



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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CHRIST THE KING: YEAR A

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- V. 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **R.**
- V. 2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **R.**
- V. 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**
- V. 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: For a kingdom of mercy, justice and peace we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Peter Fleming, Fr Burns Huggan, Margaret O'Brien, Katharina Dimitscheff, Tran thi Kim Chi, Sung Bui, Amy Nguyen, John Coonan, Kathryn Lengyel and Gino Villani who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



First Eucharist: The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe congratulates the children who celebrate their First Eucharist at Mother of God Church this weekend. We welcome their families, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion as part of their ongoing faith journeys. We thank all who have prepared and supported the children at the parish and at home.

This Week's Readings: Christ the King: Year A

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 24 November: St Andrew Dung-Lac

Wed 26 November: Blessed James Alberionet

Fri 28 November: St Catherine Labouré

Tues 25 November: St Catherine of Alexandria

Thurs 27 November: St Fergus

Sat 29 November: St Saturninus

Next Week's Readings: 1st Sunday of Advent: Year B

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

This week we come to the end of another Liturgical Year, marked as always by the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. It is always the last Sunday of 'Ordinary Time' which is not so 'ordinary.' It is sacred time, a period when our Lord always walks with us on the journey of life, presents in our midst, opens the Scriptures for us and breaks the bread. Sunday after Sunday we are called to change our hearts and minds, to be renewed, and to follow Christ, his values, attitudes and actions.

This Sunday we also celebrate the First Holy Communion of the Catechist Group which consists of 26 children. I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Ruth Villani who instructed these students over the last few weeks. May God bless her and her family. We pray for and congratulate these students and their families. May the children and their families come to the Eucharist more often.

On the solemnity of Christ the Universal King, let's reflect on the meaning of this feast – the presence of Christ.

The Fathers of Vatican II teach us that Christ is present in the liturgy in four unique ways: in the assembled community; in the person of the celebrant; in the Word of God; and above, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist (*The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, no 7*).

"Christ is really present in the Assembly itself, which is gathered in his name." Christ is present when we gather in his name, just as he promised: "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Mt 18:20). So every time we gather together to worship, to praise, to sing and to pray in the liturgy, Christ is present in and with us.

"Christ is really present... in the person of the minister." The presider acts in the person of Christ. That person (bishop, priest, deacon or a leader in a Communion Service) calls the people together, leads them in prayer, proclaims the Word of God and acts and speaks as Jesus did at the Last Supper.

"Christ is really present... in his word." Whenever we participate in the liturgy of the Church, we always listen to the Word of God proclaimed in Scripture. Whether the readings are from the Old or New Testament, Christ is present in that Word. He is God in human flesh speaking to us. So each time we hear God's word, proclaimed in the Scriptures, Christ is there for us and with us.

"Christ is really present... substantially and unceasingly in [Sacrament of the Eucharist]": By the words and actions of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, "given up for you." In the breaking of the bread, the disciples at Emmaus recognised Jesus present with them.

Our local Melbournian theologian Fr Frank O'Loughlin reflects: all four forms of presence are interdependent. Christ who dwells always in the Body the Church seeks to draw us more deeply into that union through Word, Eucharist and ministry. The Christ who speaks the Word to us leads us towards his presence in the Eucharist through the power of that Word and through those who proclaim that Word to us. The Christ who does all of this is our personal Lord also relates to us through who are his ministers.

Christ's concrete presence in the least of our brothers and sisters - "You did it to me"

The Gospel of Matthew this Sunday brings one of his major themes, Emmanuel, God-with-us to us a concrete way. Christ the King, Emmanuel, identifies himself with even the least of his brothers and sisters:

"Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me... in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." Mt 25

Fr Brendan Byrne reflects that there is no need to wait for the Son of Man to come in judgment; every time we encounter a fellow human being in need we already stand before the Judge and King.

As we leave the Year of Matthew and move into a new Liturgical Year which begins in Advent next week, a period for preparation for the coming of the Infant Emmanuel, may we keep Matthew's image in mind so that we will truly recognise God-with-us in a simple, naked child lying in a manger. God comes to us among the least of our world but will God find a welcome?

Sources:

<http://liturgyhelp.com.au/>

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

Frank O'Loughlin, *One Body One Spirit in Christ – The Mass in Focus*, (Desbooks, Thornbury), 1987.

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 22 Nov	10am – 4pm	Mother of God School Village Fair	Mother of God School
Sunday 23 Nov	10.30am	First Eucharist for parish catechist children	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 25 Nov	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Advent Lecture	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 26 Nov	10.30am	Combined Parish Schools Mass	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 26 Nov	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 28 Nov	4 – 9pm	Mary Immaculate School Twilight Fair	Mary Immaculate School
Saturday 29 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 29 Nov	6.30pm	Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. New families	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 30 Nov	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God School	Mother of God Church

Mass time at Mary Immaculate on Wednesday 26 November – 10.30am:

On Wednesday 26 November Mass at Mary Immaculate Church will be at 10.30am. (No 9.15am Mass)

Children and staff from each of our schools will attend a Combined Parish Schools Mass.

Welcome to the children from our parish schools who have come as readers and bringing the Offertory Gifts.

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
6.30pm St B	22 Nov		Will Coburn & Sonny O'Connell
10.30am MOG	30 Nov	Mya Bongiorno-Webb	
10.30am MOG	7 Dec	Roberto Calderera	

St Bernadette's School Mass Saturday 29th November: On Saturday 29th November new children and families to St Bernadette's School have been invited to come to the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's Church.

