



# 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. 2

10 – 11 January 2015

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: YEAR B

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

- V. 1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**
- V. 2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**
- V. 3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them know to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember Maria Colavizza, Mike McGuire, Sarah O'Shaughnessy, Margaret O'Brien, Katharina Dimitscheff, Tran thi Kim Chi, Sung Bui, Amy Nguyen, John Coonan 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 those who have died recently. We also remember Linda Omizzolo and Arthur Overton whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



**Baptism:** We welcome Rose Milesi 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.

### **This Week's Readings: The Baptism of the Lord - Year B**

Isaiah 55:1-11                      Isaiah 12:2-6                      1 John 5:1-9                      Mark 1:7-11

#### Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 12 January: St Aelred of Rievaulx

Wed 14 January: St Felix of Nola

Fri 16 January: St Fursa

Tues 13 January: St Kentigern

Thurs 15 January: St Ita

Sat 17 January: St Anthony

### **Next Week's Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

Samuel 3:3-10, 19                      Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10                      1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20                      John 1:35-42

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

## **REFLECTION:**

A very drunk man stumbles upon the local Baptist minister conducting his Sunday service down by the river. He proceeds to venture into the water and stand next to the minister. The minister turns, notices the man and says, 'Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?' The man looks back and says, 'Yes Reverend, I am.' The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. 'Have you found Jesus?' the minister asks. 'No, I didn't!' replies the man. The minister then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, 'Now brother, have you found Jesus?' 'No, I did not!' says the drunken man again. Disgusted, the minister holds the man under for at least thirty seconds this time, brings him up and demands, 'For the grace of God, have you found Jesus yet?' The man wipes his eyes and pleads, 'Are you sure this is where he fell in?'



One of the actions I find most consoling about the scene in today's Gospel is that John the Baptist immersed Jesus in the waters of the Jordan. Indeed the word *baptism* is derived from the Greek word, *bapto*, or *baptizo*, to wash or to immerse. Most of us were baptised with just a sprinkling of water. These days, however, the Church encourages adults and infants, where possible, to follow in the more ancient tradition of full immersion. We all know the amount of water used in the baptism does not destine the power of the sacrament – that's found in how we live our Christian commitment away from the font. What full immersion does is link the ritual of baptism more directly to the experience of Jesus and enables the symbolism of the water to be more fully realised.

There are no half measures about immersion, we are in there boots and all. In an extraordinary visual metaphor Mark tells us this is what God does for us in Christ. We don't have a detached God who only presides over us. We don't have a coaching God who sits on the sidelines barking orders at us on the field of life. And we don't have a policeman God who wants to catch us breaking the rules. We have a God who in Jesus the Lord immersed himself in our world, heart and mind, soul and divinity, boots and all.

This is why the earliest association the Christians made with the waters of baptism was that it symbolised Jesus' tomb. We are the only world religion to believe that God took our flesh and died. Because of the three days Jesus spent in the tomb, we plunge our adults and children into the watery tomb of the font three times. And as we do we call on the Trinity to enable them to die to sin, and rise to the freedom of Christ's life. In this context we can see that the deeper the font and the fuller the immersion, the more easily everyone present understands the power of the symbols.

For all those baptised in Christ, a curious thing happens. As Jesus fully immersed himself in our world, so we are fully immersed in Christ. But we are not spared from the world as if we are initiated into a reclusive religious sect. We are sent out to the world knowing, because of Jesus, that we are loved by God and are pleasing to God. We are sent out with faith, hope and joy to fall into the arms of the world and discover that here, too, is where Christ dwells. © Richard Leonard SJ [www.liturgyhelp.com](http://www.liturgyhelp.com) 2015 © Graphics: Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd 2015

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## **News from Parish Office:**

- Ruth is on leave from 5 - 30 January 2015. The Parish Office will be attended at different intervals.
- Brief newsletters for the month of January have been prepared and collected in advance. Anniversaries for January 2014 have been included in these newsletters. Notices, anniversaries and prayer requests received after 5 January 2015 will be placed in the newsletter for 6 – 7 February 2015.
- Notices can be left in locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe.

## **Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students:**

Mercy Connect Project Melbourne– Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee and Asylum Seeker Children and Adults in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in February followed by a Training Day in March. Please contact Sister Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferable) Telephone: 9326 1895 Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

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## **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 17 – 18 January 2015**

### **ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

#### **Lector**

C. Dixon

#### **Special Ministers**

B. Jowett, A. Pellizzari

### **MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

#### **Leader**

As available

#### **Reader**

As available

#### **Mass Coordinators**

S. & P. Kelly

#### **Counters**

P. & H. Nguyen

### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

J. Curry

#### **Lector**

J. Curry

#### **Special Ministers**

As available

**Altar Society:** I. Chiera

**Choir Coordinator:** School holidays