



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

16 – 17 April 2016

### LATEST PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Welcome:**

We welcome and sincerely thank all priests for their offers of assistance to celebrate Masses during the week and at weekends in each of our churches whilst Fr Jacob is on leave. We are grateful for priests who support our parish at a variety of ways in time and spirit. We thank Fr Ted Teal who celebrates Mass on Saturday evening, and Fr Lasbert and Fr Barry Caldwell who celebrate Masses on Sunday morning. We thank Monsignor Tom Doyle and Fr Lasbert Sinaga who celebrate Masses during the week. Sincere thanks to those who ensure that all is in readiness for Masses in each of our churches.

**Mass of Anointing and Blessing:**

Parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am at Mary Immaculate Church. Morning Tea will be available in the Parish Office after Mass.

***Please note: No 9.15am Mass: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at Mary Immaculate Church***



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**ANZAC Commemoration Services:**

Commemoration Ceremony & Wreath-laying Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. The March from Ivanhoe Library Car Park will be led by the Hellenic Drum Band & end at the Soldiers' Memorial, Studley Rd, Ivanhoe for Commemoration Ceremony and Wreath-Laying. After the ceremonies, refreshments and Afternoon Tea will be available in Ivanhoe RSL Club Rooms.

Transport available for Disabled & Elderly Veterans: 9499 2051

**ANZAC Day Mass:**

8.00am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at St Bernadette's Church

St Bernadette's Church

89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church

56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe E

Mary Immaculate Church

Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

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## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR 2016

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April:

9:15am: Mass at Mother of God Church  
4.15pm: Christian Meditation at Mary Immaculate Hall

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April:

**10:30am:** Mass of Anointing & Blessing at Mar Immaculate Church with Year 5 & 6 students at Mary Immaculate School

9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church  
7.00pm: Confirmation Catechist Class 2, Mary Immac. Hall  
7.30pm: Yarra Denary Meeting, St John's Heidelberg

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April:

9.00am: Liturgy Group at Parish Office  
9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church  
7.00pm: Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April:

9.15am: Mass at St Bernadette's  
9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:

10.00am: **No Reconciliation** at St Bernadette's  
6.00pm: Mass at St Bernadette's Church

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April:

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

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April:

8.00am: ANZAC Day Mass at St Bernadette's Church

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY



We remember Maria Mascia, Ken Owen, Sheila Kinden, Nicoletta Mascia, Nazha Shamieh and Brenda McMahon who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

## DEATHS AND ANNIVERSARIES



We remember those who have died recently. We remember Karin West whose anniversary occurs at this time and the month anniversary of Giuseppe Audino. May they rest in peace.

## BAPTISMS



We welcome Henry Roberts and Jack Stevens who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend.

We welcome their families, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

## PARISH NEWS

### ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND: 16 – 17 April 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	C. Dixon	B. Jowett, A. Pellizzari

<u>MI Church:</u>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Mass Coordinators</b>
9:00am Sunday	tba	tba	J. Costa

<u>MOG Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
10:30am Sunday	J. Curry	J. Curry	A. Patterson, M. Pollard G. Reardon

**Altar Society:** A. Moloney    **Choir:** J. O'Brien

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 23 – 24 April 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	S. Moorhen	Sister Carmel, T. Nibali

<u>MI Church:</u>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Mass Coordinators</b>
9:00am Sunday	G. McAlister	J. Wignall	E. Ballao

<u>MOG Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
10:30am Sunday	E. Mount	E. Mount	F. Tosolini, T. Barker C. Bellio

**Altar Society:** I. Chiera    **Choir:** M. De Silva

### COUNTERS 23 – 24 April 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	P. Melvaine	M. Simpson
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<u>MI Church:</u>	P. Nguyen	H. Nguyen
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<u>MOG Church</u>	T. Barker	J. Hodge
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### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Fr Lasbert will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10.00am Saturdays: 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> May at Mary Immaculate Church whilst Fr Jacob is on leave.

