

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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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:15am - 5:15pm (Closed for lunch 1pm-2pm)

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Office Hours: Tue & Thurs. 9:15am - 1.00pm

Parish Website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com

Parish Email: catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com

Bookings: Please contact Parish Office: 9499 1515 for Sacramental enrolments or appointments for Marriage

Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children. If you have any concerns or wish to report any issues please contact one of our Parish Child Safety Officers: Clare Bellio (9499 4984) or Lucy Dal Pozzo (9499 4768)

Closure of Mother of God School

A parish website page has been created to record photos and homily from the MOG School closure Mass, and photos of the associated final school event. The page is available under our parish website 'Photos/Multimedia' menu button. Find our website at:

www.ivanhoecatholics.com



Appointment of New Principal

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Ms Veronica Antrim as Principal of Mary Immaculate Parish Primary School as from the start of the 2018 school year.

Ms Antrim needs no introduction to the school and parish community having served our parish school as teacher, Deputy-Principal and, throughout 2017, as Acting-Principal.

In many ways 2017 has been a difficult year for our community and I am sure I speak on behalf of all the community in expressing deep gratitude to Ms Antrim for the way she has brought her considerable gifts and talents, together with her commitment to the great vocation of teaching, to the leadership role she has exercised so diligently throughout this year.

With this appointment we can now look forward - not just to a new sense of stability into the future - but a future that will see us develop and grow our school. A school to which our new Principal, together with all the staff, are committed, realising a vision of excellence in education within the framework of Catholic Faith and Tradition.

I sincerely thank Ms Antrim for accepting my offer of appointment and I look forward to wonderful years ahead for our school community at Mary Immaculate.

I also take this opportunity to thank the Principal Selection Panel, especial Lisa White and Bianca Connor from the school and parish community, for the wisdom, guidance and tremendous support that they each brought to the selection process.

Fr. Bill Edebohls

As a Catholic Community we respect the Wurrundjeri people, 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

Every Saturday

- ◆ 5.00pm - 5.20pm at Mary Immaculate
 - ◆ 5.30pm - 5.50pm at St. Bernadette's
- or on weekdays at Mother of God 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: Miranda Montalti

66 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East 3079

Phone: 9497 1094

PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR 2017

Saturday 16 December

5.00pm Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
 5.30pm Reconciliation at St. Bernadette's
 6.00pm Mass at St Bernadette's

Sunday 17 December *(Third Sunday of Advent)*

9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate
 10.30am Mass & Baptism at Mother of God

Monday 18 December

6.00pm St B School Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 19 December

9.15am Mass at Mother of God
 6.30pm MI School Graduation & Carols

Wednesday 20 December

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate
 7.30pm Advent Penitential Service followed by
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at Mary
 Immaculate Church

Thursday 21 December

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate
 10.00am Liturgy Group Meeting: Parish Office

Friday 22 December

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's with school staff
 Parish Office Closes until Mon 8 January

Saturday 23 December

5.00pm Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
 5.30pm Reconciliation at St. Bernadette's
 6.00pm Mass at St Bernadette's

Sunday 24 December *(Fourth Sunday of Advent)*

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

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO
 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Sunday 24 - Christmas Eve

5.00pm St Bernadette's Family Mass
 6.30pm Mary Immaculate Family Mass
 7.30pm Mother of God Carols
 8.00pm Mother of God Family Mass
 7.30pm St Bernadette's Korean Mass

Monday 25 - Christmas Day

9.00am Mary Immaculate Mass
 10.30am Mother of God Mass
 11.00am St Bernadette's Korean Mass

MASS ROSTER	THIS WEEKEND 16 - 17 December	NEXT WEEKEND 23 - 24 December
6.00pm SB: Sacristan Reader Special Ministers Counters	J. Gray J. Murphy A. Pellizzari T. Nibali P. Melvaine M. Simpson	J. Gray S. Moorhen Sister Carmel J. Manders
9.00am MI: Leader Reader Co-ordinator Counters	M. Sibillin M. McIntosh J. Costa J. Pidutti H. Pidutti	K. Bator P. Kelly E. Ballao P. Kelly K. Ryan
10.30am MOG: Choir Sacristan Altar Society Reader Special Ministers Counters	A. Pollard A. Patterson P. Caddy T. Barker I. Chiera G. Crawford MA Darcy J. Curry D. Carey	By arrangement By arrangement By arrangement By arrangement By arrangement By arrangement J. Curry D. Carey

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK AND IN NEED:

Kathleen Dowling, Esther Geiran, Julia Chiera, Peter Hainsworth, Claire O'Neill, Lucy Cust, Ronnie Kozak, Joe Markham, Nazha Shamieh, Dan & Brenda McMahon

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:
 Valentin Vukic

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal 2017

Items collected from churches 16-17 December

We also would welcome assistance to deliver the hampers on Tuesday 19th December. If you are able to assist please contact 0419 798 120.

