



# 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*

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Thang Vu 63 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East 9499 5440 (after hours)  
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## Masses:

**Weekend: Saturday:** 6.00pm 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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28 – 29 November 2015

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C



### The lighting of the first Advent candle:

On this first Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for symbols that help us to focus on the meaning of this special season. The circle speaks of God - without beginning and without end. The four candles mark for us, in human terms, the weeks of waiting, of anticipation. As we light the first candle, we hear the challenge of the Gospel - Watch yourselves!! Stay awake! Be alert to the needs of the world and of this community. May we be especially alert for ways in which we can make our community truly **inclusive**.

## THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** **To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

- V.1 Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**
- V. 2 The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**
- V. 3 His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** Lord, show us your mercy and love: **Lord, hear our prayer**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** **The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember Silvia Scalia, Domenica Bertoli, Joyce O'Brien, Betty Stanton, Stanko Ivancic, Vin Murphy, Pat & Nestor Mendes, Alf Cattanaach, Amanda Rathjen, Christine Smith, Br. James Maher, Stuart King, Marty Brown, Ingrid Weinberg, Mike McGuire, Margaret O'Brien, Tran thi Kim Chi, Sung Bui, Amy Nguyen, John Coonan and Sheila Darcy who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who support and care for those in need.

We remember those who have died recently. We remember Frank Rocco, Verna Perkins, Camillo Campese and Paul Campese whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

## This Week's Readings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Year C

**Jeremiah 33:14-16** **Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14** **Thessalonians 3:12-4:2** **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

*Mon 30 Nov: St Andrew*

*Tue 1 Dec: St Eligius*

*Wed 2 Dec: St Bibiana*

*Thurs 3 Dec: St Francis Xavier*

*Fri 4 Dec: St John Damascene*

*Sat 5 Dec: St Sabas*

## Next Week's Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Year C

**Baruch 5:1-9** **Psalm 125** **Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11** **Luke 3:1-6**

## Reflection:

Toward the end of 1999 people were gearing up to welcome in the new millennium. Some Christians who take the scriptures literally joined in the fun and declared that the end of the world was nigh and that Christ would return on his two-thousandth birthday.

They seem to subscribe to the old adage that, 'one should never let the facts get in the way of a good story'!

Christianity took over the Roman calendar in what we now call the 4<sup>th</sup> Century of the Christian era. At Rome in 526, a scholarly monk named Dionysius Exiguus compiled a list of the dates of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. He assigned dates in the new Christian calendar for each of these events. Given the tools at his disposal, he did an extraordinary job. We know, however, from other historical sources and from the New Testament, where it mentions who the various Jewish and Roman rulers were in Palestine, that Dionysius was four years out with his dating. The church became aware of this mistake in 1582, but to correct it the world would have lost four years! So we have all lived with it ever since.

We can, however, safely assume that Jesus knows the year in which he was born and that if our fundamentalist Christian friends are right in believing he was going to return on his 2000<sup>th</sup> birthday, he would have done so in 1996!

The facts are that in every generation we have had people tell us that the sun, moon, stars, wars, famine, tidal waves and earthquakes, mentioned in today's Gospel, all demonstrate that Jesus is about to return. Clearly, we are still waiting. If only the Christians who give out these dire predictions, every so often, would take as seriously Jesus' words, 'You will know not the time, nor the place when the Son of Man will return in glory'.

Luke's community thought that Jesus would return quickly and spectacularly. They were surprised that the first generation of Christian believers was dying without seeing it all happen. Given the terrible suffering they were enduring for Jesus, the early Christians no doubt hoped that the end of the world would be soon and would demonstrate to everyone that they were not foolish to cling to Christ in the face of all opposition and persecution. The early Christians knew that there was no point professing faith in Jesus Christ unless our daily behaviour reflects his kingdom. It has been a telling point ever since. If every Christian lived out the Gospel in his or her daily life, the world would be transformed and Christ would come in spectacular fashion.

I haven't got a clue when the world will cease to exist, but on this, the first day of the Church's Year, I know that the Lord returns to us every time we love, forgive, share, are compassionate, are generous and sacrificial toward one another. It may not be as grand as dancing suns and tidal waves, but the heroic love of a parent for a child, a spouse for their sick partner and the first world sharing with the third world are spectacular enough for me to believe that Jesus' kingdom comes every day, in every hour, at every moment.

May this first Eucharist of the Church's year be a taste for us of the Kingdom of God that is both present amongst us and still to come. And may the Advent season sustain us in our waiting and give us courage in our living.

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### HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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Saturday 28 Nov	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 29 November	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God School Mass	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 1 Dec	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God P.S. Prep	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 1 Dec	4.15pm	Christian Meditation – last session 2015	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 1 Dec	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Advent Lecture 3	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 2 Dec	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate P.S. 3/4C & 3/4H	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 3 Dec	10.30am	Combined Schools Mass – End of Year	Mother of God Church
Friday 4 December	9.15am	Mass & First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 4 December	11.45	Mary Immaculate P.S. Advent Prayers	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 5 Dec	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 6 December	5.00-7.00pm	End of Year Parish Gathering	Parish Office Courtyard

**INCLUSIVENESS**

**HOSPITALITY**

**SERVICE**

**MISSION**

**Mother of God School Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** We welcome the children and their families from Mother of God School who have come to the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

**Mass time at Mother of God Church on Thursday 3 December – 10.30am**

PLEASE NOTE: **Mass will be at 10.30am** No 9.15am Communion Service at Mother of God Church. Children and staff from our three Parish Primary Schools will come together for Mass at Mother of God Church to give thanks for the School Year 2015.

