



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C
27 – 28 FEBRUARY 2016

LATEST PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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Playgroup: 9.00-11.00am Wed & Thurs

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PARISH MASS & FAREWELL GATHERING for Fr Thang

All are invited and welcome to join us on:

[Sunday 6th March](#) at [Mary Immaculate Church](#) at [2.30pm](#)

Mass will be followed by:

- ❖ Afternoon Tea in Mary Immaculate Hall
- Please bring a small plate of food to share
- ❖ Sausage Sizzle will be available in garage near the hall

Video after Masses at each church this weekend:

Just before his departure as Parish Priest, Fr Thang agreed to record a brief video in the form of a Q&A. The video which lasts for around 16 minutes will be shown immediately after Masses this weekend. All are invited to stay back briefly and watch this 'farewell video' if you can. The video was co-produced for the Parish by Sr Carmel Butler and John Costa.



[Mary Immaculate Church](#)
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

[St Bernadette's Church](#)
89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

[Mother of God Church](#)
56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR 2016

Tuesday 1st March:

9:15am Mass: Mother of God Church & Years 1/2HM
4.15pm . Christian Mediation in Mary Immaculate Hall

Wednesday 2nd March:

9:15am Mass: Mary Immaculate Church & Yrs 3/4HS & BHS
9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church

Thursday 3rd March:

7.30am PLT Executive Meeting
9.00am Liturgy Group meeting at Parish Office
9.15am Communion Service at Mother of God Church

Friday 4th March:

9:15am Mass: St Bernadette's Church & Year 3/4D
Followed by First Friday devotions
9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church
7.00pm Stations of the Cross: Mary Immaculate Church

Saturday 5th March:

10.00am Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate Church
6:00pm Mass: St Bernadette's Church

Sunday 6th March: Mass & Farewell for Fr Thang

2:30pm Mass: Mary Immaculate Church
No morning Masses at Mary Immaculate Church 9.00am or
Mother of God Church 10.30am

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

We remember Justin Fernandez, Beryl O'Keefe, Anna Hansom, Sister Gabriella, Vince Bezzina, Keith Smith, Mary O'Toole, Silvia Scalia, Sung Bui, Ankica and Stanko Ivancic who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

DEATHS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We remember those who have died recently. We remember George Mokdissi, Silvio Omizzolo Margaret Beriman and Nick Buttifant whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM

We welcome Luca Costantin who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

NEWS



Ivanhoe Parish Film Afternoon, 17th February:

After gathering and greeting with a welcome drink approximately 20 patrons settled down as the chocolates were passed around. Projectionist, John Costa, turned off the cool jazz, the lights went down and The Student Prince lit up the screen. Mario Lanza's voice matched the quality of Sigmund Romberg's score. The film featured among others the well-known, "Drinking Song, The "Serenade" "Deep in my Heart" and "Gaudeamus Igitur". The romantic plot involved royalty and university students in the original Heidelberg and the acting talents of principals, Edmund Purdom and Anne Blyth. The story ended following the stirring lyrics of, "All Walk with God" and we all came back to earth to enjoy an excellent high tea provided by the members of Outreach. This movie was a great choice and was highly appreciated.

We look forward to more films later in the year.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND: 20 – 21 February 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u> 6:00pm Saturday	Sacristan J. Gray	Reader J. Moorhen	Special Ministries B. Jowett, T. Nibali
<u>MI Church:</u> 9:00am Sunday	Leader G. McAllister	Reader L / E Donhardt	Mass Coordinators J. Costa
<u>MOG Church:</u> 10:30am Sunday	Sacristan A. Patterson	Reader T. Barker	Special Ministers A. Moloney, M. Pollard, A. Patterson Choir Coord: J. O'Brien
	Altar Society:	P. Caddy	

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 27 – 28 February 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u> 6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	Reader C. Dixon	Special Ministries B. Jowett, T. Nibali
<u>MI Church:</u> 2.30pm Sunday	Leader To be arranged	Reader	Mass Coordinators S. & P. Kelly
<u>MOG Church:</u>	Sacristan	Lector	Special Ministers
	Altar Society:	Choir Coord:	

COUNTERS 5 – 6 March

<u>St B's Church:</u>	J. Manders	B. Jowett
<u>MI Church:</u>	S. Kelly	P. Kelly
<u>MOG Church</u>		

