatory immigration detention for the last 20 years. Most detention facilities are in very remote areas and harsh environments. Interestingly during the 70s and 80s the governments welcomed and provided assistance for Vietnamese, East Timorese, Chinese students and South American refugees. I was accepted to come to Australia early in 1990 after three years living at Panat Nikhom, Thailand. Making immigration detention mandatory denies natural justice and the due process. In the last decade about 1000 people have died at sea. Deep down there has been a moral failure on both sides of politics. I totally agree with Archbishop Coleridge who said in a recent Q&A Program that “systematically cruel policies are devised and implemented by men and women in politics who are not themselves cruel, some of them I know. But it's one of the mysteries of public life in Australia at this time. I don't think there is any way around the fact that, on both sides of politics, our policy on asylum seekers and refugees is simply a moral failure and is an international disgrace!”

#### *Scriptural Focus – Reflection on God's Law*

First Reading – Moses challenges the People of God as to whether or not they are following the teaching of God's Law, and gives them examples of his enduring love. As a community of believers, we have chosen to follow a new way to life, not as perfect people, but as sinners who count on God's mercy. Sinners are people who do not obey God's Law meticulously, and sometimes do unspeakable things. However, the God of mercy redeems us in our daily recommitment and makes us worthy to be called God's own.

Second Reading – Apostle James reminds us that it is not sufficient to listen to the Word of God: we must listen to the Word, receive it and make it bear fruits that are visible: “Be doers of the Word and not [just] hearers!” A society response to justice and God's Law would be measured by its relationship to God's vulnerable and marginalised.

Gospel - Jesus criticises those who demand rigid observance of the law even when circumstances might require an interpretation of that law. Jesus respects the law, but teaches that the Ten Words are meant to be guides, not shackles; and he insists that our attitude toward them should spring from the heart. Only then will they be words of genuine truth and life.

#### *Something to ponder and act upon*

- Reflect honestly about our current policy on the Asylum Seekers?
- Trace back our family roots in Australia and make a phone call to one or two person I have not in contact for awhile
- Am I a hearer of the Word or also a doer of it? Name some times when I “talked the talk,” but didn't “walk the walk.”
- How does the love in my heart express itself in action on behalf of the most vulnerable?

#### *Sources*

Liturgyhelp.com.au

Migrants and Refugees 2015 Kit

Q&A ABC Program (27 July 2015)

Alice Camille, *God's Word is Alive*, Acta Publications, 2007

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## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 29 Aug	10.00am	First Reconciliation – Catechist Children	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 1 Sept	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Grades 1/2HM	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 2 Sept	9.15am	Mass & MI P.S. Grades 3/4C & 3/4H	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 2 Sept	12.30pm	Outreach Social Activity	Mother of God Church Foyer
Friday 4 Sept	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grade 1/2K	St Bernadette's Church
		Mass followed by First Friday devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 5 Sept	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</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	29 Aug	Laya Godwin & Claudia Gelsi	Mikayla Verkic & Thomas Beveridge
	5 Sept	Kate Moorhen & Stella Vaughan	Trent De Vuono & Ava Fraser
9.00am MI	30 Aug	Simona Sgambati & Laura Rizzo	Claudia Sgambati & James Ferraiuolo
	6 Sept	-	-
10.30am MOG	30 Aug	Olivia Gooden	Theodora Hally and family
	6 Sept	Ashleigh-Rose Nicholson	Ashleigh-Rose Nicholson

**Next weekend will be the annual Father's Day Appeal for the Priests Retirement Foundation.** 'Caring for those who cared since 1990'. Envelopes will be available for anyone who requires one.

**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 to 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) )

**Reflecting on Faith and Life:** These words describe much better what we do when we gather on Thursday mornings than the brief title 'Liturgy Group'. Reflecting on faith and life is what we do---- from the Sunday readings, from our own experience and from the signs of the times nearby and far away. We ask ourselves what they are saying to us and how we can express that in the Prayers of the faithful. We find it inspiring and uplifting for our lives. We do meet every week but the attitude most certainly is: 'Come when you can'. Anything else would be unreasonable and we would miss out on a wonderful range of skills and lived experience. So, please think about whether you'd like to try it out—at least call in once. Talk to me if that would help. Merle 9 497 1691 [merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au](mailto:merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au)

**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)

**A Silver Jubilee:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 1990 was a very significant day for Fr. Joe Caddy, his parents Pat and John Caddy and all members of his family. On that day he was ordained to the priesthood and the following day said his first Mass at Mother of God church. So, Congratulations, Fr. Joe. We wish you many blessings in the years ahead.

**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.

**Outreach notice, late 2015:** Don't forget Wednesday, September 2 we will meet at noon in the MOG foyer for lunch and cards. All welcome. **Advance notice:** Following our 'first Wednesday lunch' on October 7 we plan to advance the next 'date' to October 28 instead of early November. Further information will follow but please mark your diary or calendar now. Many thanks for the good company and fun on the occasion of our film day/high tea on August 12. Sue, Helen and Eileen

**Timeless Youth Camp for anyone in Years 7 and 8: Wednesday 23 to Friday 25 September.** You are invited to a fun, friendly, faith-filled youth camp hosted by the Catholic Archdiocesan Office for Youth. The Timeless Youth Camp will explore how God's time and our time are connected. Located at Mt Evelyn Recreation Camp, Tramway Rd Mt Evelyn. 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 and to register: <http://www.cam.org.au/youth/> Registration will close September 16 if not booked out prior.

**Positions available in the Archdiocese:** Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- Assistant to the Coordinator, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry - Thornbury
- Support Officer, Catholic Education Office - East Melbourne
- Pastoral Care Worker, Sacred Heart Mission - St Kilda
- Parish Bookkeeper, St Francis Xavier Parish - Box Hill
- Senior Graphic Designer, Design and Print Office - East Melbourne

Further details can be found on either the Archdiocese website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

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## ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 5-6 September 2015

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

Saturday **6.00pm**

#### **Lector**

C. Dixon

#### **Special Ministers**

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

### **MARY IMMACULATE: Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

M. Napolitano

#### **Reader**

G. McAllister

#### **Mass Coordinators**

M. Gilbo

#### **Counters**

P Black, P Fanning

### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

E. Mount

#### **Lector**

E. Mount

#### **Special Ministers**

B & S Janus, M Chin

#### **Altar Society:**

P. Caddy

**Choir Coordinator:** I Chiera

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**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$1282.00      Loose cash: \$510.35      **Total: \$1792.35**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:** **Total: \$ 910.85**

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