



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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## ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR C

7 - 8 May 2016

### LATEST PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

#### Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2016: Weekend 14 - 15 May



*'In our encounters with people in distress, we walk into some dark places and help bring in light' - Catholic Chaplain*

Next weekend it is Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will be conducting a special collection in all parishes to support the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of a service of love and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Donations will support Chaplains who work with:

- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- People living with Mental Health and those with HIV/AIDS
- Men and women in prisons
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Seafarers

**Confirmation Posters:**

Enrolment posters are displayed in each church of our Confirmation candidates preparing for Confirmation on Sunday 22 May. Parishioners are invited to write their names on bottom section of posters as those keeping the children in their prayers. Posters will be returned to the children as a memento of their Rite of Enrolment.

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 10<sup>th</sup> May:

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

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May:

9:15am: Mass at Mary Immaculate Church  
 9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church  
 10.00-2.30 Confirmation Retreat Day at Amberley  
 12.00 - 3.30pm: Outreach Social Afternoon at MOG foyer  
 7- 9.30pm: Christian Meditation Committee at M.I. Hall

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May:

9.00am: Liturgy Group at Parish Office  
 9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May:

9.15am: Mass at St Bernadette's with Grade 3/4D  
 9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Pentecost

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

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Pentecost

9.00am: Mass at Mary Immaculate Church  
 & Mary Immaculate School Family Mass Years 1 & 2  
 10.30am: Mass at Mother of God Church

### ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND: 7 - 8 May 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	C. Dixon	J. Gray
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<u>MI Church:</u>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Mass Coordinators</b>
9:00am Sunday	K. Bator	C. Nguyen	S. & P. Kelly
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<u>MOG Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
10:30am Sunday	M. Hoban	M. Hoban	R. Beltrame, I. Chiera M. Chin
<b>Altar Society:</b> MOG School <b>Choir:</b> A. Pollard			

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 14 - 15 May 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	J. Murphy	B. Jowett, J. Gray
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<u>MI Church:</u>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Mass Coordinators</b>
9:00am Sunday	M. Sibillin	Parent	E. Ballao
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<u>MOG Church:</u>	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
10:30am Sunday	P. Verrocchi	T. Barker	G. Crawford, M. A. Darcy B. Dolzan
<b>Altar Society:</b> P. Caddy <b>Choir:</b> M. De Silva			

### COUNTERS 14 - 15 May 2016

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

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY



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

## DEATHS AND ANNIVERSARIES



We remember Patricia Wilson and Rita Vella who died recently. We also remember Mr A. and Mary Anthony, Cecil and Rose Daley, Anselmo and Maria Dri whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

## CONGRATULATIONS



We congratulate Jo McCormack who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this weekend and we wish her well on this significant and special occasion.

## PARISH NEWS

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Fr Lasbert is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.00am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Mary Immaculate Church.

### Confirmation Choir:

We have the privilege of supporting the parish children by providing music when they are confirmed on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. The choir at St Patrick's Cathedral needs many willing voices, and this especially this year when a couple of veteran 'choristers' will not / may not be available.

Our last practice is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Mary Immaculate Church from 7.30 - 8.30pm. We look forward to this wonderful occasion for our parish at the Cathedral and hope that parishioners can come and join us in the choir or come to the Cathedral to support our young parishioners. We thank John Caddy and Margaret De Silva for their respective roles as part of our preparation at practices.

### Reminder: Upcoming Winter Social Event

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, as well as an opportunity to make new connections and gather with old friends. Watch for further details and information in coming weeks.

# NOTICEBOARD

## Welcome and Thank you:

We welcome and thank Fr Len Thomas who will celebrate Masses at St Bernadette's and on Sunday at Mother of God, and thank Fr Lasbert who has been celebrating Mass at Mary Immaculate over past weeks.

## Communion Services:

During the next two weeks there will be Communion Services at Mother of God and St Bernadette's Churches. We sincerely thank Bernadette Milesi and Sister Carmel who will provide opportunities for Communion Services this week. We are grateful to those concerned who ensure that all is in readiness in each church on weekdays and at weekends.

