



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

5 – 6 March 2016

### LATEST PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



#### PARISH MASS & FAREWELL GATHERING for Fr Thang

We welcome all who have come for Thang's Farewell Mass on

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at **Mary Immaculate Church** at **2.30pm**

Mass will be followed by:

- ◆ Afternoon Tea in Mary Immaculate Hall
  - Thank you for bringing a small plate of food to share
- ◆ Sausage Sizzle will be available in garage near the hall

**Family Mass for Year 6 & Preps** at Mary Immaculate School  
Sunday 28 February at Mary Immaculate Church



St Bernadette's Church

89 Bond St, Ivanhoe W

Mother of God Church

56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe E

Mary Immaculate Church

4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

**INCLUSIVENESS**

**HOSPITALITY**

**SERVICE**

**MISSION**

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR 2016

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March:

7.30pm: Baptism Preparation Session at Parish Office

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March:

9:15am Mass: Mother of God Church & Ys 1/2 & Prep

6pm: Reconciliation Family Workshop - Cunningham Centre

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March:

9:15am Mass: Mary Immaculate Church & Years 5D & 6M

9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March:

9.00am: Liturgy Group meeting at Parish Office

9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church

8.00pm: Finance Committee at Mother of God Presbytery

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March:

9:15am Mass: St Bernadette's Church & Year 1/2A

Followed by Stations of the Cross

9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church

7.00pm: Stations of the Cross: Mary Immaculate Church

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March:

10.00am: Reconciliation at Mother of God Church

6:00pm: Mass at St Bernadette's Church

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March:

9.00am: Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

10.30am: Mass at Mother of God Church

### ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND: 5 – 6 March 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministries</b>
6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	C. Dixon	B. Jowett, T. Nibali

<u>MI Church:</u>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Mass Coordinators</b>
9:00am Sunday	TBA		S. & P. Kelly

<u>MOG Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
10:30am Sunday			

<b>Altar Society:</b>	<b>Choir Coord:</b>
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### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 12 – 13 March 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	K. Gillespie	Sister Carmel. J. Gray

<u>MI Church:</u>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Mass Coordinators</b>
9.00am Sunday	J. Pidutti	O. Egan	M. Gilbo

<u>MOG Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
10.30am Sunday	J. Taylor	I. Chiera	C. Bellio, R. Beltrame, M. Chin

<b>Altar Society:</b> I. Chiera	<b>Choir Coord:</b> M. De Silva
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### COUNTERS 12 – 13 March

<u>St B's Church:</u>	M. Simpson	P. Melvaine
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<u>MI Church:</u>	P. & H. Nguyen
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<u>MOG Church</u>	T. Barker	D. Carey
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## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

We remember Brenda McMahon, Justin Fernandez, Beryl O'Keefe, Sister Gabriella, Keith Smith, 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 Anna Hansom, Vince Bezzina and Ana Brkljacic who died recently. We also remember Kathleen Butler, Carmel Cullen and Mary McEvey whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

## BAPTISM

We welcome Christian D'Intino 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



**an  
Ecumenical Meal  
Wednesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> March**

6:00 pm  
at the  
Ivanhoe Uniting Church  
Seddon Street

\$20

**Our Holy Week Meal** : I rejoice that, several years ago, Rev. Paul Mayfield of the Ivanhoe Uniting Church suggested that we should gather for a meal on Maundy (Holy) Thursday, because this is such a significant feast for us all. How good that this has continued over many years and is much looked forward to now. One concern (for me) over the years has been that, with Mass to follow, we left the tidying up to others - which they generously did. One of two of the other communities are now having services on that evening so, when we gathered last year, the question was raised - and solved - because of the wise words: "The whole week is Holy Week: Let's call it a Holy Week Meal."

So, this year we will gather at the welcoming Uniting Church community centre on:

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. 6.00 for 6.30pm!**

\$20 for a lovely meal.

Please pass the word and ask me for tickets.

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# NOTICEBOARD

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

## **Practices for Easter Ceremonies 2016**

All are invited to join us for singing practices as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm at Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm at St Bernadette's Church, 89 Bond St, Ivanhoe
- Tuesday 22 March (if req.) at Mary Immaculate Church, corner Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

## **Lenten Reconciliation Service 2016:**

The Parish Lenten Reconciliation service will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 17 March at Mother of God Church.

## **First Reconciliations:**

Children in each of our three Parish Schools are preparing to receive their First Reconciliation in coming weeks. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

## **Information for Lent, Holy Week and Easter:**

Information, dates and details for coming weeks are available in each church on light purple paper. Please feel welcome to collect a flier to take home.

## **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.

## **New monthly magazine – 'Melbourne Catholic':**

The March copy 2016 is free. You are invited and welcome to subscribe to the magazine for the rest of the year which costs \$36 for 9 copies. As from April 2016, individual copies monthly cost: \$4.00

## **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 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

## **An Evening with Francis Sullivan, CEO of Truth, Justice and Healing Council:**

Yarra Deanery invites you to an evening with Francis Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council on Wednesday, 9 March 2016, from 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 night will afford everyone an opportunity to learn more of the Council's role in overseeing the Church's engagement with the present Royal Commission, as well as the Council's role in helping the Church address the past openly and honestly. An important evening which should be most informative in light of recent events. Your attendance and interest will support our neighbouring parishes as part of the Yarra Deanery.

