



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. 39

26-27 September 2015

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

- V.1 The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**
- V.2 The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**
- V.3 So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**
- V.4 From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord, renew the face of the earth. Hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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 Caterina Biviano. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Sheila Ryan and Irene Rogan. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 18:8, 10, 12-14 St James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Mon 28 Sept: St Wenceslaus

Tue 29 Sept: Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Wed 30 Sept: St Jerome

Thur 1 Oct: St Therese of Lisieux

Fri 2 Oct: The Guardian Angels

Sat 3 Oct: St Gerard of Brogne

Next Week's Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 127

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

Young Catholics and the Future of our Church – Marcus Napolitano

When our Parish Priest, Father Thang, brings all the children up onto the sanctuary to reflect on the gospel and give his homily, he asks the children a question, to come to Mass once a month. Why does Father ask this question? Why does he ask children not adults?

My name is Marcus Napolitano; I am currently 13 and a Year 8 student at Xavier College Burke Hall. Over the past two years I have developed a very strong bond with the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe. You might be asking yourself, why a 13 year old boy would attend church every Sunday, help out at Mass and be interested in his faith. The simply one word answer is DEVOTION. I devote my Sunday Morning to go to Mass to hear the Gospel of the Lord. I do this because I am Catholic.

People In the generation I was born don't realise how much Catholicism is influencing their lives, by attending a Catholic school, doing Religious Education in class, attending class mass and liturgies and celebrating Christian events such as Christmas and Easter. But is this enough to be a devout Catholic.

I understand that children/teenagers live busy lives especially with sport commitments. Sport dominates the role of children and teenagers but I believe if you are committed to your sport, attending training and being there on match day, shouldn't you have the same commitment to your faith? Both sport and faith should play a huge role in lives of our young people.

When I attend Mass each Sunday I believe the gifts of the Holy Spirit are with me; Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence, Wonder and Awe. I also feel that I am fulfilling my role of being a Christian and parishioner of The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe where I strive for inclusiveness, hospitality, service and mission.

I believe that every child in our community should connect with God and pray to Jesus Christ when they need to. Young people all around the globe are the future of the church, the future of this faith. I feel that I am the future of this church and parish . The future of Catholicism relies on young people. Most importantly the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe's future relies on the children in this community, whether they be from our three parish schools or from other schools.

From a 13 year olds point of view I believe modern language should be used inside our Gospel scripture so young people can better interpret and understand the scripture readings. This will hopefully allow the younger community to use the words of the scripture to express their lives. The church needs vision for the future.

Ask yourself - Do you see a future in our church?

So back to my earlier question, Why does Father ask young children to come to Mass more regularly?

The answer is the future of our church, faith and parish lies in the hands of the younger generation. I hope you can pray with Pope Francis and me for the future of our church and the future of our Parish.

May our younger generation be blessed with the Holy Spirit in the glory of the God our Father. Amen.

Prayer for Peace - Let us pray for people living in conflicted countries and especially for the current European refugee crisis:

Almighty God, the source of all our good.
You call us from oppression and conflict
to freedom and cooperation for the good of all.
Help people everywhere to build a world of peace
ever more solidly established on the four pillars:
truth, justice, love and freedom.
We ask God to grant all our wishes through Christ our Lord. Amen

God Bless †

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Wedding Anniversary:

Congratulations to Bernie and Elaine Jowett on the special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, a celebration for all concerned. We wish them many blessings both now and in the years ahead.

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday, 25th October, there will no morning Masses at Mary Immaculate or Mother of God.

The Sunday Mass that day will be at Mary Immaculate at 2.30pm.
(As usual, there will be a vigil Mass at St. Bernadette's on the Saturday (24th!))

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

There will be no weekday morning Mass this week.

Communion Service is as follows:

Tuesday 29 Sept	9.15am	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 30 Sept	9.15am	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 30 Sept	9.15am	Mother of God Church
Thursday 1 Oct	9.15am	Mother of God Church
Friday 2 Oct	9.15am	St Bernadette's Church
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Saturday 26 Sept	10.00am	Mary Immaculate Church

Reconciliation

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

Social Justice Sunday: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 27 September. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers'. The Statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned his back on those who were lost or suffering. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

Celebrating 100 Years!

