



# 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*

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Thang Vu 63 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East 9499 5440 (after hours)  
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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. 37**

**12-13 September 2015**

## **24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B**

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

V.1 I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R.**

V.2 They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

V.3 How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

V.4 He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** Through the cross to hope and life. Lord hear our prayer.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**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 Jamie Bernhardt. We also remember Ken Owen, Hanna Baily and Norman Robb Snr whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

### This Week's Readings: 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Mon 14 Sept: The Triumph of the Cross*

*Tue 15 Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows*

*Wed 16 Sept: Ss Cornelius and Cyprian*

*Thur 17 Sept: St Robert Bellarmine*

*Fri 18 Sept: St Joseph of Copertino*

*Sat 19 Sept: St Theodore of Canterbury*

### Next Week's Readings: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

**Wisdom 2:12, 17-20** **Psalm 53:3-6, 8** **St James 3:16-4:3** **Mark 9:30-37**

## **From the desk of Fr Thang: Ministry to Priests**

### *Ministry to Priests*

Over the past few months I have met with Fr Greg Bourke of Ministry to Priests on numerous occasions to listen, take notes, and learn from him. He will continue to mentor me in my new ministry. The following is an adaptation of an article about Ministry to Priests (Kairos Volume 24, Issue 5, 2013)

### *What is the Ministry to Priests?*

The Ministry to Priests Office is appointed and fully funded by the Archbishop of Melbourne for the care of his priests. It provides a forum for priests to communicate issues with an agent and office of the Archbishop without necessarily communicating directly with the Archbishop. The director and his team also provide pastoral care and intervention. The director is directly accountable to the Archbishop. The office is linked nationally to the Clergy, Life and Ministry network found in every Australian diocese, under the mandate of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. (Next year Fr Greg Bourke will commence his role as National Director of Clergy, Life and Ministry.)

### *What type of ongoing formation is offered to priests?*

The services provided include retreats and clergy conferences. We hold weekly formation sessions on topics such as Scripture, preaching, leadership skills, sacramental and pastoral theology, best practice approaches, governance training, integrity in ministry training, clergy conferences, appraisal, professional supervision, enculturation opportunities, speech and accent development, cultural pursuits, sabbatical leave and administration training.

### *What services cater for the health and wellbeing of priests?*

These include retirement preparation, psychology of ageing, life cycles, support for those newly ordained, newly appointed as parish priests, priests newly arrived to the country, focused formation for priests ordained for 10 years or fewer, hobby and recreation groups, grief and loss support, spiritual direction, enculturation education and training, conferences for cross-cultural ministry, free access to psychologist services, accredited nursing support, a home-care support team, pastoral visitation and care, review of appointments, review of wellbeing, and intervention.

### *Who supports the director in his role?*

Megan Mitchem has been secretary since the inception of the office (*Megan will have a first overseas trip soon and she well deserves this!*). Therese Rush and Bernadette Mills are our home-care and support workers. We are also supported by the staff of George Maher House and Justin Villa, including the community of the Disciples of the Divine Master, the new Committee for Ongoing Education of Clergy (Chaired by Fr Max Vodola, Fr Martin Ashe, Fr Denis Stanley, Fr Bill Edebohls, Fr Michael Gallacher, Sr Helen Monkivitch RSM and Maria Egan, and me), the Vicar General and the Archbishop.

Please continue to pray and support me because without these two powerful sources I cannot stand where I am now. Thank you.

“Truly each priest has the duty, rooted in the sacrament of holy orders, to be faithful to the gift God has given him and to respond to the call for daily conversion which comes with the gift himself.”

Pastores Dabo Vobis # 7

### *Gospel Reflection*

‘But you, who do you say I am?’ This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah? Perhaps you’ve never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, ‘Who do you say I am?’ It’s confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It’s confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. ‘Who do you say I am?’ You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn’t ask ‘Who do you say I was?’; it asks, ‘Who do you say I AM?’ The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: ‘Who do YOU say I am?’ (*Liturgyhelp.com.au*)

## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Tuesday 15 Sept	9.15am	Mass & MOG Whole of School	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 16 Sept	9.15am	Mass – No MI School	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 16 Sept	9.15am	MOG Communion Service	Mother of God Church
Thursday 17 Sept	9.15am	MOG Communion Service	Mother of God Church
Friday 18 Sept	9.15am	Mass – No St B’s School	St Bernadette’s Church
Fri 18 Sept	9.15am	MOG Communion Service	Mother of God Church
Saturday 12 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	12 Sept	Annelise Squarci & Jaycob Pascuzzi	William Dunn & Ruby Dunn
	19 Sept	School Holidays	School Holidays
9.00am MI	13 Sept	Abbey Bowers-Bone & Luke Perrone	Xavier Billman & Emily Underwood
	20 Sept	School Holidays	School Holidays
10.30am MOG	13 Sept	Holly O’Neill	Imogen Incarni and family
	20 Sept	Kirra Pozzebon	Max Perta and family

**100 years 2.30 pm Mass Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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](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)

**Public launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Social Justice Statement 2015/16 :**

**‘FOR THOSE WHO’VE COME ACROSS THE SEAS. Justice for refugees and Asylum Seekers’**

1.00pm – 2.00pm Tuesday 15th September 2015 by Bishop Vincent Long

The launch will take place - literally - ON THE WATERS EDGE - directly opposite Etihad Stadium (131 Harbourside Esplanade , Docklands) and easily reached by a brisk 7 minute walk from Southern Cross Station.

Everyone is most welcome. Inquires / RSVP [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)

### Youth Engaging the World: Living Pope Francis' Vision of Faith

Wednesday 16 September, 9am–4pm St Michael's on Collins, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne

A forum for school and university students. What is the world Pope Francis sees and is responding to? Are Francis' eyes seeing right? Are these the issues? Are young people fired up about these same issues? If yes, what are they doing about them? If not, why not? What are you hearing from your peers? These are just some of the questions you'll explore at this youth forum. Cost: \$35, includes morning and afternoon tea.

Details: [iace@acu.edu.au](mailto:iace@acu.edu.au) or 02 9701 4176 or [www.acu.edu.au/popefrancis](http://www.acu.edu.au/popefrancis)

### The Journey Catholic Radio Program – AIRS 20 SEPTEMBER 2015

This week on *The Journey* Fr Stephen Varney reflects on the Gospel of Mark; Sr Hilda Scott OSB shares a story of how Pope John XXIII revealed God's love to prisoners; Trish McCarthy challenges us to "Feel the Fear" and do it anyway; Fr Dave Callaghan asks us to "Think Again" and the Pirolas give us tips on the key to a successful marriage. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

### Social Justice in the city presentation: Wednesday 30 September, 12–1pm St Francis Pastoral Centre, Corner Lonsdale and Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne

Professor Ruth Webber will be speaking on Catholic Prison Ministry 'A Light at the End of the Tunnel', reporting on a study of Catholic Prison Ministry and the ways prisoners can receive emotional and spiritual support, particularly when they are vulnerable and at risk of self harm. Prison ministry provides the context in which prisoners can reflect on their lives and face up to the consequences of their crimes, including the harm they have caused others. Prisoners claim that their renewed faith provides a road map in their endeavour to find a new way forward. Chaplains provide a 'light at the end of the tunnel'.

**Details:** Paula on 9895 5800

### The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart (MSC) Invitation

The MSC Sisters warmly invite you to an afternoon presentation on the life of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey – Australian woman, doctor of medicine, religious sister and missionary in India. Reflection followed by afternoon tea.

Saturday 10 October at 2.00pm at All Hallows Church, Brenbeal Street, Balwyn.

### The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver

will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 10 October 9am-3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds from this year's Fair will be directed to assist in the construction of a borehole that will provide water for a boys home, and village people, in Sudan and a much needed vehicle for priests in the Sacred Heart Parish, Kesis, Zambia. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

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### **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 19-20 September 2015**

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

Saturday **6.00pm**

#### **Lector**

J. Murphy

#### **Special Ministers**

A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

#### **MARY IMMACULATE:** Leader

Sunday 9.00am

K. Bator

#### **Reader**

C. Nguyen

#### **Mass Coordinators**

J. Costa

#### **Counters**

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

#### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

M. Hoban

#### **Lector**

M. Hoban

#### **Special Ministers**

Rita Beltrame

#### **Altar Society:**

S. Galic

#### **Choir Coordinator:**

M. De Silva

**First Collection** – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1638.00

Loose cash: \$521.80

**Total: \$2159.80**

**Second Collection** – Presbytery:

**Total: \$ 743.65**

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