Reminder: Mother of God Church Rosters 2018

Many thanks to those who have already responded to previous item. Please let me know **ASAP** of availability to continue as part of the roster, preferences, times and dates unavailable. Otherwise MOG roster will be prepared and distributed as soon as I can. If necessary changes can be made with others on the roster at Mother of God. - Ruth

Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars:

Cards: \$5 pack of 8 cards. **Columban Calendars: \$10** each. Containers are provided for purchases.

Melbourne Catholic - December copies are available in each church. Cost: \$4

Last Weekend's Collections

1st Collection	Envelopes:	\$1,692	Total First Collection (Parish)	\$3,214
	Direct Debit & Credit Cards:	\$773	Total Second Collection (Presbytery)	\$923
	Loose cash:	\$749	Special Collection:	\$

Let go of grudges, stop whining, find joy with Jesus - Pope Francis

Christians must be strong and let go of all the bitterness and negativity that prevent them from experiencing God's consolation and joy. So many times, we cling to what's negative, we hold on to the wound of sin inside of us, and many times, the preference is to stay there, alone.

Instead, Jesus always tells people to "get up" and have no fear, because he is there to offer salvation, consolation and joy.

The Prophet Isaiah (35:1-10) foresaw the glory of the Lord, who will come "with vindication; with divine recompense, he comes to save you." This is why people must "strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak" and "be strong, fear not" because of the coming of the Lord.

Often it is easier, however, to console others than to let oneself be consoled because "we are afraid."

We are masters when it comes to the negative, and impoverished beggars when it comes to the positive.

There are two things that prevent people from letting themselves find solace with God: resentment and complaints. When people choose to be resentful and bitter, "we stew our feelings in that broth of bitterness," preferring to be left alone to sulk undisturbed and defeated. Then there are people like Jonah - the Nobel Prize winner of complaints - who choose to make griping and grumbling the soundtrack accompanying their lives. Let go of grudges, stop whining, find joy with Jesus - *Pope Francis*

Sacramental Preparation 2018 - for Children not attending our Parish Primary Schools

Catholic children living within the Parish of Ivanhoe, who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Grade 3 and above), 1st Communion (Grade 3 and above) or Confirmation (Grade 6 and above) should collect an Information Pack and Registration Form before the end of December 2017 from the Parish Office or from Fr. Bill after any weekend Mass.

Closing dates for registration:

Reconciliation 5th February 2018

Confirmation 26th March 2018

1st Communion 25th June 2018

Lighting of the third Advent candle:



Today's candle is rose - joyful relief from the penitential purple - signalling that 'time' is near. When people asked John the Baptist what they should do, he answers simply - act justly, share with those who are hungry and clothe those who have no tunic. As part of our mission may we remember what we mean when we say we want to be a community who offers loving service to the sick, lonely, neglected, ignored, young, old, and newcomers.



Baptism We welcome Cara Uccellini who is baptised at Mother of God Church this weekend. We welcome family, and friends who have come to share their celebration of initiation into the Community of Faith - the Body of Christ.

Mother of God Choir - Christmas Practices

Christmas practices will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th December at Mother of God Church



Feast of Immaculate Conception 8 Dec

Parishioners from our three churches gathered together at the 7.30pm Mass to commemorate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A most pleasant evening with a wonderful BBQ prepared by Eugene Ballao and a sumptuous variety of salads provided by attendees and coordinated by Pam Benton. A great night had by all with a shared sense of community!

Thanksgiving Envelopes 7 Jan - 24 June 2018:

Many thanks to those who have returned forms with information for Census and Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Envelopes are available for collection and includes letter from Fr Bill and statements for envelope contributions. Credit Card and Direct Debit statements will be mailed. Thanks to those who take envelopes promptly and those who deliver envelopes to those unable to collect them personally, which helps save postage costs. To contribute to Parish Thanksgiving: Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079 **Phone:** 9499 1515, **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com - Ruth

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1st Reading Isaiah 61:1-2; 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

(R) My soul rejoices in God.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

(R) My soul rejoices in God.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

(R) My soul rejoices in God.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy.

(R) My soul rejoices in God.

2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

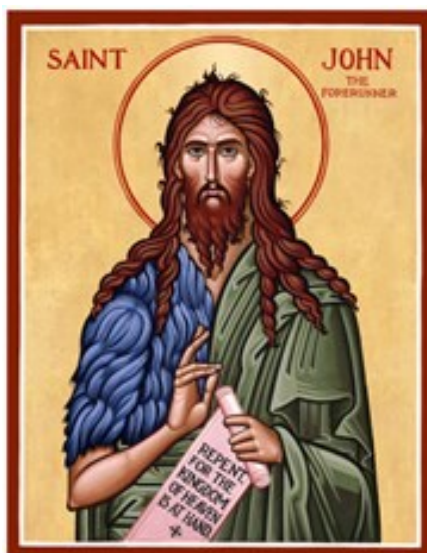
May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**



Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone

might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.'

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

Prayers of the Faithful

Come Lord Jesus, hear us:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Next Week:

4th Sunday of Advent Year B

1st Reading: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Resp. Psalm: 88:2-5, 27, 29

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38