

# 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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<b>Masses:</b>			
<b>Weekend: Saturday:</b>	6.30pm St Bernadette's	<b>Sunday:</b> 9am Mary Immaculate; 10.30am Mother of God	
<b>Weekday:</b>	9.15am <b>Tuesday:</b> Mother of God	<b>Wednesday:</b> Mary Immaculate	<b>Friday:</b> St Bernadette's

No. 52a

22 – 23 December 2012

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C



### Lighting of the Fourth Advent candle:

Mary's time of waiting - and ours - as nearly reached its end. As we light the fourth candle, we remind ourselves that Jesus birth in time was the beginning of his **mission** - a **mission** he calls us to share - to be the loving presence of God in our world.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

V. 1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

V. 2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

V. 3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Patrick Jordan, Pat Nicholls, Kerry McGuire, Helen Bergman, Phillip Reed and Bev Horne. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Clem Melvaine and Elda Colombi who have died recently. We remember Kerry Carroll and Antonino Marino whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

### This Week's Readings: 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 24 Dec: Christmas Eve

Wed 26 Dec: St Stephen

Fri. 28 Dec: The Holy Innocents

Tues 25 Dec: The nativitu of Our Lord

Thurs 27 Dec: St John the Evangelist

Sat. 29 Dec: St Thomas à Becket

### Next Week's Readings: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Year C

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

## **REFLECTION:**

Christmas anticipation is in the air. Family reunions and Christmas gatherings are in full swing. There is the possibility of change as the world glimpses peace. The innate goodness of human life is celebrated as God becomes one of us. But how strange are the ways of our God!



Mary is a Jew, a woman, pregnant, unmarried and poor. Yet of her it is said, 'Blessed are you among women'. Because she received the word of God in a spirit of openness and obedience, God could do great things in her. How strange are the ways of God!

Today's readings combine the major Advent themes – promise, change, renewal, hope – as they look towards Christmas. We are on the edge looking in. A sense of anticipation is everywhere.

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## **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

Saturday 22 Dec	10.00am	<b>Advent Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 24 December		<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
Monday 24 Dec	6.00pm	St Bernadette's Family Mass	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 24 Dec	7.30pm	Mother of God Family Mass	Mother of God Church
Monday 24 Dec	7.30pm	Mary Immaculate Family Mass	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 25 Dec		<b>Christmas Day</b>	
Tuesday 25 Dec	9.00am	St Bernadette's Mass	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 25 Dec	9.00am	Mary Immaculate Mass	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 25 Dec	10.30am	Mother of God Mass	Mother of God Church
Wed 26 Dec	9.15am	Mass	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 28 Dec	9.15am	Mass	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 29 Dec	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

### **Thanksgiving Envelopes 6 January – 30 June 2013**

**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.**

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

**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

**To bring:** Healthy snack & 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:** ccrmelbounre@gmail.com

## Christmas Message from Fr Thang:

## For unto us a child is born (Is 9:6)

Dear friends,

The birth of Jesus is perhaps the greatest story ever told. God became one of us to share our human life. Yet it is totally surprising in the way he entered into our world. He did not choose a rich family to be born in. He was not born in the hospital like most of us where we have lots of medical equipment to care for mums in the case of emergency. When Jesus came on earth, he came clothed, not in the extraordinary, but in the ordinary, perhaps too ordinary: Our Lady wrapped the baby Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no other place to be born in. This was how God wanted to enter into our life in ordinary ways.

When I reflect on this wonderful story in the light our parish values, that are really Jesus' values of inclusiveness, hospitality, service and mission, I recognise that many parishioners in Ivanhoe have been lived out these values in their ordinary lives. In particular, I would like to thank the parish staff, volunteers and cleaners, Pastoral Leadership Team (PLT) and PLT Executive, the Finance Committee, the three school communities and their school boards, parish hospitality and support groups, the multiple liturgical groups (including Baptism Preparation team, three sacristan groups, lectors, Communion Ministers, altar servers, choirs and musicians, collectors and counters), Playgroup Coordinator, Communication team, Outreach Group, Maintenance Group and the Korean Catholic Community. All these groups and committees have regular meetings and functions, for instance the PLT Executive meets fortnightly at 7:30 am, the Liturgy Group meets on a weekly basis or our parish website is updated weekly through the Parish Communication Coordinator. Thanks to all members of these groups and committees for your commitment and dedication, and to your families for their support.

My prayer is that 2013 will deepen our parish values of inclusiveness, hospitality, service and mission. In a spirit of ecumenism, I would like to leave you and those who will come to your homes as relations, friends, and guests, a Christmas blessing from Aub Podlich, a former Pastor of Bethany Church:

May the feet of God walk with you and his hand hold you tight.  
May the eyes of God rest on you and his ears hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you and his breath give you life.  
May the child of God grow in you and his love bring you home safely.  
*(1983. Aub Podlich, a former Pastor of Bethany Church)*

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### CHRISTMAS MASSES 2012

#### Christmas Eve: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December:</b>	7.30pm	Mother of God
<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013:</b>	9.15am 11.00am	Mother of God (normal Mass time) St Bernadette's - Korean

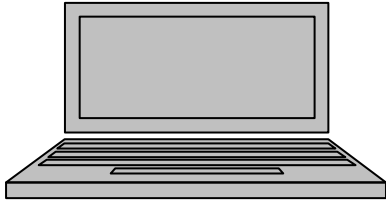


**Christmas in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe:**

We wish all parishioners, friends and visitors a very happy and a holy Christmas, as well as a safe and peaceful New Year.

- *Fr Thang, Leadership Teams & Parish Office Staff*

**Thank you:** We sincerely thank Fr Len Thomas who will celebrate Mass on Christmas Eve at Mary Immaculate and on Christmas Day at St Bernadette's. We are grateful for support and assistance given to our parish at various times throughout the year – Masses, Reconciliation services and special events. – **Fr Thang**



**Parish Multimedia:**

We sincerely thank all concerned for their generous contributions to Parish liturgies each week and liturgical events for each of our churches throughout the year. There is much involved both in time and effort in preparation and presentations – we thank those who prepare the power point presentations, those who operate the equipment and those who give their time so generously.

**Christmas Multimedia:** Thanks to those who have prepared power point presentations for parish liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Mass responses and hymns will be presented on the screens in each church. We look forward to your participation. Parish newsletters will not available for these liturgies.

**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](http://www.cam.org.au)



**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: **\$3.50** for a packet of **8 cards**
- Columban Calendars 2013 Cost: **\$9** each.

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**Outreach Wishes Everyone a Joyful, Peaceful Christmas:**

Outreach activities for 2012 concluded Wednesday 12 December with a merry Christmas Lunch at the Yarra Valley Country Club. Thank you 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

**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](mailto:mcardle@ozemail.com.au), and my phone number is 9499 3523. - Edward McArdle

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 29 – 30 December 2012**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

E. Jowett

**Special Ministers**

B. Jowett, Sister Carmel

**MARY IMMACULATE: Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

**Reader**

**Mass Coordinators**

M. Gilbo

**Counters**

E. Ballao, T. McKinley

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

By arrangement

**Lector**

By arrangement

**Special Ministers**

By arrangement

**Altar Society:**

**Choir Coordinator:**

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<b>First Collection – Thanksgiving:</b>	Envelopes: \$1,887.15	Loose cash: \$408.40	<b>Total: \$2,295.55</b>
<b>Second Collection – Presbytery:</b>			<b>\$ 715.50</b>

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