**100 years 2.30 pm Mass Sunday, 25th October Everyone welcome—please pass the word.
Calling all who made up the Confirmation choir –and anyone who likes to sing!!**

At the end of the Confirmation celebration—when we were on a high---I suggested that there would be another opportunity to sing together this year. That opportunity will occur on the day we celebrate the centenary of the first church on the present MI site---Sunday. -25th October: 2.30 pm Mass. To 'tune up' for this, there will be two practices: Tuesdays—13th and 20th October, 7.30 pm at Mary Immaculate. Do come if you can and please pass the word. For more information, phone me on 9 497 1691, merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

Corpus Christi College Building Appeal

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September, throughout the Archdiocese

This is the weekend on which Corpus Christi College launches its 2015 appeal, seeking to raise funds to add eight more rooms to the seminary in Carlton. These additional rooms are urgently needed to accommodate the increasing number of men answering God's call to serve and to provide accommodations for them in their studies. Please support the seminarians in whatever way possible, particularly through this appeal—they are our priests of the future. Be generous at this weekend's collections! Envelopes are available in the Church.

Details: 9657 0222 or www.corpuschristiccollege.org.au

World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia

Be united in prayer with Pope Francis and the families of the world as they reflect, pray and celebrate together at the conclusion of this massive world gathering.

October with Outreach

Quick reminders for the next several weeks.

1. First Wednesday lunch and cards in the MOG foyer on Wednesday, October 7. All welcome.
2. Don't forget that we have moved forward by one week the following lunch date to October 28. Therefore there will be no 'first Wednesday' in November.
3. We are currently negotiating our Christmas lunch for December 9. More information to follow.
Thank you, Eileen, Sue and Helen

Year for Consecrated Life

Pope Francis has called this Year for Consecrated Life to give thanks to those religious who serve so generously with their presence and their ministry. Think of all the religious who have worked in our Catholic schools, hospitals and institutions over the years in Melbourne. Spare a prayer of thanksgiving for them. Thank those religious that you know for their service and witness. The Church in Melbourne is enriched by the presence of so many consecrated persons.

Forum: Strengthening Parish Support for Asylum Seekers

Wednesday 14 October, 9am for 9.30 start. Concludes at 3.30pm

St Ambrose Parish Hall, 287 Sydney Road, East Brunswick

Recent developments have highlighted the importance of a response at parish level to the needs of asylum seekers. The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference on refugees, the announcement by the Australian Government of an intake of an additional 12,000 refugees from Syria, and Archbishop Hart's 11 September letter to parishes about refugees all argue for continuing work to welcome refugees and asylum seekers into our communities.

The 14 October Forum aims to share information among parishes and agencies about the needs of asylum seekers and the ways that parishes can support them.

Our guest speakers for the day include Mr Phil Glendenning, Chair of the Refugee Council of Australia and Director of the Edmund Rice Centre; and Sr Brigid Arthur, Coordinator of the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project. The focus will be on: *Issues, action and advocacy, The Christian mission and the role of parishes, Identifying asylum seeker needs, Parish Expo, Workshops, Accommodation, Family support through English conversation, Material aid, financial support, Providing hospitality*

A program for the day is available at <http://www.css.org.au/Welcome-The-Asylum-Seeker-Parish-Support>

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and resources)

Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/IDSR>

RSVP: Wednesday 7 October

Details: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au

Open Day Marcellin College Saturday 17 October 2015: 9am-12pm. Principal's Welcome: 9.00am, 9.45am, 10.30am, 11.15am. 160 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen. Applications are also open for limited places in Years 9, 10 & 11 in 2016. For all enrolment enquiries: Contact the College Registrar registrar@marcellin.vic.edu.au

Daylight savings starts 2am Sunday 4th October!

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 3-4 October 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday **6.00pm**

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, A Pellizzari, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

McEvoy Family

Reader

Mass Coordinators

E. Ballao

Counters

M. Rocco, P. Shannon

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verocchi

Lector

A. Tosolini

Special Ministers

G. Crawford, R. Beltrame, F. Tosolini

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator:

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1136.95

Loose cash: \$452.50

Total: \$1589.45

Second Collection – Presbytery:

Total: \$ 600.50

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