

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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Baptisms, Sacramental Classes - First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation, and Marriage

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

Outreach Plans 2017: Beginning 8 February Lunch/Card Afternoons will be in MOG foyer on 2nd Wednesday of each month until November.

This change has come about because of the timing of school start and school holidays 2017. We welcome everyone and look forward to meeting you from noon-3pm at MOG Church on Wednesday 8th February - Sue, Helen & Eileen

Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe Men's' Evening 2017 Friday 3rd February: 7.30pm in MI Hall. \$5.00 cover charge. More info: Eugene 0407 869 582

Christian Meditation 2017:

Commences Tuesday 7 February at 4.15pm in MI Hall. Read notice on back page of newsletter

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

Reflection on today's Gospel

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Happy - Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances will have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

Monday 30th January - 9.15am Mary Immaculate Church Mass for the Staff of our three Parish Schools

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.

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Primary School Principal: Kathryn Lowe

53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe West 3079

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Mary Immaculate Primary School Principal: Veronica Antrim

9 Rockbeare Grove, Ivanhoe 3079

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Mother of God Primary School Principal: Louise McGrath

66 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East 3079

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Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading:

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: 145:7-10

R: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

- It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)
- It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R)
- It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31

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

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the

ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No. it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.' The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, hear us:

Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Next Week:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1 Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Resp. Psalm: 111:4-9

2 Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

SICK AND IN NEED:

Svetka Vukic, Barry Townsin, Fr Burns Huggan, Leo Milesi, Joe Markham, Antonio Saggese, Ann Kuhn, Lucy Cust, Skye Cotu, Maria Mascia, Sheila Kinden, Nazha Shamieh, Dan & Brenda McMahon.

RECENT DEATHS:

Fr Joe McMahon and Joan Parsons

First Friday 3 February:

After 9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All welcome to spend time in prayer.

Liturgy group resumes:

First meeting Thursday, 2nd February at 9.45am, immediately after morning Mass. Pleased to see those who have joined us previously and newcomers are always welcome. Feel free to come when you can. Everyone can make a contribution. - Merle

Be Still and know that I am God:

Christian meditation held in Mary Immaculate Hall at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe on Tuesdays 4.15 - 5pm & begins on Tuesday 7 February. New meditators most welcome to come and learn this simple way of prayer, often called "the prayer of the heart".