



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. 5

1 – 2 February 2014

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your
right hand is filled with saving justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

V. 1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

V. 2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

V. 3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

V. 4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the
glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all
the peoples.

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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Reflection:

Traditionally this is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany, the Presentation brings us back to some of the Christmas themes. The feast is on the edge, a kind of hinge between the seasons of Christmas and Lent.

The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing.

The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. This picture of purification is modified by the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews where we see that the purging and refinement are accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ.

It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it was the child who was redeemed. In fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter.

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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 during office hours. If these are intended to be a donation, we would be very grateful if you can contact the office or phone: 9499 1515.

Liturgy Group 2014: Liturgy Group meetings commenced Thursday 30th January. Each week the Liturgy Group meets on Thursday at 9.00am in the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. All are welcome to attend on a regular basis and / or when you are able to come. It is an opportunity for shared discussions and contributions, as well as assisting the parish prepare for various liturgies.

The prayer of the heart: Meditation commence this Tuesday, 4 February at 4.15pm. New members or those curious about this ancient prayerful practice of stillness and silence are most welcome to join the group in Mary Immaculate Hall at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe.

Let's Do Outreach in 2014: Firstly, congratulations to all who supported our events in 2013. We concluded the year with a contribution to Ryder Cheshire Homes of \$500. We managed one other contribution of \$200 earlier in the year to Mental Health Foundation. Truly, from little things big things grow!

Plans for the 2014 program are well advanced. Because the number of people who organise events is not what they used to be and those people expect to be absent for family holidays at different times, the program is reduced this year. We will continue our basic commitment of the first Wednesday of the month with lunch/games day in the MOG foyer at noon. Everyone is welcome to bring a plate and come on the first Wednesday of each month from February to November. There is no charge for these occasions.

In April we hope to organise a film and high tea in the Mary Immaculate Hall at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe and later in September a bus trip. However we now have a new policy that bus bookings will be accompanied by a deposit. More news on that later.

So welcome to our new year, we look forward to seeing you on February 5. - Sue, Helen & Eileen

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: 8 – 9 February 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

K. Bator

Reader

J. McCormack

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

J. Hodge

Special Ministers

MA Darcy, J. Ellis, G. Crawford

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