



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. 1

5 – 6 January 2013

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

V. 1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,

That he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

V. 2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

V. 3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

V. 4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Loving God: Hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

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

We remember Patrick Jordan who died recently. We also remember Michael Curtain, Carmel Delany, Antonino Marino, Ada Archivio, Robert West and Arthur Overton whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: The Epiphany of the Lord: Year C

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 7 Jan: St Raymond of Penyafort

Tues 8 Jan: St Severinus

Wed 9 Jan: St Julian

Thurs 10 Jan: St William of Bourges

Fri. 11 Jan: St Theodosius

Sat. 12 Jan: St Aelred of Rievaulx

Next Week's Readings: The Baptism of the Lord: Year C

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm 103:1-3, 24-25, 27-30

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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REFLECTION:



Recently some Christian scientists got to work trying to explain the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem. They came up with a complicated, and no doubt plausible, astronomical theory about how a certain brilliant star may have appeared around the time of the birth of Jesus. Though I was intrigued by their methods, I wondered why they bothered. Matthew's wandering star is not about astronomy. It's religious shorthand for describing how the heavens preside over and guide the events of the world. The image of a star is used in similar ways in the Books of Deuteronomy, Numbers, Isaiah and the Psalms. This entire feast is all about symbols, not science. Reported by Hippolytus as early as the third century, it is celebrated twelve days after Christmas, the number itself echoing God's goodness in creating and recreating us.

The wise men's star is on a par with the other images Matthew uses. At the centre of each of the first three chapters of his Gospel there is an extraordinary event. In chapter one Joseph hears the message of an angel in a dream. In chapter two the wise men find Jesus by following a star. And by chapter three the heavens open and God speaks at the baptism of the Lord. By any standards that's quite an opening to a biography! It's all about the manifestation, or epiphany, of God's glory in the world.

And let's look carefully at where and for whom this glory is revealed. The first instance is to Joseph while he's in bed asleep. The second is to gentile astrologers who, by reporting their news to Herod, set up an immediate threat to Jesus. The third instance is to all those Jews who were coming to hear John the Baptist. Within three chapters of Matthew's Gospel the circles of God's glory revealed in Jesus become more public and change lives. The lives of Joseph, the star gazers, John the Baptist and those who heard Jesus preach will never be the same again.

The Feast of the Epiphany is not an ancient version of Halley's comet. It is about how God's glory changes human hearts. T.S. Eliot got this point in his poem 'The journey of the Magi'.

'Birth or death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.'

And so may this feast change our hearts and enable us to die to self so as to be born to God's glory that can and does shine through us. And may we remember that this epiphany is not meant for us alone, but that we are called to go public with it and demonstrate our belief in today's feast by the way we live, the world we help create, and the one we strive to recreate.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 5 Jan	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 12 Jan	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God 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.

Thank you from Fr Thang:

I would like to thank parishioners for their best wishes, cards and gifts over recent weeks. Sincere thanks to all parishioners and schools in the parish community for their assistance and support during the year.

From Fr Thang:

I will be taking two weeks holiday from 14 - 25 January 2013. Weekday Masses will be available at the usual times and I sincerely thank Fr Len Thomas and Fr Anthony Kelly CSsR who will celebrate these weekday Masses in our parish whilst I am absent. I thank all concerned in each of our churches who ensure that all is in readiness for the celebration of Mass. I will return each weekend to celebrate Masses as normal. – **Fr Thang**

News from Parish Office:

- Ruth will be on a week's leave Monday 7 Jan – Friday 11 Jan. The Parish Office will be attended as normal.
- A brief newsletter for 12 – 13 Jan has been prepared in advance. This newsletter has been collected and delivered to each of the churches. Later items will be placed in the newsletter for 19 – 20 January 2013.
- Notices and items can be left in the locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Contact details: phone 9499 1515, fax 9499 9959; or email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com

Sacraments 2013:

2013 Sacramental Brochures are available in each church for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2013. Enrolments are only accepted from families **who live within the parish which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.**

Please note: Only children **who do not attend** Parish schools or **who have transferred out** of Catholic Primary schools need to enrol in the Parish Program. *Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program.*
It is recommended that preparation for sacraments takes place in the parish in which the catechist lives.

Enrolment forms are available from Parish Office 9499 1515 and website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com

NB. Closing date is Friday 22 March 2013 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.