**News from our Parish Schools:** At parish Masses, we welcome children and families from parish schools:

Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
9.00am MI	29 Nov	Bianca Lacarubba & Julia Sensi	
10.30am MOG	29 Nov	James Nadalin & Christian Barbon	Toby Sinclair & family
	6 Dec	Lucas Orlando	Gabriel Zacharko & family

**Richard McKinney Memorial Advent Lectures 2015:** *Naming God Again: to whom shall we turn?*

Tuesday 1 December: Hope in an Age of Scepticism Mother of God Church: Speaker: Rev Dr Don Saines  
Lectures begin: 8.00pm. Fellowship and supper are available after each presentation at 9.15pm.

**St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December:**

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am and immediately after Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. All are welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

**Outreach Christmas Lunch 2015:**



Bookings for the Christmas lunch at Yarra Valley Country Club close next week.  
\$20 per person for a 3 course Christmas lunch. Each attendee please bring a KK gift to the value of \$5 and a very good time will be had by all. If you require assistance with transport please contact Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120.

**Drinks and Nibbles:** Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, at 5.00pm in the garden behind the Parish Office.  
Mark the date in your diary **now!!** As usual, it's BYO everything!

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal 2015:**

The local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be preparing hampers for delivery to deserving families in our area. We invite parishioners to join in this activity by placing donations of non-perishable food, gifts and funds in the box provided in each church. We also would welcome assistance to deliver the hampers on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact 0419 798 120.

**MOG School Celebrates Christmas Night (Carols):**

Mother of God School community invites parishioners to their MOG CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. At this evening the children will explore the story of Christmas through a traditional and contemporary story and songs. You are invited to bring your chairs, picnic rug and picnic. The gates open at 6:00pm for the picnic with the story /carols / songs part of the evening beginning at 6:45pm. We hope to see you there. Sausages will be available to purchase from the BBQ.

**Advent Day for Women:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00am – 3.30pm at Holy Cross Retreat Centre, 207 Serpells Rd, Templestowe. Facilitators: Kristine Thompson & Brigid, cp. BYO Lunch – tea and coffee provided. Cost: \$25 - \$30. Bookings: Maree 9846 6014 or Brigid 0400 869 044

**Yarra Deanery Advent Reflection:** All are invited to gather at 7.00pm on Friday 11 December at St Clement of Rome Parish, 7-21 Egan Drive, Bulleen. Reflection will be followed by pizza, drinks and camaraderie.

**Advent: An Introduction to the Year of Mercy:** St Clement of Rome Parish invites parishioners to 'Advent: An Introduction to the Year of Mercy' which will be presented by Fr Chris Monaghan, cp on Thursday 10 December from 7.30 – 9.30pm at the Clifton Centre, St Clement of Rome Parish, Egan Drive, Bulleen. RSVP needed by Friday 4 December 9850 3262 or email: Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au



**Christmas Cards and Calendars:** Christmas Cards are from St Vincent de Paul Society. Cost: **\$3** for a packet of 5 cards and **\$5** for a packet of 8 cards – container is provided in each church  
**Columban Calendars 2016** Cost: **\$9.00** each.

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### Thanksgiving Envelopes 3 January – 26 June 2016

Thanksgiving envelopes are available in each church and include statements 4 January – 15 November 2015. Statements for Credit Card or Direct Debit contributions will be available on request mid-December.

Sincere thanks to parishioners who deliver envelopes to those nearby or to those who are unable to collect them personally, which also helps saving postage costs. If wishing to contribute to the Parish Thanksgiving program, contact details are as follows: Mail: 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079 Phone: 9499 1515 Fax: 9499 9959; or email: catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com

If unable or no longer wish to contribute as part of Thanksgiving please contact the Parish Office personally using the details above as soon as possible so that envelopes aren't sent when no longer required. - Ruth

### Sacraments 2016:

The Sacramental Brochure 2016 for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs for Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist is available in each church and will be on the website. 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 sacramental preparation takes place in the parish where the catechist & family lives.*

Enrolment forms available from Parish Office 9499 1515 & website: [www.ivanhoecatholics.com](http://www.ivanhoecatholics.com) at a later date

**N.B. Closing date is Friday 11 March 2016 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.**

### CHRISTMAS MASSES 2015

#### Christmas Eve: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December

##### *Family Masses*



6.00pm

St Bernadette's

7.30pm

Mary Immaculate

7.30pm

Mother of God (Carols from 7.00pm)

7.00 - 9.00pm

St Bernadette's – Korean Catholic Community

*Please note:*

***There are no later Masses on Christmas Eve***

#### Christmas Day: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

##### *Morning Masses*



9.00am

Mary Immaculate

9.00am

St Bernadette's

10.30am

Mother of God

11.00am

St Bernadette's - Korean Catholic Community

### **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 5 – 6 December 2015**

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

Saturday 6.00pm

#### **Lector**

C. Dixon

#### **Special Ministers**

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

#### **MARY IMMACULATE: Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

K. Bator

#### **Reader**

TBA

#### **Mass Coordinators**

J. Costa

#### **Counters**

J. & H. Pidutti

R. Wickremesinghe

#### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

E. Mount

#### **Lector**

E. Mount

#### **Special Ministers**

M. Pollard, B. Dolzan, M. / P. De Silva

#### **Altar Society:**

P. Caddy

**Choir Coordinator:** P. Verrocchi

**First Collection – Thanksgiving:**

**Envelopes: \$927.00**

**Loose cash: \$1,122.25**

**Total: \$2,049.25**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:**

**Total: \$1,117.40**

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