



# 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. Jacob MST 63 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East 3079 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. 5**

**30 – 31 January 2016**

## **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C**

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will sing of your salvation.

- V. 1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. **R.**
- V. 2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me;  
For you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**
- V. 3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**
- V. 4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** In faith, hope and love, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.  
**O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember Sister Gabriella RSM, Vince Bezzina, Keith Smith, Jim Murphy, Mary O'Toole, Silvia Scalia and Sung Bui who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



**Baptism:** We welcome Patrick Moran who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his family, relatives and friends who share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

### This Week's Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19** **Psalm 70:1-6, 15, 17** **1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3** **Luke 4:21-30**

#### Saint and Feast Days:

*Mon 1 February: St Brigid*

*Tues 2 February: Presentation of the Lord*

*Wed 3 February: St Blaise*

*Thurs 4 February: St John de Britto*

*Fri 5 February: St Agatha*

*Sat 6 February: St Paul Miki & Companions*

### Next Week's Readings: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Isaiah 6:1-8** **Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8** **1 Corinthians 15:1-11** **Luke 5:1-11**

### Prayers of the Sick

*As from February please note that names will remain on the sick list for six weeks only and will be taken off unless notified otherwise. To extend time, please make personal contact with Parish Office 9499 1515.*

## Reflection:



At the end of today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' hometown crowd were so outraged by his words that they wanted to throw him off a cliff. How things have changed! These days many young adults tie a rope around their ankles and willingly hurl themselves from any precipice available!

It seems that some young people enjoy the challenge of facing down their fears, trusting the generally good track record of those who have done it before them and publicly showing their courage, even to the brink of death. Those of us not courageous or stupid enough to attempt a bungee jump have to concede that to do it, for whatever reason, is heroic stuff.

Heroic stuff is at the heart of today's readings. Even though the crowd hated what they heard, Jesus preached boldly to his own people. Jeremiah was similarly courageous in his teaching, in the face of enormous persecution from his people. And Paul knows the only reason one can endure hardships and rejection and even be seen as stupid in the eyes of the world is for the sake of love.

The word 'love' has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, holiday, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make.

Indeed as St John was to sharply say in his letter in the New Testament, 'If you say you love God and hate your neighbour, you are a liar'. We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals. There is no getting around it: Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice.

So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this?

We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it. That's love.

We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. That's love.

And we can plunge into the unknown, even to the brink of death, because along with others we have held on to hope in the face of difficult times. That's sacrificial love and that is what Christian love is all about.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the full. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us.

From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, even to the brink of death and leap into the future with only three ropes tied to our ankles.

On one is written 'faith'. On the second is written 'hope' and on the third and strongest rope is written 'love'. Let's pray in this Eucharist, then, for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them, even to the point of death.

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### HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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| Saturday 30 Jan | 10.00am       | <b>Reconciliation</b>                   | Mary Immaculate Church |
| Monday 1 Feb    | 7.30pm        | Baptism Preparation Session             | Parish Office          |
| Tuesday 2 Feb   | 4.15pm        | Christian Meditation                    | Mary Immaculate Hall   |
| Tuesday 2 Feb   | 7.30pm        | St Bernadette's Parents & Friends       | St Bernadette's School |
| Wednesday 3 Feb | 12 – 3.00pm   | Outreach Social Afternoon               | Mother of God foyer    |
| Wednesday 3 Feb | 4.15pm        | Christian Meditation                    | Mary Immaculate Hall   |
| Thursday 4 Feb  | 9.00am        | Liturgy Group Meeting                   | Parish Office          |
| Friday 5 Feb    | 9.15am        | Mass followed by First Friday devotions | St Bernadette's Church |
| Friday 5 Feb    | 5.30 – 7.30pm | Mother of God P.S. Welcome Picnic       | Mother of God School   |
| Saturday 6 Feb  | 10.00am       | <b>Reconciliation</b>                   | Mary Immaculate Church |



**Parish Farewell Gathering for Fr Thang:**

*Date, time and place have been confirmed with Fr Thang for a Mass & Parish Farewell Gathering on Sunday 6 March 2016 at 2.30pm in Mary Immaculate Church. Mass will be followed by Afternoon Tea in Mary Immaculate Hall. All are invited and welcome.*

– Chris Dixon, on behalf of the Parish Leadership Team.

**Sunday, 6 March 2016**

**PLEASE NOTE:** No morning Masses at Mary Immaculate or Mother of God. The only Sunday Mass that day will be at Mary Immaculate Church at 2.30pm. Mass at St. Bernadette's on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm, as usual!

**St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February:**

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am and immediately after Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All are welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

**Invitations from St Therese Parish, Essendon re- Fr Des Magennis:**

Parishioners are invited to a Farewell Gathering for Fr Des Magennis at St Therese Parish Pastoral Centre on Shrove Tuesday, 9 February after the 10am Mass (approx. 10.30am) at St Therese Church, 48A Lincoln St, Essendon. We thank St Therese community for their invitation and wish Fr Des well as he prepares to leave his residence in Moonee Ponds and move to Justin Villa, Balwyn.

