

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

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21 – 22 December 2013

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A



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: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

V. 1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

V. 2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**

V. 3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. 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 Merle Howe, Nora Brown, Nancy Gibb, Nita Meagher, Raffaella Danza, Sheila Mullane, Sheila Ryan and Mary Bezzina. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Yvonne Homsey and Medardo (Mick) Marinacci who died recently. We also remember John Masters and Kerry Carroll whose anniversaries occur at this time.

 **Baptism:** We welcome Jasmine Sheales who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.



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, Fr Thanh, Leadership Teams & Parish Office Staff

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Christmas Message from Fr Thang:

Dear Parishioners and friends,

Pope Francis at his recent exhortation, *the Joy of the Gospel*, has encouraged more involvement of the faithful lay people in various facets of parish life. This has truly been happening here at the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe which is demonstrated in this Christmas Newsletter. I would like to thank each member of the various groups and teams for your dedication and collaboration in various ministries of the parish and thank your families for their support.

The Church in Australia is going through a tough time. Major mistakes have been made and many people have been hurt by the failures of many Church people. Countless apologies have been made, but for many the wound remains. As members of the broken Body of Christ, we share in solidarity the brokenness of other members. We acknowledge the hurt and wound that afflicted to the Body of Christ, and we pray for the journey toward healing.

In the midst of this, the story of Christmas is a new hope of a new beginning. The message of the Christ-Child is a message of peace, goodness and healing to our broken world. It is a message that our world desperately needs to hear today.

Christmas can be a challenging and lonely time for many of our parishioners who are grieving over a death of loved ones, estranged relationships... The message of Christmas keeps hope alive in our hearts because it is a message that affirms us God-with-us, he is our Emmanuel.

In the name of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, I sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and generosity, demonstrated in so many ways.

I wish you and your families a very safe and holy Christmas and pray that these blessings will continue throughout 2014.

Merry Christmas

This Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Advent: Year A

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm 23:1-6

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 23 Dec: St John of Canty

Wed 25 Dec: Nativity of our Lord

Fri 27 Dec: St John the Evangelist

Tues 24 Dec: Christmas Eve

Thurs 26 Dec: St Stephen

Sat 28 Dec: The Holy Innocents

Next Week's Readings: The Holy Family: Year A

Ecclus 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm 127:1-5

Colossians 3:12-21

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sacraments 2014:

2014 Sacramental Brochure for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2014 will be available in the New Year. 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 primary 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 will be available from Parish Office 9499 1515 and website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com

NB. Closing date is Friday 28 March 2014 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES: Second Rite:

- ❖ Friday 20 December 7.30pm Mary Immaculate
- ❖ Saturday 21 December 10.00am St Bernadette's Church

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2013

Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24th December



Family Masses

- 6.00pm St Bernadette's
- 7.30pm Mary Immaculate
- 7.30pm Mother of God (Carols from 7.00pm)

Later Mass

- 9.00pm St Bernadette's – Korean Catholic Community



Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th December

Morning Masses

- 9.00am Mary Immaculate
- 9.00am St Bernadette's
- 10.30am Mother of God
- 11.00am St Bernadette's - Korean / English Mass

NEW YEAR 2014

New Year's Day Wednesday 1st January 2014:

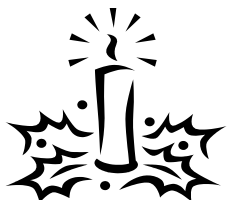
- 9.15am Mary Immaculate (normal Mass time)
- 11.00am St Bernadette's – Korean
- 7.30pm Mother of God

2013 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

Thank you from Fr Thang:

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



Outreach Wishes Everyone a Joyful, Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year:

Outreach activities for 2013 concluded with a pleasant Christmas Lunch at the Yarra Valley Country Club. We sincerely thank parishioners and friends for their support and attendance at our activities during the past year. Further information and dates in the New Year.

