



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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5-6 September 2015

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

V.1 It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

V.2 It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

V.3 The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: **Lord, open our hearts to your word. Lord hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for
you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: We remember Janice Horton, 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 Sheila Darcy 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 Rosa Rocco, Jamie Bernhardt, and Gino Villani. We also remember Rita Owen and Bonnie Wyse whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Harrison and Ineka Davis who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their 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: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Isaiah 35:4-7 **Psalm 145:7-10** **St James 2:1-5** **Mark 7:31-37**

Mon 7 Sept: St Regina

Wed 9 Sept: St Peter Claver

Fri 11 Sept: St Deiniol

Tue 8 Sept: The Birth of the Virgin Mary

Thur 10 Sept: St Nicholas of Tolentino

Sat 12 Sept: Most Holy Name of Mary

Next Week's Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Isaiah 50:5-9 **Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9** **St James 2:14-18** **Mark 8:27-35**

From the desk of Fr Thang: 2015 September Anecdotes

1 September – World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation On Tuesday at Mother of God Church the students from 1/2S joined with parishioners and the whole Church to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. At the beginning of Mass, Eva, a student from Grade 2 welcomed the Faithful and introduced the theme of Liturgy – Creation, “we rejoice in God’s creation and thank Him for all His gifts. We ask Him to help us always appreciate our world.” At the Liturgy of the Word, instead of the reading of the day, children selected the creation story from Genesis. Here Pope Francis helpfully reinterprets the creation story. He strongly rejects any interpretation of this story that would find human beings as dominators over nature – doing anything they wish:

We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us. This allows us to respond to the charge that Judaeo-Christian thinking, on the basis of the Genesis account which grants man “dominion” over the earth (cf. *Gen 1:28*), has encouraged the unbridled exploitation of nature by painting him as domineering and destructive by nature. This is not a correct interpretation of the Bible as understood by the Church. Although it is true that we Christians have at times incorrectly interpreted the Scriptures, nowadays we must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God’s image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures. The biblical texts are to be read in their context, with an appropriate hermeneutic, recognizing that they tell us to “till and keep” the garden of the world (cf. *Gen 2:15*). “Tilling” refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while “keeping” means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. (Laudato Si, no 67)

Special Collection for our Retired Priests – Caring for those who cared

At this weekend Masses we are invited to remember and support the Archdiocese’s retired and sick priests by contributing to the annual collection for the Priests’ Retirement Foundation (PRF). Priests witness people in their frailty from womb to tomb. Yet our priests too will suffer from the ravishes of human nature which we all share. This appeal is an opportunity to care for those who cared, now are retired, or perhaps sick. Established by the late Archbishop Frank Little in 1990, the foundation enables the provision of comfort and basic health care to retired and sick priests through a network of carers in residential and private accommodation. At a recent annual conference of the PRF, I noticed that the foundation cares for over 70 retired priests and 3 priests under 65 who have retired due to ill-health. To donate to the Priests’ Retirement Foundation, you can contribute to the collection taken up at the weekend Masses this Father’s Day. All donations over \$2 to the PRF are tax deductible. Thanks for your support and God bless.

Happy Father’s Day!

Scriptural Focus – Be Opened

First Reading – Isaiah uses consoling words: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... who comes to save you.

Second Reading – Apostle James focuses not so much on the hearing of faith as on faithful seeing. The Letter gives the example of a special treatment given to a well-dressed visitor while neglecting a poorly dressed person. Such a thing is, the Letter implies, a symptom of spiritual blindness.

Gospel – Ephphatha: Be Opened! Jesus goes into non-Jewish territory and brings his message to those who have no share in Israel’s God or heritage. He cures a deaf and dumb man thus brings Isaiah’s sayings to fulfilment.

