

Reflection:

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 6 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 9 Feb	7.00pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 10 Feb	9.15am	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> Mass	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 10 Feb	<u>11.00am</u>	Opening School Year & <u>Ash Wednesday</u> Mass	St Bernadette's Church
Wednesday 10 Feb	7.30pm	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> Mass	Mother of God Church
Friday 12 Feb	9.15am	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 12 Feb	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 13 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Sunday 14 Feb	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God School	Mother of God Church

Margaret Rush:

Margaret has lived at Green St, Ivanhoe for fifty years and at short notice has moved into residence at Southern Cross Templestowe Pioneer Village, 16-24 Herlihy Rd, Lower Templestowe during the past week. Margaret wishes to thank all parishioners for their friendship, help, support and assistance over many years.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Margaret for her dedication, commitment, faithful service and loyalty to the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe at St Bernadette's Church over the past 25 years. Margaret served the parish community in and for the church at a variety of levels (Please refer to article and photos by John Costa, 30 January on the parish website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com.au)

Sincere thanks and welcome:

- The parish wishes to take this opportunity to thank Sue Reed, Myriam and Monique Simpson, Alma Pettiona and Joy Meacham for their individual contributions to St Bernadette's Church community at a variety of levels over many years, and thank them sincerely for their time, commitment and service to both St Bernadette's Church as part of our parish community.
- We welcome and sincerely thank Jim Gray for graciously accepting the role of sacristan at St Bernadette's at this time, as well as his commitment as a Special Minister to the Sick.



Congratulations: Congratulations to Luu Glenister who received an Australia Day Award - Banyule Council for services to welfare & community, particularly Veteran Affairs, Ivanhoe.

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.

Would you like to see the film Brooklyn?: The Olympic Village Exodus community is offering an opportunity which will help them at the same time: Balwyn Theatre, Friday 12th February, 10.45 for an 11am start. Cost: \$20. A light lunch will follow. Phone Anne Hall: 0 497 5153 or Jo Magnanini: 9850 7702 ASAP.

Mass time at St Bernadette's Church on Wednesday 10 February – 11.00am

Children and staff from our three Parish Primary Schools will come to the Ash Wednesday Mass at 11.00am at St Bernadette's Church to celebrate the Beginning of the School Year.



Ash Wednesday Masses: Wednesday 10th February 2016:

Mary Immaculate:	9.15am	St Bernadette's:	11.00am & Opening of School Year
Mother of God:	7.30pm	St Bernadette's:	7.30pm Korean

From Father Jacob:

Dear All,

The forty days of Lent which begins from Ash Wednesday is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God.

We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penitence as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of testing and preparation, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love and embrace his will more fully in our lives.

Fast and abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of *fasting* binds those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year. The law of *abstinence* binds those who have completed their 14th year. (Canon 1252)

I invite all of you to attend Ash Wednesday services and other devotions during Lent

Stations of the Cross in Lent: As from Friday 12 February Stations of the Cross will be available during Lent at St Bernadette's and Mary Immaculate Churches All parishioners are invited to attend. – **Fr Jacob**

❖ **St Bernadette's Church:** After 9.15am Mass on Friday mornings, but not on First Friday of the month.

❖ **Mary Immaculate Church:** Friday evenings at 7.00pm in Mary Immaculate Church.

Project Compassion is an important part of our Lenten journey! You are invited to take a box or a set of envelopes for contributions to Project Compassion which will assist much needed financial support to others in many parts of the world.

- Project Compassion boxes & Lenten share packs are available in each church to take home for your use.
- A large Project Compassion box is in each church for contributions if you wish to use this option.
- Project Compassion contributions need to be returned no later than Easter Sunday 27th March 2016.

Mother of God School Mass Sunday 14th February: On Sunday 14th February children and families from Mother of God School will come to be with us at the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God 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 5th March at 6.00pm, as usual.

New monthly magazine – ‘Melbourne Catholic’:

This weekend sees the launch of ‘Melbourne Catholic’, the new magazine of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It’s a larger format monthly with a wide range of quality articles and photos to help readers “encourage, accompany, discern and pray”. February copy is free, and the March edition will also be free. Inside each magazine is a letter of welcome and invitation to subscribe to the magazine as well as reply-paid envelopes for your subscription for the nine copies 2016. 2016 Subscription cost: \$36 (9 copies). As from April 2016, individual copies for each month will cost \$4.00

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 Film Afternoon & High Tea:

Wednesday 17 February 1.00pm

How long has it been since you heard Mario Lanza’s glorious singing? Don’t miss our film and high tea in 2 weeks’ time – wonderful music, a romantic story, champagne and excellent food all for \$15 per person in Mary Immaculate Hall, 4 Waverley Avenue, Ivanhoe. Everyone invited & welcome. – Eileen, Helen and Sue

Invitation from St Bernadette’s, Mother of God and Mary Immaculate Primary Schools:

Building Resilience in Children and Supporting children with Anxiety

Parishioners are invited to attend a Wellbeing Seminar on Thursday 3 March at 7.00pm at the Marian Centre at Mother of God Primary School, 66 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. This seminar will be presented by Georgina Manning, Director of ‘Wellbeing for Kids’ who presents workshops and seminars to parents and schools to implement effective wellbeing strategies. Georgina is a registered Counsellor and Psychotherapist who works in private practice providing support to both parents and children, specialising in anxiety in children.

Please refer to poster available in each church.

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.*

Enrolment forms are available from Parish Office 9499 1515 & website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com

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

An Evening with Francis Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of Truth, Justice and Healing Council:

Wednesday, 9 March 2016, 7.30- 9pm Our Lady of Mercy College Mercedes Hogan Theatre -

Yarra St, Heidelberg (parking is available under the building and on the courts the rear of the building)

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.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 13 – 14 February 2016

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.00pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

K. Bator

Reader

J. Wignall

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

P. Black, P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

J. Hodge

Special Ministers

MA Darcy, B. Dolzan, M. / P. De Silva

Altar Society: MOG School

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$2,166.00

Loose cash: \$541.40

Total: \$2,707.40

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