

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, and Marriage*
Please contact Parish Office: 9499 1515 for Sacramental enrolments or appointments for Marriage

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

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Baptism: We welcome Amelia Sheales who will be baptised at Saint Bernadette's this weekend. We welcome her family and friends who have come to share this celebration of her initiation into the Community of Faith - the Body of Christ.

Office: Open Tuesday 2 - Friday 6 January 2017. Since Ruth will be on leave 9 - 13 January the Parish Office will be attended at different intervals. Brief newsletters for weekends 7-8 Jan & 14-15 January have been prepared and collected in advance.

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God

There's a lot going on this Sunday! Being January 1st, we celebrate the beginning of the New Year in our secular calendar. In the past, this day was celebrated liturgically as the Feast of the Circumcision to mark the eighth day of Jesus' life when, as for all Jewish boys, Jesus would have been circumcised in accordance with the covenant made by Abraham and God. This event is acknowledged in today's reading. Today, this day is celebrated as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. January 1st was always a special day for honouring Mary and the Church has confirmed that by making this day a special celebration of Mary's role as mother of Jesus. This day also concludes the Octave of Christmas, the eight days from Christmas Day to January 1st that provide a special focus to the whole Christmas liturgical season. Finally, since introduced by Pope Paul VI in 1967, January 1st is recognised by the Church as World Day of Peace. A very busy day indeed!

Interestingly, today's gospel is virtually the same as the gospel used at the dawn liturgy on Christmas Day and follows directly on from the gospel used at Christmas Midnight Mass. It completes the nativity story with the shepherds' visit to the manger in Bethlehem. Despite what would appear to be a lot of excitement around the birth of her child, Mary is portrayed as remaining very calm, pondering all these things in her heart. It is a measure of Mary's acceptance of all that she had been asked to do. Despite the incredible series of events that led to and surrounded the birth of Jesus, Mary accepted with enormous grace the role she was asked to play in the salvation of the world. Perhaps it is Mary's calm in the midst of great events that makes this day an appropriate one to mark as World Day of Peace.

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.

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

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:

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

First Reading: Numbers 6:22–27

A reading from the Book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.”

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

66:2-3, 6, 6, 8

R: May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth. (R)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R)

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Prayers of the Faithful:

With Mary we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

Next Week - Epiphany of the Lord

1 Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Resp. Psalm: 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

2 Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

For all who are in need prayer at this time: Fr Burns Huggan, Joe Markham, Wendy Gower, Antonio Saggese, Ann Kuhn, Lucy Cust, Fr Joe McMahan, Skye Cotu, Leo Milesi, Maria Mascia, Sheila Kinden, Nazha Shamieh, Dan and Brenda McMahan. We remember all who care for those in need.

DEATHS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Daniel Daly, Giuseppe Castellano and all who have died recently, for Robert West and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

Fr. Bill's Christmas Homily is available from the church foyer and on the parish website.