

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE



St Bernadette's Church
89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church
56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East

Mary Immaculate Church
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe



Inclusiveness

Hospitality

Service

Mission

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Bookings: *Baptisms, Sacramental Classes - First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation
Marriage and Mary Immaculate Hall, please contact Parish Office: 9499 1515*

Playgroup: **9-11am Wednesday & Thursday**

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Christmas in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe



We wish all parishioners, friends and visitors a happy and holy Christmas, as well as a safe and blessed New Year.
- Fr Bill, Leadership Teams, Outreach Group and all at Parish Office

New Year's Eve Mass: Saturday 31st December
6.00pm St Bernadette's

New Year's Day Masses: Sunday 1st January
9.00am Mary Immaculate
10.30am Mother of God
11.00am St Bernadette's - Korean

Office: Open Thursday 29 Dec & Friday 30 Dec

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm St. Bernadette's
Sunday 9.00am Mary Immaculate
10.30am Mother of God

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 9.15am Mother of God
Wednesday 9.15am Mary Immaculate
Thursday 9.15am Mary Immaculate
Friday 9.15am St. Bernadette's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

5.00pm each Saturday

◆ 1st & 3rd Saturdays at Mary Immaculate

◆ 2nd & 5th Saturdays at Mother of God

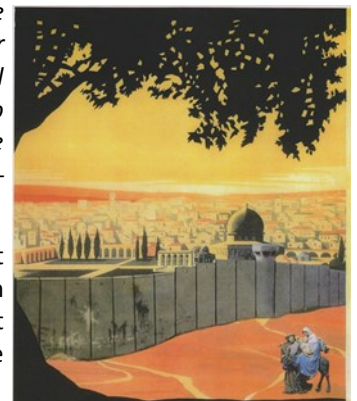
◆ 4th Saturday at St. Bernadette's

or by appointment with the Parish Priest

From Fr. Bill: The infamous 'Separation Wall' built by the State of Israel on confiscated Palestinian land runs through convents and monasteries, family olive groves, backyards and farms. Separating people and religious communities from their source of income, their families and friends, their gardens and their churches as well as preventing the free movement of people in their own land. The picture below is an image from Bethlehem where Mary and Joseph are prevented from entering the town because of the wall - a daily experience for many in Bethlehem and throughout the West Bank.

Pope Francis spoke recently in his series of reflections on the works of mercy, focusing on welcoming the stranger and clothing the naked. He spoke against building walls and building barriers between peoples. *"Walls are not the answer - the only way for resolution is through solidarity. While voluntary or forced migration has been part of human history, the call to welcome the stranger is even more necessary than ever given that so many people today are on the move because of economic crises, armed conflict and climate change. Unfortunately, today's context of economic crisis prompts the emergence of an attitude of closure and not welcome. In some parts of the world walls and barriers are appearing. Never be tempted by the trap of closing in on oneself, never become indifferent to people's needs and never become focused only on one's own personal interests. The more a person opens up to others, the more one's life is enriched, the more society opens itself up to the other - peace and people recover their full dignity."*

Jesus come to tear down the walls that separate. This Christmas may we tear down walls both visible and invisible. Walls that separate us from one another: that separate family, neighbour, stranger and God.



As a Catholic Community we respect the Wurrundjeri people, the traditional custodians of the land upon which our parish resides, and commit ourselves to reconciliation and justice for all in our community and nation.

IVANHOE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Bernadette's Primary School

Principal: **Kathryn Lowe**

53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe West 3079

Phone: **9499 3914**

Mary Immaculate Primary School

Principal: **Veronica Antrim**

9 Rockbeare Grove, Ivanhoe 3079

Phone: **9497 1827**

Mother of God Primary School

Principal: **Louise McGrath**

66 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East 3079

Phone: **9497 1094**

Entrance Antiphon: *Sung*

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

95:1-3, 11-13

R: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R)
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R)
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and

all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. (R)

4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R)

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of

Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful:

Emmanuel, God with us:
Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1 Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Resp. Psalm: 127: 1-5

2 Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23