



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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PENTECOST – YEAR C**14 - 15 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

This weekend there is a Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal in each parish in the Archdiocese of Melbourne with special collections to support the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains who work with patients and families in public hospitals, men and women in prisons, young people in youth justice facilities and seafarers.

In this year of Mercy, Chaplaincy Sunday, is an opportunity to commit ourselves to the words of Pope Francis, "it must be a place of mercy where everyone can be welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." Chaplains:

- Bring awareness of self, others and God to their work
- Are informed by sound knowledge of social sciences
- Seek to connect, understand and sustain those they encounter
- Are grounded in a spirituality of respectful listening



Confirmation 2016: We keep our parish candidates in our prayers as they prepare for Confirmation next Sunday. Posters are in each church for parishioners to write their names on bottom section 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 17th May:

9:15am: Mass at Mother of God Church & Grade 3/4G
 4.15pm: Christian Meditation at Mary Immaculate Hall
 7.00pm St Bernadette's School Parents and Friends

Wednesday 18th May:

9:15am: Mass at Mary Immaculate Church Grades 5D & 6M
 9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church
 7- 8.30pm: Confirmation Catechist Class, Mary Immac. Hall

Thursday 19th May:

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

Friday 20th May:

9.15am: Mass at St Bernadette's
 9.15am: Communion Service at Mother of God Church
 10 - 12.00: Confirmation Rehearsal at St Patrick's Cathedral

Saturday 21st May: Trinity Sunday

10.00am: **Reconciliation**
 6.00pm: Mass at St Bernadette's Church

Sunday 22nd May: Trinity Sunday

9.00am: Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
 10.30am: Mass at Mother of God Church
 2.30pm: Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY



We remember Mike McGuire, 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 Rita Mifsud who died recently. We also remember Matthew Ryan, Elmo Pertile and Tom Mullens whose anniversaries occur at this time, and Lina Barro (1 month anniversary). May they rest in peace.

PARISH NEWS

Mary Immaculate School Family Mass:

We welcome the children and their families from Years 1 & 2 at Mary Immaculate School who have come to be with us at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 15th May at Mary Immaculate Church .

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Confirmation Choir:

We have the privilege of supporting the parish children from our three schools and catechist group by providing music as part of the liturgy for Confirmation on Sunday 22nd May, 2.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Last week there were many willing voices who will represent the parish at this ceremony.

Our last practice is on Tuesday 17th 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 choir preparation for Confirmation.

Reminder: Upcoming Winter Social Event

Keep Sunday, July 10th, free for our inaugural catered luncheon following 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church - an occasion which the whole family will enjoy, as well as an opportunity to make new connections and gather with old friends. Further details and information in coming weeks.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND: 14 - 15 May 2016

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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 21 - 22 May 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	Sacristan	Reader	Special Ministers
6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	Sr Frances	A. Pellizzari, Sr Carmel
<u>MI Church:</u>	Leader	Reader	Mass Coordinators
9:00am Sunday	Conroy family	Conroy fam.	J. Costa
<u>MOG Church:</u>	Sacristan	Reader	Special Ministers
10:30am Sunday	J. Curry	J. Curry	M. / P. De Silva D. Ervin
	Altar Society: A. Moloney	Choir: J. O'Brien	

COUNTERS 21 - 22 May 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	M. Simpson	P. Melvaine
<u>MI Church:</u>	J. & H. Pidutti	R. Wikremesinghe
<u>MOG Church</u>	T. Barker	D. Carey

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. We are grateful for all priests who have assisted and supported our parish over past weeks.

Communion Services:

There will be Communion Services at Mother of God and St Bernadette's Churches next week. We sincerely thank Bernadette Milesi and Jo Nolen who will provide opportunities for Communion Services. We thank all concerned who have all is in readiness in each church on weekdays and 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 at Masses over past weeks and for the next two weekends: 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 **Monday 23rd May**. *Thank you for your support and assistance.*

Congratulations:

Congratulations and well done to Bernadette Milesi who was recognised for 30 years of Service this week by Benetas for her volunteer work at Dowell Court, Ivanhoe East. Bernadette was presented with a special award at a Benetas luncheon to mark National Volunteer Week. Bernadette's voluntary work at Dowell Court is wide ranging and includes Communion Services, visiting weekly to do bible readings for the residents, and visiting residents who would like to have visitor and someone to chat with. Bernadette is currently Dowell Courts' longest serving volunteer and they are very appreciative of the work she does there. This is in addition to all she does at Mother of God Church as sacristan, visiting sick and elderly parishioners at home taking Communion and running a number of Communion Services every week at Mother of God Church. Thank you Bernadette.

