



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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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

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8 – 9 December 2012

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C

Lighting of the Second Advent candle:



Today we again light the candle that was lit for the first time last week. The lighting of the second candle tells us that we are a little closer to Christmas. Today, in the Gospel, we hear the voice of John the Baptist crying out: 'Prepare a Way for the Lord'. Do we hear this as a challenge to prepare a welcome for those who come into our lives, offering them the acceptance and the **hospitality** for which every human heart longs.

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

V. 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

V. 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

V. 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

V. 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:

They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray: Come Lord Jesus.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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 all who have died recently. We also remember Bonnie Ryan, Michael Doyle, Christopher Hall, Olive Blackbourn, Giuseppina Nibali and Fr. P. Robb CSSR whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Jensen Williams who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the lifelong journey of faith.

Please note: Collectors needed for Leaving Collections at Masses in each church:

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections in each church this weekend for Melbourne Overseas Missions. Please see notice in newsletter.

A Summary of Porta Fidei from Benedict XVI:

Let's consider what the Holy Father has in mind for this special Year. He published an Apostolic Letter (a "motu proprio data") entitled Porta Fidei on October 11, 2011, to announce and shape the Year of Faith. In it, he made these points, using these or similar words:

- The "door of faith" (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. People cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a lifelong journey of faith. (#1)
- I have often spoken of the need to rediscover the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ. (#2, #3)
- Therefore, I have decided to announce a Year of Faith. It will begin on October 11, 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and it will end on the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 24, 2013. (#4)
- I have also called together the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, and the theme will be "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith." They will meet in October, 2012. So this will be a good opportunity to usher the whole Church into a time of particular reflection and rediscovery of the faith. (#4)
- It also seemed to me that timing the launch of the Year of Faith to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council would provide a good opportunity to help people understand that the texts bequeathed by the Council Fathers, in the words of Blessed John Paul II, "have lost nothing of their value or brilliance. They need to be read correctly, to be widely known and taken to heart as important and normative texts of the Magisterium, within the Church's Tradition." (#5)
- "The Church, 'like a stranger in a foreign land, presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God', announcing the cross and death of the Lord until he comes (cf. 1 Cor 11:26). But by the power of the risen Lord it is given strength to overcome, in patience and in love, its sorrow and its difficulties, both those that are from within and those that are from without, so that it may reveal in the world, faithfully, although with shadows, the mystery of its Lord until, in the end, it shall be manifested in full light" (Lumen Gentium 8). (#6)
- The Year of Faith, from this perspective, is a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord. In the mystery of his death and resurrection, God has revealed in its fullness the Love that saves and calls us to conversion of life through the forgiveness of sins (cf. Acts 5:31). (#6)
- For Saint Paul, this Love ushers us into a new life: "We were buried ... with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4). Through faith, this new life shapes the whole of human existence according to the radical new reality of the resurrection. (#6)
- Today, as in the past, Christ sends us out to the highways and hedgerows (Luke 14:23) of the world to proclaim his Gospel to all the peoples of the earth. (#7)
- We want to help everyone be more able to speak about his or her faith when appropriate. This is also a good time to renew our love for the liturgy, especially the Eucharist. (#9)
- We also want everyone to rediscover and profess our basic Catholic beliefs, to celebrate, live, and pray them. (#9, #11)
- But Saint Luke teaches that knowing the content to be believed is not sufficient unless the heart, the authentic sacred space within the person, is opened by grace that allows the eyes to see below the surface and to understand that what has been proclaimed is the word of God (cf. Acts 16:14). (#10)
- But this won't be a purely private matter. Faith is both personal and communal. We will also come together with each other in our parishes in order to achieve these goals. (#10)
- There are also many people who, while not claiming to have the gift of faith, are nevertheless sincerely searching for the ultimate meaning and definitive truth of their lives and of the world. We want to help these people! This search is an authentic "preamble" to the faith, because it guides people onto the path that leads to the mystery of God. We have an inborn hunger to encounter God. To this encounter, faith invites us and it opens us in fullness. (#10)
- In this Year, then, the Catechism of the Catholic Church will serve as a tool providing real support for the faith, especially for those concerned with the formation of Christians, so crucial in our cultural context. (#12)
- During this time we will need to keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus Christ, the "pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Heb 12:2): in him, all the anguish and all the longing of the human heart finds fulfillment. The joy of love, the answer to the drama of suffering and pain, the power of forgiveness in the face of an offence received, and the victory of life over the emptiness of death: all this finds fulfillment in the paschal mystery. (#13)
- The Year of Faith will also be a good opportunity to intensify the witness of caring for those who are vulnerable, hungry, and in need of justice. Faith without charity bears no fruit. Through faith, we can recognize the face of the risen Lord in those who ask for our love. "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). (#14)
- **May this Year of Faith make our relationship with Christ the Lord increasingly firm. Let us entrust this time of grace to the Mother of God, about whom we say, "Blessed is she who believed" (Lk 1:45). (#15)**

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This Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent: Year C

Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm 125

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 10 Dec: St John Roberts

Wed 12 Dec: St Jane Frances de Chantal

Fri. 14 Dec: St John of the Cross

Tues 11 Dec: St Damasus

Thurs 13 Dec: St Lucy

Sat. 15 Dec: St Valerian

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent: Year C

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Psalm 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 8 Dec	6.30pm	St Bernadette's Mass-Welcome T & Prep 2013	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 11 Dec	9.15am	Mass & MOG School Thank You Mass	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 11 Dec	8.00pm	Ross McKinney Advent Lecture	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 12 Dec	12.00pm	Outreach Christmas Lunch	See notice in newsletter
Friday 14 Dec	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School – Juniors	St Bernadette's Church

Reconciliation at Mother of God Church 8th December:

Reconciliation will not be available at Mother of God Church on Saturday 8th December

Appointments for Reconciliation can be made via Mother of God House 9499 5440 or Office 9499 1515.

Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal 8 – 9th Dec:

There will be Leaving Collections in each church for the Melbourne Overseas Mission as commended by Archbishop Denis Hart who thanks all parishioners for their ongoing support. Melbourne priests and parishioners have supported Melbourne Overseas Mission for over forty years. Major projects have focussed on Papua New Guinea and Sierra Leone; other projects include Peru, Pakistan and Botswana. Each year half a million dollars of donated goods (medical, educational and clothing supplies) are shipped to 90 locations situated around the Pacific and Africa.

Thanksgiving Envelopes 6 January – 30 June 2013 are available for collection in each church.

Mary Immaculate, Mother of God & St Bernadette's are now all in alphabetical order.

PLEASE NOTE: Thanksgiving Envelopes as from 6 January 2013

New envelopes numbers have been allocated to each person who uses Thanksgiving envelopes from 6 January 2013 onwards - your new number has been highlighted on each envelope.

So that your contributions can be recorded accurately please use these envelopes only.

It is recommended that older envelopes are not used. Please throw out envelopes from past years.

Statements for Thanksgiving contributions for the period July – 25 November 2012 are included with envelopes. Please feel free to deliver envelopes to those nearby or unable to collect them personally.

If you wish to contribute to the Parish Thanksgiving program, contact details are: **Mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079 **Phone:** 9499 1515 **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com

If circumstances have changed and you are either unable or no longer wish to contribute as part of Thanksgiving contributions please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible**. The Parish Office **needs personal contact made** using one of the above contact details so that we can respond to and respect your wishes; and thus not mail envelopes when they are no longer required. - Ruth

MOG Church Working Bee - Saturday 8th December:

8.30am to 12.00pm. Contact: Andrew Tosolini abtconsulting@bigpond.com.au

Keeping up a tradition!:

Nibbles and drinks in the courtyard of the Parish Office. 5pm – 7pm. Sunday, 9th December.

B.YO. EVERYTHING, especially **YOUR SELVES, YOUR FAMILIES, YOUR FRIENDS.**

Advent Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2012:

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

• Tuesday 11 Dec: **The Ways are Many** - Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

Christmas Hamper Appeal 2012:

The local Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be preparing hampers for delivery to deserving families in our area. We invite parishioners to join us in this activity by placing donations of non perishable food, gifts and funds in the box provided in each church.

We would also welcome assistance to deliver the hampers on Tuesday 18th December. Contact: 0419 798 120.

Christmas Lunch at Mother of God Church:

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

Old Tennis Club Flags:

I have a number of flags from St Bernadette's Tennis Club, and possibly Mary Immaculate. I threw out those with no names on them. Is anyone interested in keeping the rest, or any of them? One is from 1972, but most are from 1988-1999. They are VCLTA, the Catholic competition, NEJTA, the Northeastern junior competition, and HDTA, the local Saturday afternoon competition. My email address, which is cheapest, is mcardle@ozemail.com.au, and my phone number is 9499 3523. - Edward McArdle

Parish of Ivanhoe Playgroup:



The Ivanhoe Playgroup offers a welcoming and supportive environment where parents and children can play, learn and have fun.

Ages: The playgroup suits children aged between 0- 4 years

Venue: Mary Immaculate Church Hall, 4 Waverley Ave. Ivanhoe

Session Times: Wednesday 9 - 11am or Thursday 9 - 11am

What to bring: A healthy snack and drink bottle for Morning Tea. Nut free please.
Sun hat / sunscreen for hot days

Activities: Weekly art/craft activities, educational toys to explore, books, shared singing time, large sandpit and bikes for outdoor play and so much more.

Further details: Contact Liz Shearer: Phone 0411 345 664 or Email: liz.shearer1@gmail.com

From PLT Meeting - 21.11.12:

- Our three schools have good enrolments for 2013. Staffs planning grade allocations, teachers & children.
- The Outreach group will bring its year to an end with the traditional Christmas lunch.
- All churches and associated properties underwent a safety audit recently.
- The special focus of the Liturgy group is planning for the celebration of Advent and Christmas.
- Finance Committee reported that the parish is holding its own and will begin addressing the next budget.
- The Communication group has modified the format of their weekly information output which has been well received.
- Contributions to the life of the parish by many people in a variety of ways was gratefully acknowledged.
- Meeting dates were set for 2013.
- Please note the item in the newsletter re 'Drinks and Nibbles' in the office courtyard on 9th December.
- Do come if you can!!

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 15 – 16 December 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

E. Crawley, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

Ballao family

Reader

M-R Auguste

Mass Coordinators

Ballao family

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti

R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Curry

Lector

J. Hodge

Special Ministers

M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. / P. De Silva

Altar Society: I. Chiera

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,986.00	Loose cash: \$438.00	Total: \$2,424.00
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 701.05

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