- Sue, Helen and Eileen

Ford St Development – Important Information:

Please refer to Christmas Newsletter for important news about the Ford St Development

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal:

The local Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank parishioners, as well as the children and families from the three parish primary schools for their generous contributions to the Christmas Hamper Appeal which were much appreciated and will assist and support many of our neighbours in need.

Special Collections: Sincere thanks to all concerned for contributions given to recent special collections

Totals include leaving collections and credit card donations:

- World Mission Sunday 19 – 20 October – \$673.25
- Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal - \$1740.50
- Melbourne Overseas Mission 7 – 8 December - \$975.65

Thank you:

Thank you to those who have collected their Thanksgiving envelopes for the period 5 January – 29 June 2014. Thank you to those who delivered envelopes to others – thanks for your time, energy, generosity and effort. For those interested in becoming a contributor to the Thanksgiving program there are three options: Envelopes, Credit Card or Direct Debit. Please contact the Parish Office: **Mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079 **Phone:** 9499 1515 **Fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com - Ruth

Mother of God Church Roster 2014: Rosters for 2014 is available this weekend 21 – 22 December.

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 craft activities. Many educational toys to explore, books & shared singing time. Large sandpit and bikes for outdoor play and so much more.

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

Survey: Extraordinary Synod on the Family:

Archbishop Hart would like to thank all who contributed to the recent survey in preparation for the Extraordinary Synod on the Family. We received over 1,100 contributions. Each Australian diocese has submitted a synthesis to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. From those, a submission will be made to Rome before the end of January 2014. At some stage after the Extraordinary Synod, which begins on Sunday 5 October 2014, Pope Francis will respond with some form of letter or Apostolic Exhortation.

Lectio Divina reflections App:

The *Lectio Divina* reflections App is a new and accessible way to prayerfully reflect on the Scriptures in preparation for the joyful arrival of the Christ child. *Lectio Divina* is the meditative reading of a text of God's Word, alone or with others, which leads to prayer and through that transformation of life. *Lectio Divina App* is available free worldwide for both Apple and Android devices.

iPhone: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lectio-divina-phone/id760070889?ls=1&mt=8>

iPad: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lectio-divina-tablet/id760044932?ls=1&mt=8>

Android phone: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.fraynetwork.lectiodivina2013mob>

Android tablet: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.fraynetwork.lectiodivina2013>

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Retreat - Monday 13 January - Friday 17 January 2014, 9:30am - 5pm:

Draw aside for a time of spiritual refreshment with Bishop Colin Campbell from Dunedin, NZ, teaching on the Fruits of the Spirit. Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place daily.

Cost: \$150 week or \$35 per day. **Where:** Our Lady Help of Christians Hall, 49 Nicholson St, E. Brunswick

Register: www.ccr.org.au/whats on **Contact:** 9486 6544 or centre@ccr.org.au

Sacred Heart Parish, Diamond Creek Paraliturg y centenary celebration - 9 February 2014, 2:30pm

Sacred Heart Parish, Diamond Creek will begin their 100th Anniversary year with a Paraliturg y. Refreshments, commemorative wine and glass will be on sale. Memorabilia will also be on display in the Parish Hall. Past parishioners are very welcome and are encouraged to join in our year of community celebrations. **Where:** Sacred Heart Parish, Diamond Creek, 25 Gipson St. Diamond Creek.

Contact: 9438 1159 or diamondcreek@cam.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 28 – 29 December 2013

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm **Lector** J. Gray **Special Ministers** Sister Carmel, B. Jowett

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am **Leader** TBA **Reader** TBA **Mass Coordinators** S. & P. Kelly **Counters** S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am **Sacristan** By arrangement **Lector** By arrangement **Special Ministers** By arrangement

Altar Society: By arrangement **Choir Coordinator:**

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,944.40 Loose cash: \$701.20 **Total:** \$2,645.60

Second Collection – Presbytery: \$ 913.35

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