



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

23-24 July 2016

LATEST PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Dear friends,

I would first like to sincerely thank you all for the very kind welcome I have received on my arrival to the Parish.

My first impressions are of a warm and committed community of faith. I am very pleased to be here for what will be an all too brief period but I will appreciate every day. As you know, I'm here to serve you and your families.

So right from the beginning I want to encourage you to contact me if there is any way I can be of assistance. I am most willing to visit and bless your homes, meet the family, perhaps share a meal or just have a cuppa and a chat. If you or someone you know is sick and not travelling too well please get in touch. Never hesitate to approach me after Mass, to call or email me. Please know that you are in my heartfelt daily prayers. - God bless, Fr Paul.

Parish Strategic Review – 2 years on

It's just over 2 years since we launched the Strategic Review project – so where are we now? In August last year we published an update which re-stated our determination to see if we can retain the Mary Immaculate Church site as our one Mass Centre while achieving our objectives to:

- Bring the Parish together
- Establish an additional income stream to support our thanksgiving program
- Deliver on our mission and values

To do this we decided to engage architects to help come up with ideas of how the Mary Immaculate Church and the site at Waverley Ave can be configured to achieve these objectives. It's true that the changes in Parish Priest and the need to get the approval of the Archdiocese have slowed the process down significantly. However we have now engaged and briefed three firms of architects and look forward to seeing their proposals by the end of August. It must be stressed that the current focus is on the Waverley Avenue site. No resolutions have been made to change the use or status of Mother of God or St Bernadette's Churches at this time. Thanks, PLT

**Mass of Anointing and Blessing: 10.30am Tues 2 August**

Parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Tuesday 2 August at 10.30am at Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East.

Morning Tea will be available after Mass.

No 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 2 August at Mother of God Church

If transport is needed, or know someone who would like help with transport please contact either Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7783 or Eileen 9499 7120

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 26 July:

9:15am: Mass at Mother of God Church & Grade 3/4O
4.15pm: Christian Meditation at Mary Immaculate Hall

Wednesday 27 July:

9:15am: Mass at Mary Immaculate Church & Years 5D & 6W
8.00pm: PLT Meeting at Parish Office

Thursday 28 July:

9.15am: Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
9.45am: Liturgy Group at Parish Office

Friday 29 July:

9.15am: Mass at St Bernadette's Church & Grade Prep G

Saturday 30 July:

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

Sunday 31 July:

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

Tuesday 2 August:

10.30am: Mass of Anointing & Blessing Mother of God Church

(PLEASE NOTE: **No 9.15am Mass**)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY



We remember Leo Milesi, Ian Hall, Ken Owen, Enrico Defabion, Maria Mascia, Sheila Kinden, 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 Peter Morck who died recently. We remember John Cullen, Fr John Cunningham, Kevin McEvey and Grazia Villani whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS



We welcome Sophie Pattison who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her family, relatives and friends who have come to this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

PARISH NEWS

9.15am Mass Thursday at Mary Immaculate:

At this time Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am on Thursday mornings at Mary Immaculate Church. Liturgy Group meetings will take place in the Parish Office after Mass. All are welcome and all are invited. - Fr Paul

CPI Outreach Update: Please put in your diary Wednesday, 3rd August, for lunch and cards in MOG Church foyer. Just bring a small contribution to our al fresco lunch. Noon till 3.00pm.

First Eucharist Celebrations:



We remember and pray for the children in our Parish Primary Schools preparing to receive and celebrate their First Eucharist in Term 3.

Sunday 7 August:

10.00am Mass - Mary Immaculate Church

Saturday 13 August:

6.00pm Mass - St Bernadette's Church

Sunday 11 September:

10.30am Mass - Mother of God Church

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND: 23 - 24 July 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	Sacristan	Reader	Special Ministers
6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	S. Moorhen	Sr Carmel, T. Nibali
<u>MI Church:</u>	Leader	Reader	Mass Coordinators
9:00am Sunday	C. Nguyen	G. Mc Allister	E. Ballao
<u>MOG Church:</u>	Sacristan	Reader	Special Ministers
10:30am Sunday	M. Hoban	M. Hoban	T. Barker, R. Beltrame I. Chiera
	Altar Society: MOG School	Choir: P. Verrocchi	