## 2016 National Mass Counts:

The 2016 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place over four weekends in May. Thank you to those who counted last weekend and for the coming weekends: 7-8 May, 14-15 May and 21-22 May. Mass Counts include people of all ages, children and babies present at Mass in each church.

Mass Count forms are available in each church.

Completed Mass count forms need to be returned to the Parish Office on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

*Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.*

## Mary Immaculate School Family Mass:

Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, children and families from Years 1 & 2 at Mary Immaculate School will be with us at the 9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church.

## Outreach Update for June 2016:

As promised last week we can now confirm that on Wednesday, June 15 at 1.00pm 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 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

## 'Melbourne Catholic' magazine - MAY copy:

The May copy of Melbourne Catholic is available in each church to buy and take home. **Cost \$4.00** Subscriptions can be made through Archdiocese Media and Communications Office: 9926 5758; or email: melbournecatholics@cam.org.au

## Diversity within Unity - Wednesdays 18 May:

The Parish of St Gregory the Great, Doncaster will host a speaker's evening on the Eastern Catholic Churches, in particular the Maronite Church - "Diversity within Unity". The evening on Wednesday 18 May in the Parish Hall will commence with light supper of pizza and drinks at 7.00pm. To assist with catering, contact Doncaster Parish Office by Friday 13 May: 9848 2395; or Doncaster@cam.org.au.

## Understanding the Gospel of Luke - Salvation for all Humanity with Fr Chris Monaghan 19 May:

St Clement of Rome Parish invites you to hear Fr Chris Monaghan provide an overview of Luke's Gospel on Thursday 19 May, 7 - 9pm at the Clifton Centre, Egan Drive, Bulleen. This can be a way of reflection and /or an opportunity to take part in our Parish Scripture Study Program. Bookings / info: contact Cecilia Tan (Pastoral Associate) 9850 3262

## Archbishop Mark Coleridge: Knox Public Lecture 2016: Monday 16 May, 7.30pm

Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade and Hoddle St, East Melbourne. 'From wandering to journeying: thoughts on a synodal Church'. Journey and pilgrimage are important themes in scripture and throughout Christianity. They provide a background for considering Pope Francis' election in 2013, his decision to convene two Synods in 2014 and 2015, his proclamation of the Year of Mercy in 2016 and his recent publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. These give a context for the recent proposal of the Australian Bishops to move towards a Plenary Council for Australia in 2020, preparation for the Council, its celebration and implementation as part of the same process, which seeks to make the Church more genuinely synodal in the way foreseen by Vatican II and treated more explicitly by Pope Francis. RSVP: Wed 11 May: 9412 3304 or jill.allen@ctc.edu.au

## Solo Catholics & Meetup Solo Catholics - Combined Mass and Lunch

Sunday 22 May, 10.00am Mass and 12pm lunch  
Mass: St Cecilia's, 37 Hillside Parade, Glen Iris  
Lunch: The Glass House, Station St, Caulfield East  
An invitation to all solo Catholics to join us for Mass and a convivial lunch afterwards. All welcome.  
Details and RSVP: Peter King on 0418 502 297

## Southern Stars Social Club:

Single Catholics 25 to 60 year age group. Contact Peter 9885 2167 or write to P.O Box 272, Ashburton 3147 or email: sssc.stars@gmail.com.  
Website: <http://sites.google.com/site/sstarssc>

**First Collection**    Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$984.00    Loose cash: \$783.20    **Total: \$1,767.20**

**Project Compassion:**

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE PRIMARY SCHOOLS



## St Bernadette's Primary School

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## Mother of God Primary School

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### Weekend for Women: Discovering the Sacred Space Within:

Friday 13 May to Sunday 15 May at Pallotti College, McNamara's Rd, Millgrove

Amidst the clamour of life as women - friend, student, workmate, mother, partner, daughter - how easily we forget the spark which burns within us, urging us to become all that we are capable of being!

