



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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Mother of God Primary School

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

12 – 13 March 2016

LATEST PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Invitation - Thursday 17 March:**

I invite all to come and join us at our Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7.30pm, Thursday 17th March, Mother of God Church.

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation. We are invited by the Church to prepare for Holy Week. Easter is a time for reflection and personal renewal in preparation for the greatest feast in the Church. Let us make this special time into a real spiritual homecoming by making the necessary preparations especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The call to repentance comes as a clear, unambiguous call from Christ through his Church to the recollected, uncluttered places within our heart. This is a simple call: "Repent and Reconcile".

News: Mary Immaculate, St. Bernadette's & Mother of God

The **Joint Initiatives (JI) Group**, an initiative of the Mother of God Parent Representative Committee (PRC), was created to explore opportunities for the three parish schools to join together to participate in learning, social and other events and programs. A combined approach enables the schools to fund informative parent seminars, in anticipation of a greater number of parents attending. Also, together the three schools may offer an increased range of student focused events, on the basis of a greater number of student participants. Joint Initiatives reflects and continues to develop a 'one parish' focus of which all schools are a part.

The Group comprises two parent representatives from each parish school and meets each term to plan future opportunities. The 'Wellbeing for Kids' Seminar on 3rd March was well-attended by approximately eighty parents and was very well received. JI is currently planning further educational workshops for 2016 and also a Transition to Year Seven Program for our Year Six children. Other ideas from the parent community are welcome and may be emailed to Jane at: janemancini@ozemail.com.au

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

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR 2016

Tuesday 15th March:

9:15am: Mass at Mother of God Church
4.15pm: Christian Meditation at Mary Immaculate Hall
7.00pm: St Bernadette's School Education Board
8:00pm: McKinney Lenten Lecture at Mother of God Church

Wednesday 16th March:

9:15am: Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church

Thursday 17th March: St Patrick's Day

9.00am: Liturgy Group meeting at Parish Office
9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church
7.30pm: Parish Lenten Reconciliation-Mother of God Church

Friday 18th March:

9:15am Mass: St Bernadette's Church & St B School
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 19th March: Palm Sunday Vigil

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

Sunday 13th March: Palm Sunday

9.00am: Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
10.30am: Mass at Mother of God Church

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

We remember Nazha Shamieh, 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 Manee (Many) Amad who died recently. We also remember Giovanni Sansone whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS

We welcome Saskia, Yanek and Olek Stecki who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

NEWS

Dear Father Jacob and the People of God in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe,

It was a wonderful celebration on Sunday 6 March. Thanks to everyone who contributed in various ways to the liturgy, celebration and gathering in the hall after Mass. I've had blessed times at Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe.

The Mary MacKillop icon is much appreciated and the icon book has been placed alongside other respected items. I read the words on the cards with thanks, joy and smiles, and I'll use your gift wisely.

*With gratitude, grace and blessings,
Thang Vu*

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND: 12 – 13 March 2016

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

<u>MI Church:</u>	Leader	Reader	Mass Coordinators
9:00am Sunday	J. Pidutti	O. Egan	M. Gilbo

<u>MOG Church:</u>	Sacristan	Reader	Special Ministers
10:30am Sunday	J. Taylor	I. Chiera	C. Bellio, R. Beltrame, M. Chin
	Altar Society: I. Chiera	Choir: M. De Silva	

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 19 – 20 March 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	Sacristan	Reader	Special Ministers
6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	J. Murphy	A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

<u>MI Church:</u>	Leader	Reader	Mass Coordinators
9:00am Sunday	M. Sibillin	C. Nguyen	E. Ballao

<u>MOG Church:</u>	Sacristan	Reader	Special Ministers
10:30am Sunday	M. Hoban	A. Patterson	I. Chiera, G. Crawford, M A. Darcy
	Altar Society: P. Caddy	Choir: A. Pollard	

COUNTERS 19 – 20 March

<u>St B's Church:</u>	J. Manders	B. Jowett
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<u>MI Church:</u>	M. Rocco	P. Shannon
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<u>MOG Church</u>	T. Barker	P. De Silva
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NOTICEBOARD

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 15th 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:

Please keep the parish school children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Reconciliation in coming weeks.

- ♦ 22 March 11.45am, Mother of God Church
- ♦ 22 March 6.30pm, St Bernadette's Church
- ♦ 23 March 11.30am, Mary Immaculate Church

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.

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 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

Ryder Cheshire Foundation - 18th March:

The Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee is a week early on Friday 18th March because the last Friday of the month is Good Friday!! 10.00 am at 10 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe. Rosemary Tait will speak about 'Zonta International in Australia'.

New monthly magazine – 'Melbourne Catholic':

The March copy 2016 is free and available in each church. As from April 2016, each individual copy costs \$4.00 per month. You are invited to subscribe for the rest of the year which costs \$36 for 9 copies.

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.

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

From Yarra Deanery:

World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland, 25-31 July 2016

The Yarra Deanery (our group of neighbouring parishes) is looking for expressions of interest from local young people (16-35 years) who are thinking that they would like to join thousands of other young people in this memorable event. That means that they would be offered some financial support to represent their own parish and the overall Deanery and be happy to tell us about it on their return. If YOU are interested - or know someone who is - put your thoughts together briefly (not more than 100 words) explaining why you would like to attend WYD and what you believe your attendance would mean for you and for the life of your parish and or school. Send to: Fr. Wayne Edwards, St Pius X Parish, 419 Waterdale Rd, West Heidelberg 3081 or email: stpiusvic@bigpond.com Closing date: 31st March

Lenten Talk - Fr Frank Brennan SJ:

Monday 14 March, 7.30pm at Community Hall behind St Ignatius' Church, 326 Church St, Richmond
Frank Brennan SJ will speak on: 'Laudato Si' & the Year of Mercy: how do we do justice while being merciful?' Frank is a Jesuit priest, professor of law at ACU & Adjunct Professor at Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Australian National University College of Law. He is National Director of Human Rights and Social Justice for Jesuit Social Services, and superior of the Jesuit community at Xavier House in Canberra. Details: 8420 6789

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$847.00 Loose cash: \$403.85 **Total: \$1,250.85**

Special Collections:

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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, 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, 23rd March - 6.00 for 6.30pm!** \$20 for a lovely meal. Please pass the word and ask for tickets. Merle 9497 1691

Class Mass for Years 1, 2 & Prep from Mother of God School

on Tuesday 8 March at Mother of God Church.

We welcomed their families who had come to be with us at the weekly

Tuesday Mass at Mother of God Church - **Fr. Jacob**



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No. 11

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Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Is 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

This the Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the

sowing: They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won.

All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus. The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: J1 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes

and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ**

Prayers of the Faithful:

May we guided by truth and justice: **Lord hear our prayer**

Communion Antiphon:

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Next week's Readings:

Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4 - 7

Responsorial Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6 - 11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23: 56