Found in Mary Immaculate Church:

Black framed spectacles and small 'silver' pierced earring. Either of these items can be collected from Mary Immaculate Church after Mass on Wednesday 9.15am or Sunday 9.00am.

Outreach Group 2013:

We wish all in the parish a Happy New Year and we thank all who have supported the Outreach Group in many ways and attended our various activities during the past year. We begin again with our Social Afternoon on Wednesday 6 February. 12.00pm at Mother of God Church foyer, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. Come for lunch, cards, scrabble, knitting or just a good time and companionship. - Sue, Helen and Eileen

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: 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, 7:30 – 10:30pm:

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

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Gregorian Chant Summer School - Saturday 19 January, 2 - 5pm and Saturday 26 January, 2 - 5 pm:

Learn to read and sing Gregorian Chant! No musical experience necessary. Everyone welcome!

For more information visit: www.newman-community-melbourne.org

Where: St. Aloysius' Church,

233 Balaclava Rd, Caulfield North

Contact: chaplain@newman-community-melbourne.org

Australian Association of Catholic Bioethicists Annual Bioethics - Colloquium:

Issues in Mental Illness & Drug Addiction Sunday 27 January, 7pm – Wednesday 30 January, 2pm

The 9th Annual Bioethics Colloquium hosted by the Order of Malta and John Paul II Institute for Marriage & the Family, sponsored by Catholic Communication will examine *Issues in Mental Illness & in Drug Addiction*

Where: The Knox Room, Thomas Carr Centre.

RSVP: 20 January 2013

Contact: Owen Vyner 9417 4349 or ovyner@jp2institute.org

Catholic Speed Dating Fundraiser - Saturday 9 February, 7pm:

Melbourne Single Catholics is holding the fourth annual Catholic Speed Dating event. The event is open to people from 18-55 and participants will be allocated to age groups. We are providing wine and cheese.

The proceeds go to the Jesuit Mission for their work in East Timor. The fee is \$60 for early bird registrations.

Booking essential.

Where: 116 Sacred Heart Hall, Cotham Road Kew

Contact: melbournesinglecatholics@hotmail.com

For more information visit: <http://www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics>

Meet the Organ Day - Sunday 17 February, 12 - 6pm:

The Council of the Society of organists (Victoria) is passionate about fostering the development of young organist and introducing young people to the instrument. The Society has partnered with the City of Melbourne to host an organ day to promote the pipe organ and to encourage young players to perform.

12-3pm: Open console, on the hour tours to visit the organ museum and to visit the inside of the pipe organ

3.00pm: Special presentation of the organ for children and young people

3:45pm: Queue up to play the big organ - children and young people only

5.00pm: Young Performer's Concert.

Where: Melbourne Town Hall

Cost: Free

Contact: 0410 844 552 or bachbwv000@gmail.com

Social Justice in the City: Anne Tuohey "Tales from the Biscuit Tin:

Social Justice in the Society Today"

Wednesday 27 February 2013, 12pm

Anne has over 15 years of experience in social policy and research roles with the community sector. Prior to this she worked with the Office of Housing for 12 years. Anne is currently consulting privately, focusing particularly on writing projects. This session is hosted by Francis Conference Melbourne which is a part of the St Vincent de Paul Society. All welcome. Tea / coffee and biscuits will be served.

Where: St Francis Pastoral Centre – MacKillop Room, St Francis' Church annex, 326 Lonsdale Street,

Melbourne **Contact:** Paula 9895 5800 or email: paulas@svdp-vic.org.au

From Latino heart-throb to Hollywood Missionary: Meet Eduardo Verastegui - Thurs 28 Feb at 8pm:

This February, Australian Catholic University presents the inaugural Eduardo Verastegui Australian tour. The Catholic Hollywood actor and film producer is coming to Australia to tell his story from fame to faith and launch his latest film. Well known for his starring role in the award winning film "Bella", Eduardo produces films that reflect his faith, inspire and bring hope. Do not miss the opportunity to meet Eduardo and hear his inspiring testimony.

Where: ACU, Central Hall. 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy.

Contact: Thérèse Nichols or therese.nichols@acu.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 12 – 13 January 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

J. Gray, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

Reader

Mass Coordinators

Costa family

Counters

P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

A. Patterson

Special Ministers

As available

Altar Society:

As available

Choir Coordinator: School holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$

Loose cash: \$

Total: \$

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$