**First Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am as normal by Monsignor Tom Doyle.  
No First Friday devotions after Mass on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

### Upcoming Winter Social Event:

What better way to make new connections and meet old friends - than by sharing a sumptuous meal together. Keep Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, free for our inaugural catered luncheon following 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church. This is a casual occasion which the whole family will enjoy. "Stay tuned" for further details in the next few weeks.

THANK YOU FOR

*the Food* before us,    *the Friends* beside us,    *the Love* between us,  
 and your *presence* among us.

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# NOTICEBOARD

**Reminder: No 9.15am Mass, Wednesday** at Mary Immaculate Church. 10.30am Mass of Anointing and Blessing - see front page

## Amoris Laetitia

### **The Joy of love - Love in the family**

The consultation on family life, facilitated by the Synod, has given rise to a quite wonderful, far reaching document. It is very much worth reading in full but it is lengthy. A well formulated abridged version is also available on the website which you are very welcome to download. However, it might not be convenient or possible for you to do that so some copies have been prepared and are available at the back of all our churches this weekend.

### **'Melbourne Catholic' magazine:**

April copy of Melbourne Catholic available in each church to buy and take home. **Cost \$4.00**  
Topics arranged under sections Encourage, Discern, Accompany and Pray. Film and book reviews included, as well as other regular items. Subscriptions can be made through Archdiocese Media and Communications Office: 9926 5758; or email: [melbournecatholics@cam.org.au](mailto:melbournecatholics@cam.org.au)

### **Outreach News for May:**

First Wednesday lunches / card days continue with the next one on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Outreach Update for June 2016:**

As promised last week we can now confirm that on Wednesday, June 15 at 1pm in Mary Immaculate Hall we will screen the film *The King and I*, starring Deborah Kerr and Yul Brynner and featuring the glorious music of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

The film will be followed by High Tea & refreshments which will be served throughout and there will be a door charge of \$15 per person.

You are welcome to invite friends and come to brighten up the winter days. Please let the caterers know your intention to come.

- Sue, 9499 1485 and Eileen 9499 7120

### **Companionship for those who Grieve:**

An Evening Reflection on Grief and its wider perspective, and the community as support to those grieving. Presenter: Marea Richardson on Friday 6 May from 7 - 8.30pm, with 8.30-9.00pm as question time. Venue: Clifton Centre, St Clement of Rome Parish, Egan Drive, Bulleen. For information or to make a booking please contact Cecilia Tan at 9850 3262 or email: [Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au](mailto:Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au)

### **Neighbouring Parishes (Yarra Deanery) - Hear & See "Travel Tales from the Philippines":**

St Kevin's Parish warmly invite all from neighbouring Parishes to join in our "Come, Listen See & Taste" event on 30 April from 6:45 - 9.00pm. Donation \$5 or more will cover dinner and contribute to Fr Shay's PREDA Foundation in the Philippines (provides legal aid, shelter, preventive education, community development & fair trade) supporting rights of women, children & indigenous people ([www.preda.org](http://www.preda.org)). Templestowe Speakers: Fr Gerry McKernan and School Teachers Sonia Costa & Robyn James. See flyer in Church (or on Parish website). RSVP 23 April or email [margaret.mangan@westnet.com](mailto:margaret.mangan@westnet.com) or Tel. 9846 1007

### **St Patrick's Cathedral: Easter Joy Organ and French Horn Recital:**

Tuesday 19 April, 6 - 7pm  
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, E. Melb.  
A recital of music for organ and French horn from two acclaimed Melbourne musicians in memorable acoustic of Melbourne's iconic cathedral. Anthony Halliday (organ), is an internationally acclaimed concert pianist and organist, as well as composer & arranger. Geoff Lierse (French horn) has spent almost twenty years with Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and has, like Anthony, been a frequent traveller to Europe's premier concert halls. Program will include works for each instrument as well as duets, by composers of the ilk of Beethoven, Saint-Saëns, Rachmaninov and Strauss. Cost: \$20 at door. Details: [music@cam.org.au](mailto:music@cam.org.au) or 9926 5753

### **Mass featuring St Joseph's Collegium Choir:**

Saturday 7 May, 6pm at St Joseph's Church, 183 Hope St, West Brunswick. The choir will sing at the 6pm Mass for the feast of the Ascension. St Joseph's Collegium is a chamber choir of young singers singing liturgical music from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present day, directed by Anthony Halliday.