Mother of God School Mass Sunday 30th November: On Sunday 30th November children and families from Mother of God School will come to the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

Memorial Books: Memorial Books with the names of those who have gone before us are available in each of our churches. Past names for deaths or anniversaries written in previous years are still recorded in each Memorial Book. Parishioners are invited to write the names of those who have died in the books located in each church for the month of November 2014.



Christmas Lunch Reminder: Please contact Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120 by **Monday 1st December** if you plan to come to our Christmas celebration at the Yarra Valley Country Club on December 10. Yarra Valley Country Club is a popular venue and we need to confirm our booking at least a week ahead. We look forward to the happy time we have always experienced and thank you for your consideration. You are welcome to include family or friends. \$25 per person plus KK gift. – Outreach Group.

Mary Immaculate Primary School Twilight Fair - Friday 28th November 4 - 9pm:

We are excited to extend a warm welcome to all parishioners to attend our Twilight Fair at the school on Friday 28th November 4-9pm. The school community has been busy making delicious preserves, gorgeous Christmas tree decorations and are ready to launch into the big bake off to stock the cake stall with delicious cakes, slices and biscuits. The donations team have collected a huge range of items for the silent auction, so you might even be able to pick up a Christmas present of two. Of course there are pre-loved toys (especially great preschool toys), book and clothes so bring the family, especially grandchildren - come along watch a show or learn some circus tricks and enjoy a cup of tea and a scone, it's sure to be lots of fun for all.

Richard McKinney Memorial Advent Lectures 2014: Topic: *What has Christianity done to Jesus?*
 Speaker: Rev Dr Lorraine Parkinson, retired Uniting Church minister Lectures begin: 8.00pm. Fellowship and supper are available after each presentation at 9.15pm. Donation: Gold coin Contact: 9497 1017
 • Tuesday 25 November: The Teaching the Church Forgot Mother of God Church

The Joy of the Gospel: The small group which met a couple of weeks ago to share thoughts about this significant book so much wanted to continue!! If YOU would like to come: Thursday, 27th November, 10.30 - 11.30am at the Parish Office. And if you would like a copy of the book, ask me – Merle 9497 1691

INCLUSIVENESS

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MISSION

Parishioner request for assistance: John is a member of the parish St Vincent de Paul Conference who is looking to rent a small unit or bungalow to rent in the Ivanhoe area as from 1st December. Please contact John 9499 7869 as soon as possible if you are able to assist in this matter. Thank you – John.

Mother of God Church Roster: The rosters are being prepared for next year for assistance at the 10.30am Mass. We are looking for volunteers to go on the rosters to help in the roles of Sacristan, Reader, Special Minister and alter service. If you would like to assist at the Masses please ring Helen Taylor on 9499 3041. If there are any changes to the roster from current volunteers please ring me. - Helen

A chance to celebrate another year of the great work Ryder Cheshire does in providing a ‘home away from home’ when people need to be in Melbourne for medical treatment. Friday, 28th November, 10am at 10 Donaldson St. Come and join in our sing-along of those timeless Christmas carols. Everyone very welcome.

2014 Rerum Novarum Oration: *A Stitch in Time. Early Intervention in Psychiatry: Young People at Risk*
Orator: Professor Patrick McGorry AO Respondent: Prof John Gleeson.
7.00pm light refreshments for 7.30pm Start on Monday 1st December 2014 at Australian Catholic University Philippa Brazil Theatre, Daniel Mannix Building, 8 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. **All Welcome**
RSVP / Inquires justice@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5727

Meditation Group December 2014 & February 2015: The Meditation Group will have its last meeting for 2014 on Tuesday 2 December and will reconvene in 2015 on Tuesday 3 February.

Parish Gathering 7th December: Is your diary filling up very quickly? That seems a familiar story. So, right now, mark **Sunday, 7th December, 5.00pm** as a **must** and come to the traditional parish gathering in the court yard behind the parish office,. It's BYO everything so no need to book. **JUST COME**

The Australian Christian Meditation Community Presents Fr Laurence Freeman:
Monday 8 December, 7.00 – 9.00pm at Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
Hear Fr Laurence Freeman, the Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, speak about the ancient art of meditation. Meditation is for every Christian who wants to find out more about himself or herself and about what Jesus was offering when he said, ‘I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.’ It is advisable to use the online booking form to ensure a place at this event.

Bookings and more info: www.christianmeditationaustralia.org (click on ‘Booking form and Melbourne Brochure’)
Contact: Mirella Pace or Kathy Gillespie on 0437 514 148

St Anthony's Alphington Celebrates 100th Anniversary: In 2015 St Anthony's Parish Alphington will celebrate its 100th Anniversary with a calendar of events throughout the year! We would like to hear from any past parishioners who may have lost contact with our parish. Why not join us in the preparations and celebrations? Do you have a story to tell, memorabilia to share etc.? For details of what is planned visit our history. We would love to hear from you! **More info:** www.stanthonyalphingtonhistory.webs.com or www.holyspiritandstanthonysparish.com **Contact:** 0425 748 738

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 29 – 30 November 2014

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

McEvey family

Reader

McEvey family

Mass Coordinators

J. Costa

Counters

J. & H. Pidutti

R. Wickremesinghe

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

MOG School

Special Ministers

D. Ervin, M. Chin, B. / S. Janus

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: MOG School Mass

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,123.00

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Total:

\$1,853.10

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 985.85

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