NOTICEBOARD

Stations of the Cross in Lent: Stations of the Cross services are available during Lent at St Bernadette and Mary Immaculate Churches. All parishioners are invited to attend. . **Fr Jacob**

Communion Ministers to the Sick and Elderly – Mother of God: If you think you may be able to spare an hour or so once a month on either a Tuesday (after 9.15am Mass at MOG) or Wednesday morning at 10.00am we would love you to join our roster to take Communion to the sick and elderly who are unable to come to Sunday Mass. If you think you may be interested you are welcome to join one of the current volunteers on either a Tuesday or Wednesday morning to see what we do and meet the residents who really appreciate our visits. For further information please contact the Coordinator Bernadette Milesi 9499 4867.

Lenten Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures

- 'Love, Love, Love'*** - Rev Dr Michelle Trebilcock
All lectures begin at 8.00pm. Fellowship and supper after presentation at 9.15pm. Donation: Gold coin.
- Tuesday 1 March: *Love is life- from a mystical perspective: What is love? How do we get it?*
East Ivanhoe Uniting Church, corner Maltravers & Lower Heidelberg Rds, Ivanhoe East
 - Tuesday 8 March: *God is Love – If God is Love, is Love God?*
St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
 - Tuesday 15 March: *Loving God & Neighbour as Self. What is the relationship between divine and human loves*
Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East

Outreach Social Afternoon:



Our next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 2 March from 12.00-3.00pm 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

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. Refreshment will be provided. Please RSVP as soon as possible: skay@bigpond.net.au or Steve: 0407 392 763

Project Compassion :

Project Compassion assists with 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.

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

Wednesday, 9 March 2016, 7.30 . 9.00pm at 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.

Sunday Afternoon Concert, St John's Clifton Hill:

Sunday 6 March, 3.00pm at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill
A sorrowful mother was standing Progetto Corelli: Lacrimosa presents Vivaldi's *Stabat Mater*, marking the Lenten journey and theme of penitence during this Easter season. A bleak but beautiful rendition of the 13th-century hymn, one of Vivaldi's earliest commissioned works from Brescia, Italy. Additional music by Corelli, Boismortier and Telemann.
Cost: Voluntary donation. No booking required.
Details: progetto.corelli@gmail.com or 0449 870 528

New monthly magazine – 'Melbourne Catholic':

Melbourne Catholic is a magazine of the Archdiocese of Melbourne which is available monthly. It has a larger format with a wide range of quality articles and photos to help readers encourage, accompany, discern and pray. February and March copies are free. Inside this magazine is a letter of welcome and invitation to subscribe to the magazine, as well as reply-paid envelopes for your subscription for nine copies 2016. 2016 Subscription cost: \$36 (9 copies). As from April 2016, individual copies for each month will cost \$4.00

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1, 189.00 Loose cash: \$358.00

Total: \$1,547.00

Special Collections:

CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE PRIMARY SCHOOLS



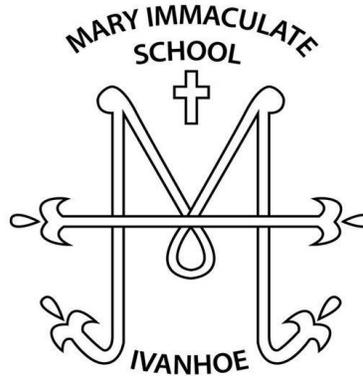
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Invitation from St Bernadette's, Mother of God and Mary Immaculate Primary Schools:

7.00pm - Thursday 3 March: ***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 well-being strategies. Please refer to poster in each church.

