



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

No. 51

15 – 16 December 2012

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C



Lighting of the Third Advent candle:

Today's candle is rose - joyful relief from the penitential purple - signalling that 'the time' is near. When the people asked John the Baptist what they should do, he answers simply - act justly, share with those who are hungry, clothe those who have no tunic.

May we remember what we mean when we say we want to be a community who offers loving service to the sick, the lonely, the neglected, the ignored, the newcomers, the very young and the very old.

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

V. 1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

V. 2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

V. 3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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 Frank Jordan who died recently. We remember Lucia Sartori and Valentin Vukic whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 17 Dec: St Olympias

Wed 19 Dec: St Anastasius

Fri. 21 Dec: St Peter Canisius

Tues 18 Dec: St Flannan

Thurs 20 Dec: St Fachanan

Sat. 22 Dec: St Flavianus

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Advent: Year C

Micah 5:1-4

Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44

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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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 15 Dec	10.am	Advent Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 16 Dec	11.30am	Christmas Lunch and Refreshments	Mother of God Church
Monday 17 Dec	6.00pm	St Bernadette's School Graduation ceremony	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 17 Dec	6.00pm	Mother of God School Graduation ceremony	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 18 Dec	2.30pm	St Bernadette's School Carols Assembly	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 18 Dec	6.30pm	Mary Immaculate School Carols & Graduation	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 21 Dec	7.30pm	Advent Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Saturday 22 Dec	10.00am	Advent Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church

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.

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.

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

Mother of God Choir Practice: There will be a rehearsal for Christmas Eve Mass at Mother of God Church, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18th of December. All welcome. - Isma Chiera Ph. 9497 2322

Outreach Wishes Everyone a Joyful, Peaceful Christmas:

Outreach activities for 2012 concluded last Wednesday with a merry Christmas Lunch at the Yarra Valley Country Club. Thanks for the generous support of our parishioners and friends at all our activities during the past year.

We begin again in the New Year of 2013 on February 6. Come for lunch, cards, scrabble, knitting or just a good time, noon in Mother of God Church foyer. - Sue, Helen and Eileen

Parish Gathering 9th December: The Annual 'Nibble and Drinks' in the Office courtyard turned out to be much more than that. Thanks to all who brought a range of delicious foods and helped to make it a friendly, enjoyable and relaxing night. A tradition to be maintained!! - Merle



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.

Thanksgiving Envelopes as from 6 January 2013 onwards

PLEASE NOTE: New envelopes numbers have been allocated to each person who uses Thanksgiving envelopes - your new number has been highlighted on each envelope.

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

Please do not use older envelopes.

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2012

Christmas Eve:

Monday 24th December



Family Masses

6.00pm

7.30pm

7.30pm

Later Mass

9.00pm

St Bernadette's **PLEASE NOTE: Change of Time – 6.00pm**
Mary Immaculate
Mother of God (Carols from 7.00pm)

St Bernadette's – Korean Catholic Community



Christmas Day:

Tuesday 25th December

Morning Masses

9.00am

9.00am

10.30am

11.00am

Mary Immaculate

St Bernadette's

Mother of God

St Bernadette's - Korean / English Mass

NEW YEAR 2013

New Year's Eve

Monday 31st December:

7.30pm

Mother of God

New Year's Day

Tuesday 1st January 2013:

9.15am

Mother of God (normal Mass time)

11.00am

St Bernadette's - Korean

2012 Christmas Mass Times and Carol Services in the Archdiocese of Melbourne:

For details of the Mass and service times of parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne visit www.cam.org.au

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

ONE - One God. One Spirit. One Church - Friday 18 January, 7:30pm – 10:30pm:

In January 2013, Melbourne youth (16-35yrs) are invited to "One" a not-to-be-missed celebration of faith, including spirit-filled contemporary Christian worship by some of Melbourne's hottest musical talent, and an inspiring preaching by special guest Mark Nimo (Chicago). A special moment to encounter and be encountered by the living God - a start to the year like no other!

Where: Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy (around the corner from Victoria Parade).

When: Friday 18 January, 7.30pm – 10.30pm.

Contact: crcmelbounre@gmail.com

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 22 – 23 December 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

J. McCormack

Reader

F. Tosolini

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

A. Tosolini

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$2,259.00

Loose cash: \$516.70

Total: \$2,775.70

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 785.85

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