

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, 89 Bond St, Ivanhoe West  
Mary Immaculate Church, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe  
Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East*

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## Masses:

**Weekend: Saturday:** 6.30pm St Bernadette's **Sunday:** 9am Mary Immaculate; 10.30am Mother of God  
**Weekday:** 9.15am **Tuesday:** Mother of God **Wednesday:** Mary Immaculate **Friday:** St Bernadette's

No. 48

24 – 25 November 2012

## CHRIST THE KING: YEAR B

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

V. 1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might,  
He has girded himself with power. **R.**

V. 2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

V. 3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** We pray: Lord, may your kingdom come.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Tony Butler, Helen Bergman, Phillip Reed and Bev Horne. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Doreen Edward and Pina Pieramati who died recently. We also remember Frank Rocco whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.



### Baptisms:

We welcome Alyssa Sprogis and Brigitte Williams who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their families, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the lifelong journey of faith.

### This Week's Readings: Christ the King: Year B

**Daniel 7:13-14**

**Psalm 15:5, 8-11**

**Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**

**Mark 13:24-32**

### Saint and Feast Days:

*Mon 26 Nov: Bl. James Alberione*

*Tues 27 Nov: St Fergus*

*Wed 28 Nov: St Catherine Labouré*

*Thurs 29 Nov: St Saturninus*

*Fri. 30 Nov: St Andrew*

*Sat. 1 Dec: St Eligius*

### Next Week's Readings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: Year C Christ the King

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14**

**1 Thess 3:12-4:2**

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-6**

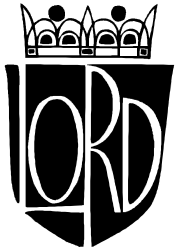
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## REFLECTION:



Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.

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## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 24 Nov	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 24 Nov	8am-12 noon	Working Bee: Parish Office & MI Church	Office & MI Church
Saturday 24 Nov	10am-4.00pm	Mother of God School Fete	Mother of God School
Monday 26 Nov		MI School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Tuesday 27 Nov	10.00am	End of Year Mass for Parish School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 27 Nov	8.00pm	Ross McKinney Advent Lecture	E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church
Saturday 1 Dec	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 2 Dec	10.30am	MOG Mass & MOG School Advent Mass	Mother of God Church
Monday 3 Dec	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation & Information Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 4 Dec	9.15am	Mother of God School – Junior School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 4 Dec	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	
Tuesday 4 Dec	8.00pm	Ross McKinney Advent Lecture	St George's Anglican Church
Wednesday 5 Dec	7.00pm	Yarra Deanery Advent Service	St John's, Heidelberg
Friday 7 Dec	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Seniors	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 7 Dec	9.15am & 4pm	<b>First Friday Devotions</b>	St Bernadette's Church

**Mass at Mother of God – Tuesday 27 November:**

There will be a Combined Schools Mass on Tuesday 27 November at 10.00am in Mother of God Church.  
**PLEASE NOTE: No 9.15am Mass at Mother of God on Tuesday 27 November**

**Welcome Long Pham:**

The Parish is very pleased to welcome into its midst Br Long Pham CSsR who is three years into his studies towards the priesthood. Whilst Long will be very busy with his studies, he may also have some opportunity to engage in some pastoral activities across the Parish, so if you see him around please help to make him feel welcome. We wish him well with his studies and look forward to seeing him from time to time.

**Porta Fidei – Announcing the Year of Faith:** Pope Benedict XVI Apostolic Letter available in each church.

**Memorial Books:**

Memorial books with the names of those who have gone before us are available in each church for the month of November. The pages from all previous years are still there with past names and anniversaries. Feel free to add names of those who have died **during the past year**.



**Readers and Offertory Gifts:** We welcome the following children from parish schools and their families:

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
9.00am MI	25 Nov	Conor O’Sullivan (1 <sup>st</sup> Reading)	Amy Vaughan & Sophia Ziebell
	2 Dec		Jamie Bambino & Stephen Hannah
10.30am MOG	25 Nov		Valentina Pettofrezza & Kirra Pozzebon
	2 Dec		Sara Traficante & Andrew Tucci

**Mary Immaculate Twilight Fair – Thank you:** The community of Mary Immaculate School would like thank all of the Parishioners who donated goods to our Fair and who attended our Fair. It was wonderful to experience the support of the fellow members of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe.

**Christian Meditation Group:** We will celebrate the final Christian Meditation meeting for 2012 on Tuesday, November 27 with Afternoon Tea. Meetings for 2013 will recommence Tuesday, 5 February 2013.