'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

Ryder Cheshire Homes Morning Coffee Program

'History and Future of La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary' will be presented by Vern Steele on Friday 27th May at 10.00am at Ryder Cheshire, 14 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe. All welcome. Cost \$5

Outreach Update for June 2016:

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

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

Ave Maria: Concert for Organ and Flute:

Saturday 21 May, 5 - 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

A May concert in honour of and inspired by Mary, during her month of May. Organist: Christopher Trikilis and flautist Peter Sheridan will present a magnificent hour of music inspired by the Blessed Virgin, by composers such as Bach, Gounod, Caccini, Bonnet, Faure and more, including a rare performance of the Ave Maria by Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992). Cost: \$10 or \$5 concession (at door) Details: E: paul.taylor@cam.org.au or T: 9926 5753

An evening with Dr Massimo Faggioli:

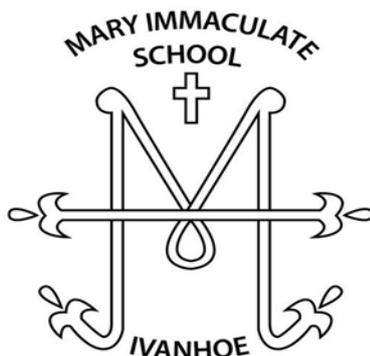
'The Catholic Church and Francis in the International Situation Today.' Massimo Faggioli is regarded as one of the most significant commentators on the Catholic Church in the Post Vatican II era. His books: Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning (2012), Sorting out Catholicism: A Brief History of The New Ecclesial Movements (2014) and A Council for the Global Church: Receiving Vatican II in History (2015) have each received significant acclaim.

When: Thursday 21 July 2016 at 7:30 pm

Where: St Carthage's Church Parkville, 123 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052 Admission: \$20.00

First Collection	Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,285.00	Loose cash: \$340.05	Total: \$1,625.05
Project Compassion: \$1,880.00		Holy Lands Collection: \$949.15	

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ARCHBISHOP'S PENTECOST LETTER TO YOUTH 2016 Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Be merciful, as your Heavenly Father is merciful: A few copies of the Archbishop's Letter to Youth 2016 are available in each church. This letter, video and access resources are available at: www.cam.org.au/YouthLetter

Excerpt from Archbishop's Letter: **The Holy Spirit of Mercy:** To help us to be like him, God pours the special gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. This gives us the power to be merciful. I recently heard a young man describe mercy using an analogy. If we think of God's mercy like water, then there are two ways we can bring it to others.

- ◆ The first is to try to be like a bucket to catch as much mercy from God as we can and then carry it to others. The only trouble is that we are all flawed and cracked and often the mercy runs out of us like water from a broken bucket before we get a chance to share it with others.
- ◆ The other option is to be like a hose; to be connected directly to God, the source of mercy. As a hose is connected to a tap, allowing water to flow through it, so when the Holy Spirit connects us to God, his mercy flows through us, and we become merciful to others.

So how does the Holy Spirit connect us to God? Through the Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and the Eucharist. We also connect to God through hearing and meditating on his Word in the scriptures. Simply put – by spending time with him. By getting to know God better we are able to reflect his mercy in the world.

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PENTECOST: YEAR C

14 - 15 May 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Wisdom 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

This the Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 103:1. 24, 29-31, 34

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, how many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of

God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory. The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

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

Jesus said to his disciples 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Next week: Trinity Sunday

1st Reading: Proverbs 8: 22-31

Resp. Psalm: 8:4-9

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

REFLECTION

Gospel Reflection

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

Questions

- In what ways was the Pentecost experience, 50 days after Easter, the 'right time' for the disciples?
- What emotions may the disciples have felt on that day?
- How would you have reacted if you were in the disciples' place?
- What is the relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
- Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?

Questions for Adults

- What was different about Jesus breathing the Spirit on the disciples and the Pentecost experience?
- What was significant about the disciples being heard to speak in many different languages?
- Why might Pentecost sometimes be regarded as the birth of the Church?
- Have you ever had an experience of being aware of the Spirit's presence / action?
- Where in your life could you use the guidance and strength of the Spirit?