



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. 3

18 - 19 January 2014

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

- V. 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**
- V. 2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**
- V. 3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**
- V. 4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord hear us: Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Jack Mullane, Leo Milesi, Merle Howe, Nora Brown, Nancy Gibb, Nita Meagher, Raffaella Danza, Sheila Ryan and Mary Bezzina who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember those who have died recently. We also remember Arthur Overton, Alan Wain, Pierrot Auguste, Linda Omizzolo and Robert West whose anniversaries occur at this time.

News from Parish Office:

- Ruth will be on a week's leave 27 - 31 January 2014. Parish Office will be attended at different intervals.
- A brief newsletter for 1 - 2 February will be prepared and collected in advance. **Notices, anniversaries and prayer requests are needed no later than 5pm next Wednesday 22 January please.** Notices, anniversaries and prayer requests received after this time will be placed in the newsletter 8 - 9 February 2014.
- 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

From Fr Thang: I sincerely thank Fr Len Thomas and Fr Peter Carrucan who celebrate Masses this weekend, 18 - 19 January whilst I am absent. I will still be on leave for another week, 20 - 24 January 2014. Communion Services will be available for parishioners in each church this week. I thank all concerned who lead and facilitate Communion Services as part of their ministry to each of our church communities.

No Reconciliation available at Mary Immaculate Church on Saturday 18 January

Gospel Reflection:

Strangely, despite being in Ordinary Time again, the lectionary temporarily departs from the gospel of Matthew and today's reading is from the gospel of John. Given that last week's reading was the Matthean account of the baptism of Christ we must assume that there is a deliberate purpose in the choice of reading for today. Indeed, the three readings for today give a very specific slant to the baptism and mission of Jesus.

The readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Corinthians emphasise that God's salvation is for all the world, not just the people of Israel. We find this also in the gospel when John the Baptist declares, 'there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world'. It is the sin 'of the world' that Jesus takes away; that is, all humankind. This was a tough concept for the Jews whose relationship with God was grounded in the concept of being the 'chosen people'; a people set apart. It continues to be a difficult concept for many Christian people today who struggle with the notion that God's love and mercy are so extravagant that they are poured out for absolutely anyone and everyone. Some Christians like to maintain an 'us and them' approach to their faith and think that if you're not one of 'us' then salvation will be denied by God.

The role of John the Baptist in this passage is to be a witness; to point to Jesus and say 'He is the one!' Lots of us need the affirmation and direction provided by another person before we are ready to commit to a new direction in our lives. John gives the crowd confidence and effectively hands over to Jesus the authority that the crowd had perceived in him.

Living the Gospel – Pointing the way: John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

Scriptural context – Baptism of Jesus: Each of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Luke and Matthew) presents an account of the baptism of Jesus. All three versions record the Spirit descending in the form of a dove. In the fourth gospel, it is interesting that the gospel writer does not actually give an account of the baptism as by the time of this gospel's writing the story is well entrenched in the Christian culture. Instead of a baptism account, John the Baptist appears to recall the event. Rather than needing to describe the event, this gospel writer treats it as a given and simply refers to it. © Greg Sunter Liturgy Help.com.au

Found: On Wednesday 15 January a green bag was found at the front entrance of Mary Immaculate Church. The bag contained a wooden cross and an assortment of books including recent copy of Break Open the Word, prayer books, Missal 2013 - 2023 and others. The owner can collect this bag from the Parish Office. If these are intended to be a donation, we would be very grateful if contact can be made via 9499 1515. – Ruth

Sacraments 2014:

2014 Sacramental Brochures for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2014 are available in each church. 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 prior to Grade 6 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. For enrolment in the parish sacramental program for catechists, it is recommended that preparation 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 28 March 2014 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 25 – 26 January 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

T. Nibali, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

As available

Reader

As available

Mass Coordinators

P. & S. Kelly

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti

R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

M. Hoban

Lector

M. Hoban

Special Ministers

As available

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: School Holidays