### **Retreat Afternoon for Men and Women, Kew:**

On Sunday 8 May from 2.00 - 6.00pm at Pallottine Centre, 85 Studley Park Road, Kew  
Inviting young men and women and married couples to an encounter with God's mercy. This retreat afternoon commences with an input followed by Eucharistic adoration, silent prayer and reflection and concludes at 6.00pm. Cost: \$10 includes afternoon tea. Details and registration: Sister Julie 0408 738 334 or [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com)

### **Healing Mass for St Peregrine, Patron of Cancer Sufferers:**

Sunday 8 May, 2.30 - 4.00pm at St Brigid's Church, corner Nicholson St & Alexandra Parade, N. Fitzroy. All welcome for Servite rosary, Mass and Anointing of the Sick. Details: 9347 8191

**First Collection** Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,169.00

Loose cash: \$521.00

**Total: \$1,690.00**

**Project Compassion:**

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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**Publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia) and a summary Friday 8 April 2016**

The complete document (263 pages) and a summary document (7 pages) as published on Vatican Radio are available on the parish website: [www.ivanhoecatholics.com](http://www.ivanhoecatholics.com). Refer to notice in this newsletter.

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

No. 16

16 – 17 April 2016

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.**

### **First Reading:** Acts 13:14, 43-52

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

This the Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm:** 99:1-3, 5  
**(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

### **Second Reading:**

Book of the Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb,

they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!**

### **Gospel:** John 10: 27-30

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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

Risen Christ, kindle in us the fire of your love:

**Lord hear our prayer**

### **Communion Antiphon:**

**The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

### **Next week: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**1st Reading:** Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

**Resp. Psalm:** 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

**2nd Reading:** Apoc. 21:10-14, 22-23

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29

# GOSPEL REFLECTION

Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help – usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep's milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defence of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the *Good Shepherd*. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd – but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights.

In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God's name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds.

Today's gospel passage follows the famous 'good shepherd' passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as 'claiming' his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus' rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.

## **Scriptural context – The Father and I are one**

The final sentence of today's passage has Jesus declaring, 'The Father and I are one.' It seems a fitting way to finish the gospel reading for liturgical use in the Easter season. However, the passage in John's gospel continues on. Immediately upon hearing these words, the listening crowd grab rocks and are about to stone Jesus to death! They were horrified by his apparent blasphemy – claiming to be one with God. Such a bold declaration of oneness with the Father was no doubt used by the gospel writer to try to eradicate emerging questions about the divinity of Jesus.

## **Have you thought? Why John?**

You may have noticed that during the Easter season, we have been hearing exclusively from the gospel of John. But aren't we in Year C of the liturgical cycle – the year of Luke? Well, yes, but ... The gospel of the year is predominantly proclaimed during Ordinary Time. However, there is no Year of John. This gospel is read during the Easter season and at other specific feasts and seasons. As the synoptic gospels focus on the life and ministry of Jesus, the theological and metaphoric nature of John's gospel is much more suited to the post-resurrection season of Easter.

## **Gospel Focus – Eternal life**

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, 'I give them eternal life.' He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

## **Questions**

- Q. What phrase from today's reading carries special significance to you? Why?
- Q. What meaning does the image of the 'good shepherd' hold for you?
- Q. What is your understanding of 'eternal life'?
- Q. For whom are you a 'good shepherd'?

## **Learning moments**

The image of the 'Good Shepherd' that Jesus used to describe himself would have portrayed to his audience a sense of dependability; of constancy; of courage and commitment in the face of adversity. If Jesus were giving people an image of himself today, what relevant image would convey those similar ideas? Illustrate in word and picture a contemporary, relevant image of Jesus that also challenges the usual understanding of that image.

Choose a single line or phrase from today's gospel and create a collage of words and images that help express the meaning of that idea. (e.g. 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice', 'They will never be lost', 'I know them and they follow me')