**Ryder Cheshire News:**

- Come and celebrate another year when 10 Donaldson St has hosted people needing to be in Melbourne for medical treatment. **Morning Coffee and Christmas Carols** - 10am, Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone most welcome.
- The news about the Christmas stall at Latrobe University Community Market came, unfortunately, a bit late!! You might still be able to make it - Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 9am -1pm.. We promise to do better in the future

**Launch of the Banyule Interfaith Network - BIN:** A group of people, representing a range of faiths in the city of Banyule, has been meeting as ‘BIN’ for some time - in a wonderful spirit of ‘getting to know each other’. It will be launched at the Uniting Church Community Centre, Seddon St. Ivanhoe at 2pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The afternoon will include the presentation of, a simple brochure which sets out the major beliefs of each faith, the recognition of the special celebrations which occur at this time of the year and - afternoon tea! Everyone most welcome. Please pass the word!! - Merle

**Parish Gathering – Sunday 9 December - Keeping up a tradition!:** All parishioners are invited and most welcome to nibbles and drinks in the courtyard of the Parish Office. 5 – 7pm Sunday, **9<sup>th</sup> December.** **B.YO. EVERYTHING, especially YOUR SELVES, YOUR FAMILIES, YOUR FRIENDS.**

**2013 Mother of God Church Roster:** The roster for 2013 is being prepared at the moment. If you would like to volunteer to be a Special Minister, Sacristan, Lector or help with the flowers at Mother of God Church we would be most appreciative of your assistance. Alternatively if there are any changes affecting the current volunteer list please contact: Helen Taylor 9499 3041.

**Christmas Lunch at Mother of God Church:** Christmas Lunch and drinks will be available after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at Mother of God Church. All are invited and all are welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share.

### Outreach News for November & December, 2012:

We have booked Christmas lunch at the Yarra Valley Country Club on Wednesday, 12 December, at noon for 12.30pm. The cost for 3 course lunch is \$17 per person. Pay at the till as you order. Please bring a gift to the value of \$5.00 for our Kris Kringle. **Every one is invited and all are welcome.** For assistance with transport and bookings call Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120 by Wednesday 5 December.

### St Francis Conference, Melbourne - Social Justice In The City:

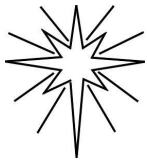
St Francis Pastoral Centre - Cnr Lonsdale & Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne from 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Wednesday, 28 November 2012 Guest Speaker: Gavin Dufty, Manager Policy & Research, SVDP

**“Changes in Energy Prices Across Australia – Tips and Traps with Energy Contracts”**

For further information please call Paula – Tel: 9895 5800

(St Vincent de Paul Society)



### Christmas Cards and Calendars:

Cards and calendars are available in each church. Containers are provided for purchase **costs**.

- Christmas Cards are from St Vincent de Paul. Cost: **\$6** for a packet of 10 cards
- Columban Calendars 2013 Cost: **\$9** each.

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### Advent Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2012:

Theme: Pilgrimage – *Strangers on the Road and other Companions*. Speaker: **Rev. David Pargeter**

Lectures begin: 8pm. Supper after each presentation at 9.15pm. Donation: Gold coin

- Tuesday 4 Dec: **Rest - a - while** - St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 11 Dec: **The Ways are Many** - Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

### Exploring the Labyrinth of Advent - December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm:

Yarra Deanery invites parishioners to come to the labyrinth in the gardens of St John's Church, 52 Yarra St, Heidelberg to spend a few moments of quiet as Advent gets underway. Life gets complicated and takes over and the path to Christ can seem uncertain: walking the labyrinth helps open our hearts and minds and make straight the way of the Lord, as well as opportunity to meet new and old friends. (Followed by Pizza & Refreshments) Programme: 7:00 pm: Gather & Prayer in the labyrinth; 7:45 pm - Food; Finish by 9:30 pm.

**Lourdes Day Mass Saturday 1 December, 10:30am:** You are invited to the Lourdes Day Mass celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart for the sick & fragile. Mass will be followed by a blessing of the sick with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Gift bag for all attendees including a bottle of Lourdes water, rosary beads & more. Wheelchair access by side door of Albert St - vehicles can approach this entrance. St Patrick's Cathedral, Cnr Gisborne Street & Cathedral Place, East Melb. **Contact:** 9926 5760

### Study Tour & Pilgrimage Ireland – England-Spain - Italy from 15 Nov – 14 Dec 2013:

Tour Leaders: Rev Prof Austin Cooper omi ASM & Dr Frances Baker rsm.

Information Evening: Thursday 6 December 5 – 7pm at Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. RSVP or further information: Dr Frances Baker rsm 9412 3303 or email: [fbaker@ctc.edu.au](mailto:fbaker@ctc.edu.au)

**Helder Camara Lecture Series:** **Catholic Professionals Dinner - "Religious Freedom: A Second Class Right?"** on Friday 7 December, 7.30pm at The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville  
**Contact:** Br Mark O'Connor: [mark.oconnor@cam.org.au](mailto:mark.oconnor@cam.org.au)

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### **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 1 – 2 December 2012**

#### **ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

#### **Lector**

Sister Frances

#### **Special Ministers**

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

#### **MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

#### **Leader**

J. Pidutti

#### **Reader**

C. Nguyen

#### **Mass Coordinators**

S. & P. Kelly

#### **Counters**

P. & H. Nguyen

#### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

J. Taylor

#### **Lector**

T. Barker

#### **Special Ministers**

E. Brownstein, M A Darcy, J. Ellis

**Altar Society:** P. Mendes

**Choir Coordinator:** J. O'Brien

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**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$1,315.00 Loose cash: \$803.55 **Total: \$2,118.55**  
**Second Collection – Presbytery:** **\$ 738.65**

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