Based on the book *Women Who Run with the Wolves* by Clarissa Estes and using scripture, images and music, sessions will include opportunity for group discussion as well as plenty of time for personal reflection and quiet. Facilitator: Lorraine McCarthy. Cost: \$180 includes meals and accommodation in private room with shared bathroom facilities. Details: Lorraine on 0402 217 123 or [lorraine613@bigpond.com](mailto:lorraine613@bigpond.com)

### Corpus Christi College Melbourne: Vocations Day:

Saturday 14 May at Corpus Christi Seminary, 180 Drummond St, Carlton

The 2016 annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College presents young men with an opportunity to explore their possible call to priesthood and religious life. It's a day for men to discover more about their potential life as a priest. The afternoon will include talks from some of the present seminarians, tours of the seminary, evening prayer with Archbishop Hart and a BBQ dinner with the seminary community. If you would like to receive an invitation or for more information, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Details: Vocations Office on 9926 5733 or [vocations@cam.org.au](mailto:vocations@cam.org.au)

**Pentecost 2016: 'Awaken':** Sunday 15 May from 3 - 7pm at St Brigid's Church and hall, 378 Nicholson St, North Fitzroy. All invited to this gathering of the Catholic Church in Melbourne! Join us at one of Melbourne's Shrines of Mercy, where Bishop Mark Edwards will celebrate Mass followed by a BBQ and concert featuring music by ONE Worship and inspiring preaching from Tim Kirk. This event is open to people of all ages! 3pm: Mass with Bishop Mark Edwards; 4.30pm: food and festivities; 6.00pm: Pentecost rally (live music and preaching). Details: [team@onespiritaustralia.org](mailto:team@onespiritaustralia.org) Rally booking: [www.melbournepentecost.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.melbournepentecost.eventbrite.com.au)

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## ASCENSION OF THE LORD: YEAR C

No. 19

7 - 8 May 2016

**Entrance Antiphon:** Acts 1:11

**Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.**

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done & taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus

will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

This the Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-21

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 24: 46-53

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

We hold fast in faith and hope:  
**Lord hear us.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

**Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

**Next week: Pentecost Sunday**

**1st Reading:** Acts 2: 1-11

**Resp. Psalm:** 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:8-17

**Gospel:** John 14:15-16, 23-26



## REFLECTION

A teacher told me recently that when she asked her grade fours to draw a picture of the Ascension, not unsurprisingly most of them did a fairly conventional portrait of Jesus rising up on a cloud. One of her students, David, who is a particularly gifted artist, had Jesus blasting off into the sky. Down the side of Jesus' pure white garment was the word NASA and David provided all the sound effects for how he imagined the scene of the first Ascension. He concluded, without a hint of irony, that, 'the Ascension must have been a real blast!'

None of us can blame David for marrying our modern culture with an ancient story. In fact if some of us are honest, David's 'space shuttle Jesus' is not far from what we think as well.

The Ascension stories, however, are not primarily interested in how or when Jesus got back to heaven. John and Paul never mention it at all. Mark and Matthew have it happening on the same day as the Resurrection and Luke has it occurring 40 days after Easter on the same day as Pentecost. The one thing, on which all the New Testament writers agree, is where in heaven Jesus went and where he is presently – at God's right hand.

Even to this day, being on someone's right is a place of honour. In the Old Testament being on the right hand of David, Samuel or Elijah was to be the anointed and favoured one, the true son or daughter. In telling us, then, that Jesus is now at God's right hand, the Gospels use a formal phrase to announce that God affirms everything Jesus said and did on earth and that he is the way for us to follow.

That can be all well and good, but Jesus goes one step further and that's why this feast is so important. Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full.

The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. And let's be clear about the invitation. There is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ's kingdom. The challenge is accepting that we have a standing invitation and living lives worthy of the love that places our name on the list. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ we accept or reject the standing offer.

And because the Ascension is an Easter feast it develops even further that there is nowhere, bar evil, where God does not dwell. Because of the Resurrection and Ascension we can find God everywhere we want to: in our homes, our work, our suffering, our old age, our emotional, sexual or financial turmoil – and even in our death.

Even though the writers of the New Testament are not too clear on the details of how the Ascension happened, what we initially see in this wonderful feast is not what we get. Thanks be to God, it's so much more.