RSVP: 3 March [stpiusvic@bigpond.com](mailto:stpiusvic@bigpond.com); 9457 5794

## **Project Compassion:**

Project Compassion assists much needed financial support to others in many parts of the world.

- Project Compassion boxes & share packs are available 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

## **National Launch of Catholic Worship Book II:**

Friday 8 April, 6–7pm (registration for at 5.30pm)  
Celtic Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre, corner Hoddle St. & Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.  
Launch will include official speeches, and opportunity to sing liturgical music from the revised collection led and accompanied by a choir, cantors, organ and keyboard. Registration essential for catering purposes. Wine and cheese reception will follow.

Cost: Gold coin donation

RSVP: Anita Plant, National Office for Liturgy, by Tuesday 5 April [anita.plant@cam.org.au](mailto:anita.plant@cam.org.au); 9926 5762

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<b>First Collection</b> – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1, 619.00	Loose cash: \$756.55	<b>Total: \$2,375.55</b>
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**Special Collections:**

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## Recent deaths in our parish:

Parishioners and I wish to offer condolences to the families of parishioners who have died recently:

Anna Hansom, wife of Victor Hansom - Funeral on Wednesday 9 March at 12.00pm, Mother of God Church

Vince Bezzina, son of Mary & Rosario Bezzina (dec) - Funeral on Monday 7 March at 2.00pm in Chapel at Yan Yean Cemetery, 2265 Plenty Rd, Whittlesea  
- Fr Jacob

## 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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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C

No. 10

5 – 6 March 2016

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

**Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

### **First Reading:** Jos 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

This the Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

### **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 33:2-7.

**(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

### **Second Reading:** 2 Cor 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he

has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Acclamation:** Lk 15:18

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **Gospel:** Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and

went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ**

### **Prayers of the Faithful:**

That our lives will mirror God's love and mercy: **Lord hear our prayer**

### **Communion Antiphon:**

**You must rejoice my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The fourth Sunday of Lent marks the midpoint in the Lenten preparation for Easter. Traditionally, it is called Rejoice Sunday. This Sunday is set aside for us to recall God's graciousness and to rejoice because of it. In many ways we have been dead, but through God's grace we have come to life again; we have been lost, but have now been found. We have every reason to rejoice. Hence, each of the three readings characterizes one of the many facets of Easter joy. In the Gospel, the joy is that of a young son's "coming home" and rediscovering a father's forgiving and gratuitous love. It is also the story of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honour, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and his God. It is really the Parable of the Forgiving Father, the story of Divine love and mercy for us sinners, a love that is almost beyond belief. The common theme of joy resulting from reconciliation with God and other human beings is announced to all of us present in this church – an assembly of sinful people, ready to receive God's forgiveness and His Personal Presence as a forgiving God in the Holy Eucharist.

### **The First Reading:**

The first reading (Joshua 5:9, 10-12) gives the story of the reconciliation of God's Chosen People with their God at Gilgal (within the eastern limits of Jericho), by means of a Passover meal, which made use of grain that had grown Promised Land. For forty years in the desert, they had rebelled again and again against God, and against the leadership of Moses. Nevertheless, God had forgiven them every time they repented. Finally, He had brought them to the Promised Land. In thanksgiving, they celebrated the Passover, asking Yahweh's forgiveness, just as they had begun their journey out of Egypt with the first Passover sacrifice and meal. Joshua's story is particularly pertinent to the Israelites who were taken to Babylon as slaves in 587 BC. It reminded them that the same God who had brought their ancestors from Egypt to the Promised Land would be merciful to them and forgive their sins of infidelity, provided they repented and were reconciled with Him. The people were to believe that, as God had responded positively to their repentant ancestors in the past, He would also hear their penitent cries, forgive them once again and keep all His ancient promises. Lent is a time for us to "pass over," from the world of injustice we have created to a world of reconciliation. It is our time to turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life.

### **The Second Reading:**

In the second reading (II Cor. 5: 17-21) St. Paul emphasizes the uniqueness of every individual in the Corinthian community – "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation!" Then he explains "the ministry of reconciliation" he had received from Christ and exercised among them, as the continuation both of Yahweh's ministry and of the reconciliation that occurred in Temple worship. He tells the Corinthian converts that they are a new creation, made so through the blood of Christ. It is the shedding of Christ's blood that has reconciled them with God and made them righteous. So they have reason to rejoice. Paul further reminds the faithful at Corinth that the apostles are ambassadors of Christ, announcing this reconciliation, which God offers to all humanity through Jesus Christ. Hence, he appealed to the Corinthians to be reconciled to God and to one another, thus sharing in God's plan of salvation. The Apostle believes that God is constantly reconciling everyone to Himself. Like the Corinthians, we have been made a new creation and we have been given many second chances. Hence, it is also our ministry to proclaim that reconciliation by being reconciled with those around us unconditionally, with no strings attached.

### **Next week's Readings:**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 43:16 - 21

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 125

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 3:8 -14

**Gospel:** John 8:1 – 11