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 30 - 31 July 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	Sacristan	Reader	Special Ministers
6:00pm Saturday	J. Gray	K. Gillespie	A. Pellizzari, Sr Carmel
<u>MI Church:</u>	Leader	Readers	Mass Coordinators
9:00am Sunday	M. Sibillin	K. Lavery F. Ferraiuolo	S. & P. Kelly
<u>MOG Church:</u>	Sacristan	Reader	Special Ministers
10:30am Sunday	P. Verrocchi	C. Bellio	M. Chin, G. Crawford MA Darcy
	Altar Society: I. Chiera	Choir: I. Chiera	

COUNTERS 30 - 31 July 2016

<u>St B's Church:</u>	P. Melvaine	M. Simpson
<u>MI Church:</u>	P. Black	P. Fanning
<u>MOG Church</u>	P. De Silva	J. Hodge

CHANGE OF MASS TIME: SUN 7 AUGUST

Mary Immaculate Church - 10.00am
*** No 9.00am Mass

Term 4 Sunday 20 November:

10.30am Mass - Parish Catechist children
- Mother of God Church

NOTICEBOARD

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee: Friday 29th July

The Ryder Cheshire Homes seem not to be as widely known here in Ivanhoe as I would have expected them to be. Those who come from country and interstate for medical treatment do appreciate this 'home away from home.' As 'locals', here in Ivanhoe, we can be really proud of this wonderful place and can support it in a tangible way by supporting the monthly morning coffees. Good company, delicious morning tea and an engaging topic. The next gathering will be on Friday, **29th July, 10 am at 10 Donaldson St.**

The speaker, **Rebecca Hayman**, will share some of her experiences as a writer. - Merle

Experience Taizé: Friday 29 July

Friday, 29 July, 6.00 – 7.00pm at St Pius X Church, 419 Waterdale Rd, Heidelberg West: Service of Prayer, Song and Contemplation. Come and experience this calming, quieting and welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of life

St Pius X Parish Fair: Sunday 21 August

419 Waterdale Road, West Heidelberg on Sunday, 21 August from 10am to 3pm.
Market stalls, jumping castle, face painting, sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas, cake stall. All Welcome!
Details: 9497 5319 or edwmargaret@yahoo.com.au

From Yarra Deanery / Neighbouring Parishes:

World Youth Day ...Krakow, 25th - 31st July

As many young people from all over the world are making their way to Poland, we are pleased to say that the deanery has been able to offer some support to a young parishioner from St. Kevin's, Templestowe to go also. Her name is Mishika Perera and she has spent the last few weeks getting to know other pilgrims from Melbourne, Victoria as they plan, prepare, learn about WYD, Krakow and the programme in which they will participate. Let us join with all the pilgrims by our prayer and look forward to Mishika's promise to tell us about it on her return.

Selecting Bishops:

Is there a role for lay people?

Wednesday, 5th October 2016 at 7.45pm in the Marian Centre, Mother of God School, 66 Wilfred Rd, E. Ivanhoe. Presenter will be Peter Wilkinson, who, among other professional roles, has lectured in missiology at Yarra Theological Union and has a broad vision about the future of the Church. It's long term planning so you can mark it in your diary now and not be disappointed by a 'clash' when October 5 comes!

Six30 Holy Hour: For Vocations:

Thursday 4 August, 6.30–7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Rathdowne St, corner Pelham St, Carlton. National Vocations Awareness Week is the first week of August. To celebrate this week in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Vocations Office invites you to Six30 Youth Holy Hour, Thursday 4 August at Sacred Heart Church, Carlton. You are most welcome to join us in prayer for vocations & to give thanks for the gift of consecrated life to the Church.