Living the Gospel – Open to compassion When Isaiah described the signs by which the Messiah would be recognised, he identified those people who were isolated from society by their physical afflictions. He portrayed a Messiah who released them from those afflictions and allowed them to re-enter society. That is what Jesus did time and time again. In the healing of the deaf and dumb man, Jesus called on all those around him to also be opened – that their hearts may be opened to compassion. Jesus calls to us through today’s gospel to also be open to compassion and open to the needs of those around us [and our environment as well!]. (*Liturgyhelp.com.au*)

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Monday 7 Sept	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office Meeting Room
Tuesday 8 Sept	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Prep	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 9 Sept	9.15am	Mass & MI P.S. Grades 5M & 6SO	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 11 Sept	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Transition Prep	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 12 Sept	10.00am	No Reconciliation due to Priestly Ordinations	

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	5 Sept	Kate Moorhen & Stella Vaughan	Trent De Vuono & Ava Fraser
	12 Sept	Annelise Squarci & Jaycob Pascuzzi	William Dunn & Ruby Dunn
9.00am MI	6 Sept	-	-
	13 Sept	Abbey Bowers-Bone & Luke Perrone	Xavier Billman & Emily Underwood
10.30am MOG	6 Sept	Ashleigh-Rose Nicholson	Ashleigh-Rose Nicholson
	13 Sept	Holly O'Neill	Imogen Incarni and family

100 years 2.30 pm Mass Sunday, 25th October
Everyone welcome—please pass the word.

Some reminders: Have you marked out the date in your diary?
 Have you mentioned the event to others whom you know would be interested?
 Have you looked for the 'treasures' which you know are 'somewhere'?
 Tom, Peter, Merle (merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au)

A follow up to the Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee.

I'm always impressed by the really interesting speakers whom the planning group find to entertain and inform us. Most recently the speaker was from 'Second Bite' – a generous and competent group of people who retrieve fresh food from suppliers who would otherwise be taking it to landfill. Many community groups, of all sizes, benefit from this good food which is thereby not wasted. Look at their excellent web site and learn more.
 Merle

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

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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

Theology at the Pub with Dr Andy Mullins: "Character, Happiness and a Flourishing Life"

Monday 7th September Dinner from 6.30pm; talk from 7.30pm.

The Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy T@P is an event for 18 - 35 year olds. Priests and Religious of all ages welcome. For more info and future events, find us on Facebook.

QUO VADIS Retreat for Men

Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September Pallotti College, 80 McNamaras Road, Millgrove

Starts after dinner Friday night, concludes after lunch on Sunday. A retreat for young men presented by the Archdiocesan Vocations Office. An opportunity for single Catholic men to spend some quiet time in the Yarra Valley with others also seeking to grow closer to God. Prayer, reflection, talks, daily Mass, adoration, opportunity for confession, spiritual direction, recreation and rest.

Cost: \$150 (includes all accommodation and meals)

Details and registration: 9926 5733 or vocations@cam.org.au

Study Tour of the Biblical Lands 2016—Information Session

Saturday 12 September, 2–5pm Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

CTC is offering a fully escorted Study Tour of the Biblical Lands in November/December 2016. This information session will include itinerary, costs, study options and information regarding the places to be visited in Jordan, Israel and Palestinian Territories and Turkey. Journey with CTC to the heart of your faith!

Details: Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au **RSVP:** Wednesday 9 September

Catholic Book Club

Friday 25 September, 7pm

Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3, 358 Lonsdale Street (near the corner of Elizabeth Street), Melbourne

Anyone interested in reading and discussing Catholic books and poetry is welcome to join our monthly meetings. This month we are discussing *The Wise Man from the West: Matteo Ricci and his Mission to China* by Vincent Cronin (1955). **Details:** Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com

Request for Mother of God: We are requesting Special Ministers and music co ordinator for Mother of God on Sunday 13 September. As the First Eucharist date changed from 13 September the School is unable to do it.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 12-13 September 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday **6.00pm**

Lector K. Gillespie
Special Ministers Sr Carmel, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

J. Pidutti

Reader A. Bowers-Bone
Mass Coordinators E. Ballao
L. Perrone
Counters J & H Pidutti
R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

M. Hoban

Altar Society:

Lector

M. Hoban

S. Galic

Special Ministers

Choir Coordinator:

to be confirmed

to be confirmed

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1257.00

Loose cash: \$406.35

Total: \$1663.35

Second Collection – Presbytery:

Total: \$ 815.00

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