Parish Newsletter:

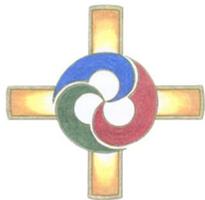
We thank all who have provided responses to the introduction of our new format for the parish newsletter which will be an ongoing work in progress and your feedback is much appreciated. In time we will be looking for sponsorship on the back page of our parish newsletter. Details concerning information and details for sponsorship at a later date. . **Fr Jacob**

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Entrance Antiphon:

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading: Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. **¶** must go and look at this strange sight, **¶** Moses said, **¶** and see why the bush is not burnt. **¶** Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. **¶** Moses, Moses! **¶** he said. **¶** Here I am **¶** he answered. **¶** Come no nearer **¶** he said. **¶** Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, **¶** he said **¶** the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. **¶** At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, **¶** I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow. **¶** Then Moses said to God, **¶** I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, **¶** The God of your fathers has sent me to you. **¶** But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them? **¶** And God said to Moses, **¶** I Am who I Am. This **¶** he added **¶** is what you must say to the sons of Israel: **¶** The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. **¶** This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come. **¶** This the Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: 102:1-4. 6-8, 11

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall. The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, **¶** Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. **¶**

He told this parable: **¶** A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, **¶** Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground? **¶** Sir, the man replied **¶** leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down. **¶** The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful:

Kind and merciful God:
Hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 83:4-5
The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9 - 12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2 - 7

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1 . 3, 11 -32

DID YOU KNOW?

In his memoirs, Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Indian nation, humbly and frankly acknowledges that, when he was fifteen, he stole a little piece of gold from his brother. A few days later, he felt very guilty and decided to come clean by confessing to his father. So he took a paper, admitted his fault, sincerely asked his father for forgiveness and promised never to repeat the offence. Taking that note to the bedroom of his father, the young Gandhi found him ill in bed. Very timidly he handed the note to his father without saying a word. His father sat up in bed and began reading the note. As he read it, the senior Gandhi was so deeply moved by the honesty, sincerity and courage of his son that tears began to stream from his eyes. This so touched the son that he burst into tears as well. Instinctively both father and son wrapped their arms around each other and wordlessly shared their mutual admiration and joy. This notable experience made such an impact on Gandhi that years later he would say, "Only the person who has experienced this kind of forgiving love can know what it is." This precisely is what happened when the repentant prodigal son returned home. Such is God's merciful forgiveness and benevolent love for all who resolutely turn over a new leaf, especially during this Lenten season. (James Valladares in *Your Words O Lord, are Spirit and They Are Life*; quoted by Fr. Botelho).

The First Reading: Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15:

This reading explains how God, speaking from a burning bush, called Moses to leave the tending of his father-in-law's flock for a challenging role as liberator of God's Chosen People. He was to free them from their enslavement by Egyptian rulers who were systematically persecuting and exterminating them. The reading contains the call of Moses, the greatest Jewish liberator and law-bringer, and the explanation of God's proper name: *Yahweh*. God not only trusts Moses enough to share His Name with him, but He also explains what it means. "*I am who AM,*" Yahweh proclaims. "*This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.*" YHWH (without vowels, as it is written in Hebrew), means "I am Who am" (St. Jerome, *Vulgate*) or "I am He Who is" (*Septuagint*) or "I am Who cause to be" (modern Bible scholars). God also insists He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Israel's ancestors, in order to prepare the freed slaves to reclaim their noble heritage. This reading is appropriate for Lent, because it begins the story that will reach its climax so dramatically on Holy Saturday with the reading which explains how Moses finally led the Israelites out of Egypt. Though God's salvation is always available, only those willing to change their core lives ever notice it. Repentance is the first step in our redemption. That is why Jesus gives the strong warning in today's Gospel, "*If you do not repent, you will all perish.*" We are called to abandon our false gods of money, power and pleasure and return to the one God, who secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed."

The Second Reading: I Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12:

The second reading is Paul's commentary on today's first reading. Paul warns the Christians of Corinth that they must avoid overconfidence and learn from the experience of the Israelites, so as not to repeat their mistakes. Referring to the golden calf episode and the judgment that befell the Israelites in the wilderness (10:7-11), Paul offers words of admonition (10:12), assurance (10:13) and warning that God's mercy has its limits. The Israelites, led by Moses, passed miraculously through the sea as they escaped from Egypt. God led them across the desert by means of a cloud and gave them water from the rock when they were thirsty and delicious manna as their staple food. Despite all these wonders, however, many were still faithless. Therefore, God let them die in the desert without reaching the Promised Land. Paul sternly warns the Corinthians that they are in the same danger, "*Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care lest he fall.*" Paul exhorts his converts to be faithful and not to presume that membership in the Christian community automatically saves them. Later in his epistle Paul speaks of repentance, using the Greek word *metanoia*, which means "a decision which changes the direction of a person's life or behaviour."