'A Listening Ministry': Book Launch:

Thursday 4 August, 6.30pm at Cathedral Room, Archdiocese of Melbourne, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (enter from Lansdowne Street car park) Fr Tom Doyle will officially launch the new book 'A Listening Ministry: Becoming a bishop in our world' by Archbishop Emeritus of Adelaide, Leonard Faulkner. Archbishop Faulkner will attend. All welcome. Refreshments will be served. Details: Sheila Hill on 08 8293 2289 or shilly@senet.com.au

ACU Short Course - Interfaith Perspectives on Mercy: 3, 10, 17 and 24 August, 6 - 8pm

Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University (ACU), 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy
Pope Francis has proclaimed 2016 as the Year of Mercy. Within this context, ACU explores mercy from the perspective of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism, with experts from the ACU School of Theology. ACU invites registrations for this upcoming short course, which is open to the public. Cost: \$40 for attendance only and \$80 for those requiring a certificate of attendance. Alternative methods of payment are available. Registration is essential by 1 August.
Registration: <http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses> Click on the 'Melbourne' page.
Details: shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au

Seminar: The Gift of Grief:

Wednesday 10 August, 9.30am - 3.30pm
Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville
The death of a loved one challenges us, raises questions and starts a search for answers in a way that nothing else does. Drawing on his own experiences of grief, Fr Andrew Stringfellow will lead a session focussed on the uniquely individual journey of grief and bereavement - and how to weave the loss into the fabric of a new life.
Cost: \$25 (includes morning tea and lunch).
Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/MFMA>

Registrations close 1 August.

Details: Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

First Collection Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,448.00

Loose cash: \$423.25

Total: \$1,871.25

Special Collections:

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Melbourne Catholic Magazine - July copy: Copies are available in each church. Cost \$4.00 per copy

News from our Parish Schools:

We welcome the children from our parish schools who have been invited to participate as readers and to bring the Offertory Gifts as part of our weekend Parish Masses, and their families who have come with them:

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.00pm St B	23 July	Ruby Andrews & Toby Richardson	Leo Richardson & Mollie Leutchford
	30 July	Stephanie Biviano & Matthew Golding	Finlay Gough & Georgia Alexander
9.00am MI	31 July	Kate Lavery & Francesco Ferraiuolo	Zoe Cambrell & family
10.30am MOG	24 July	Maggie Gaffney	Celeste Parsons & family
	31 July		Georgia Morrone & family

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No. 30

23 - 24 July 2016

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom & Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of

the ten.'

This the Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: 137:1-3, 6-8

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading: Col. 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross. The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished,

one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful:

Merciful God, hear and help us:
Lord hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

REFLECTION

Gospel Reflection

In today's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination.

The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting – prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. However, the parable used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demands for selfish purposes, but rather the neighbour needs assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveller. He is not waking his neighbour in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. He asks for help to fulfil his duty and responsibility. This gives us something of an idea about how we might focus our prayer. Praying for a pony or new bike isn't quite in the same league!

The final element of the gospel passage provides us with a description of God's love and care by something of a negative comparison: if human parents would not do harm instead of good to their children, God is even less likely to act like this towards us. It's a bit of an odd way around of saying that God's love is greater than anything within our experience or imagination.

Living the Gospel – Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

Historical Context – Stone for bread

The stone/bread, snake/fish and scorpion/egg comparisons seem a little far-fetched to us, but would have made perfect sense to a 1st Century Palestinian audience. The flat, brown stones around Lake Galilee look very similar to the flat bread that was baked in the area. The 'snake' may refer to a sea-snake – an eel – which might be caught up in a fisherman's nets but was regarded as unclean by the Jews. The poisonous scorpions of the region are very pale in colour and when curled up at rest could be mistaken for an egg.

Gospel Focus – Relationship

A crucial aspect of prayer is the attitude with which we view God. We trust in God's character that it is not a pointless exercise to ask for something. We trust that God is even more loving than a parent who tries to give their child what they need. If we did not make these basic assumptions about God, there would be little point in prayer. When our prayer lives falter at times, perhaps we need to first check out our relationship with God and our attitude towards God before trying to 'fix' the ways we pray.

Questions for Adults

- Q. What message/s about prayer do you get from this gospel passage?
- Q. Why does Jesus suggest that we have to be persistent in our prayer?
- Q. What is the most fulfilling form of prayer for you?
- Q. How would you describe your 'prayer life'?
- Q. What commitment for the coming week would you like to make as a response to today's gospel?