**Pastoral Leadership Team News:**

The year of 2015 was such a busy year that nominations for the Pastoral Leadership Team were not called as would normally be the case in the middle of the year. As we endeavour to complete our Strategic Review we will endeavour to get it right this year. If anyone wishes to become further involved and contribute at this level, please call Chris Dixon, PLT Chair 0418 544 324



**Outreach Social Afternoon:**

Wednesday 3 February 12noon – 3.00pm

Our next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 3 February at 12.00pm at Mother of God Church foyer, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. Come for lunch, cards, scrabble, knitting or a chat with others. Everyone is invited and welcome. – Eileen, Helen and Sue

**Christmas Hamper Appeal – Thank you:**

The local Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society sincerely thanks parishioners and schools for the great support given to the Christmas Appeal 2015. Your generous donations of food, gifts and funds enabled the Conference to deliver in excess of 50 hampers/vouchers to ever grateful families.

**Congratulations are in order:**



Sister Jane Gorey, a Brigidine sister and for a good number of years, the resident carer at the Ryder Cheshire Home in Ivanhoe has been honoured with an Order of Australia Medal. Our congratulations, Sister Jane, and thank you for what you do to make number 10 Donaldson St. a 'home away from home' for those who need to be in Melbourne for medical treatment.

**Being Lost and Being Found:**

Parishioners are invited to a six week Lenten programme using scripture, prayer and meditation at St Clement's Church, Egan Drive, Bulleen which starts on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 7.00 – 8.30pm. Places are limited. Please contact Cecilia 9850 3262 and RSVP by Friday 5 February.

**Ivanhoe Playgroup:** The Ivanhoe Playgroup offers a welcoming and supportive environment where parents and children can play, learn and have fun. **Ages:** The playgroup suits children aged between 0- 4 years

**Venue:** Mary Immaculate Church Hall, 4 Waverley Ave. Ivanhoe

**Session Times:** Wednesday 9 - 11am or Thursday 9 - 11am

**Fees:** \$80 per term for one child

**Further details:** Contact Liz Shearer: Phone 0411 345 664 or liz.shearer1@gmail.com

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### Sacraments 2016:

Sacramental Brochure 2016 for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs for Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist is available in each church. Please contact Parish Office for enrolment forms as below.

Enrolments are only accepted from families who live within the parish boundary which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.

Please note: Only children who do not attend Parish primary schools or who have transferred out of local Catholic Primary schools need to enrol in the Parish Program. *Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program.*  
*It is recommended that sacramental preparation takes place in the parish where the catechist & family lives.*

Enrolment forms available from Parish Office 9499 1515 & website: [www.ivanhoecatholics.com](http://www.ivanhoecatholics.com)

**N.B. Closing date is Friday 11 March 2016 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.**

**ACU short course on 'Grace and Mercy':** Wednesday 24 February, 2, 9 and 16 March 2016, 6–8pm at Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. ACU invites registrations for its upcoming Short Course on Grace and Mercy. Pope Francis has proclaimed 2016 as the Year of Mercy. ACU is offering an opportunity for the public to explore the meaning of God's grace and mercy during the season of Lent. Cost: \$80 (for a Certificate of Attendance). Cost: \$40 attendance only. Alternative methods of payment are available. Register: <http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses> Click on 'Melbourne' page. Registration essential & closes Friday 19 Feb. Details: [shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au](mailto:shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au)

**Biblical Reflections on the Easter Triduum:** Thursday 3 March from 7.00 – 9.00pm  
You are invited to reflect on the Gospel accounts of the Passion, Death & Resurrection of Jesus with Fr Frank Moloney SDB, world-renowned Biblical scholar. Venue: Our Lady of the Pines Church, 77 Carbine St, Donvale. Cost: 5.00 with proceeds donated to Don Bosco Hostels. Refreshment will be provided. Please RSVP by 28 February: [skay@bigpond.net.au](mailto:skay@bigpond.net.au) or Steve: 0407 392 763

**Yarra Deanery News: Wednesday 9 March 2016 – 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm** Venue announced at a later date. The Yarra Deanery is hosting an evening with Francis Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council. In 2013 the Federal Government announced the establishment of a Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Shortly after the announcement, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia established the Truth, Justice and Healing Council in recognition of the imperative for the Church to address the past openly and honestly. The Council is overseeing the Church's engagement with the Royal Commission. Please put this important event in diary.

**Lenten Reflections at Mary MacKillop Centre:** Wednesdays 10, 17, 24 February and 2, 9, 16 March, from 12.30–1.00pm at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne  
This is an opportunity for us to reflect together on the graces of this special Lenten season. Come and take 30 minutes of quiet out of your busy day Wednesdays throughout Lent. **Details:** 9926 9300



**Newsletter notices, items, prayers and anniversaries:** *Need to be given to Parish Office no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday each week.* Notices received after Wednesday will be placed in newsletter for the following week. Items can be left in the locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Contact details for Parish Office: Phone 9499 1515, Fax 9499 9959; or email: [catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com) – Ruth

### **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 6 – 7 February 2016**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.00pm

**Lector**

C. Dixon

**Special Ministers**

J. Gray, T. Nibali

**MARY IMMACULATE:** Leader

Sunday 9.00am

McEvey family

**Reader**

McEvey family

**Mass Coordinators**

S. & P. Kelly

**Counters**

M. Rocco, P. Shannon

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

M. Hoban

**Lector**

M. Hoban

**Special Ministers**

I. Chiera, M. Chin, G. Crawford

**Altar Society:** I. Chiera

**Choir Coordinator:** M. De Silva

**First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,033.00 Loose cash: \$382.85 Total: \$1,415.85**