



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)
Priest in Residence: Fr. Lasbert Sinaga **Parish Secretary:** Mrs Ruth Villani
Parish Office: 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079 **Phone:** 9499 1515 **Fax:** 9499 9959
Parish Website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com **Email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com

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

No. 49

5 – 6 December 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C

Lighting of the Second Advent candle:



Today we again light the candle that was lit for the first time last week. The lighting of the second candle tells us that we are a little closer to Christmas. Today, in the Gospel, we hear the voice of John the Baptist crying out: 'Prepare a Way for the Lord'. Do we hear this as a challenge to prepare a welcome for those who come into our lives, offering them the acceptance and the **hospitality** for which every human heart longs?

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

- V.1 When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**
- V. 2 The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**
- V. 3 Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**
- V. 4 They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
They come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: May we hear the whisper of the Spirit: **Lord, hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Sarah O'Shaughnessy, Silvia Scalia, Domenica Bertoli, Joyce O'Brien, Betty Stanton, Stanko Ivancic, Vin Murphy, Pat & Nestor Mendes, Alf Cattanach, 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 Philip Ellis who died recently. We remember Bonnie Ryan and Michael Doyle whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Prayers of the Sick: *Please note that names will remain on the sick list for six weeks.*

To extend the time, please make personal contact with the Parish Office 9499 1515.

A Snapshot

- Officially begins on 8th December 2015 and concludes on 20th November 2016.
- A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The tradition started about 700 years ago and 26 jubilees have been celebrated since. Of those, only three have been “extraordinary” (including this Year of Mercy).
- The official proclamation (*bull of indiction*) of the *Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy* is entitled *Misericordiae Vultus* (“The Face of Mercy”) and explains how in Jesus Christ, in his words and actions, the mercy of God has been revealed.
- The theme for the year is “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

Message from *Misericordiae Vultus*

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness. (no 1)

Unpacking the title: “Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy”

- ‘EXTRAORDINARY’: Very unusual or remarkable; specially convened.
Synonyms: remarkable, exceptional, amazing
- ‘JUBILEE’: A season or occasion of joyful celebration. Biblical origins from the Hebrew words yobel or yovel meaning a ram’s horn, trumpet or coronet.
Synonyms: anniversary, commemoration, emancipation, restoration.
- ‘YEAR’: A period of 365 days. Liturgical Year of Mercy (Dec-Nov) 348 days!
Synonyms: a revolution of the earth
- ‘MERCY’: Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one’s power to punish or harm.
Synonyms: leniency, grace, humanity, charity, love

Prayer for the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy (Pope Francis)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Action(s) of the Week

Recall face(s) of mercy in my life. S/he is....How did s/he show mercy?

When I open/enter the door(s), think of mercy.

Repeat this prayer more regularly: Lord have mercy!



Masses	Date	Readers	Offertory Gifts
10.30am MOG	6 Dec	Lucas Orlando	Gabriel Zacharko & family
	13 Dec	Andrew Tucci	Marc Lewis-Akther & family



Outreach Christmas Lunch Wednesday 9 December 2015:

\$20 per person for a 3 course Christmas Lunch **12.00pm** (for 1.00pm). 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.

MOG School Celebrates Christmas Night (Carols): Mother of God School community invites parishioners to MOG CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS evening on Thursday 10th December at Mother of God School. The gates open at 6:00pm for the picnic with the story /carols / songs beginning at 6.45pm. You are invited to bring your chairs, picnic rug and picnic. Children will explore the story of Christmas through traditional & contemporary story and songs. We hope to see you there. Sausages will be available for purchase from the BBQ.

Advent: An Introduction to the Year of Mercy: Thursday 10 December

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 4 Dec 9850 3262 or email: Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au

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

Christmas Lunch Sunday 13 December at Mother of God Church:

All are invited and welcome to the Christmas Lunch after the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church on Sunday 13 December. A donation of food items on a plate to share at this gathering will be much appreciated.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal 2015: Boxes collected from churches Sunday 13 December

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 us 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 15th December*. Please contact 0419 798 120.

The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe has an important all of parish event to plan!!

We all know that Fr Thang will take up his new ministry in mid-January and there has been much wondering about how we mark his time with us. That subject was on the agenda when the PLT met recently and it was readily agreed that it would be out of the question to try to arrange anything during December or January. So, February it will be. As soon as the details have been worked out, they will be widely publicized!! - PLT

About the McKinney Lectures: It's quite amazing that it is 25 years since a small committee was put together to see if such an idea was a goer. That committee was made up of three people from each of the local Christian communities - Uniting Church, St. George's and Mother of God. Fr. Des Magennis and Pat Mendes were two of the 'originals' & another 'original' from St. George's has just stepped down. It certainly proved to be greatly appreciated. Apart from the input from a wide range of lecturers, traditional hospitality each evening has been so friendly and enriching. Thanks to all who planned it over the years and have kept it going by taking part. - Merle

Working Bee Thanks: We were very lucky with the weather last Saturday morning, not too hot, wet or windy! Consequently we achieved a lot! Overhanging trees were pruned back out of church gutter, garden beds were weeded and tidied up, and lots of cutting back and trimming of hedges, roses and other plants took place. And again we managed to fill the big 4m² garden waste skip to the brim! Dedicated volunteers to be thanked this time round are: Michael Rocco, Pat & Sue Kelly, Jan Lawler, Robert Erbacher, Elsa Pertile, Lucy & Michelle Dal Pozzo, Joe Bona, Fr Lasbert Sinaga, Merle Gilbo & Pia Boutsakis.

Christian Meditation Meetings: Meditation meetings for 2015 have finished for the year, but the group will meet again in Mary Immaculate Hall, at 4.15pm on a Tuesday, beginning on Wednesday 1st February 2016.



Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal - 12-13 December 2015:

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections next weekend after Mass in each church. Since 1969 Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne Overseas Mission fund to help developing nations. Currently, major beneficiaries are people in New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria and Peru. *Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.*

Christmas Mass at Austin Hospital: The December Mass at Austin Hospital will be held at 9.30am on Christmas Day. No Mass at Austin Hospital on third Sunday, 20th December. – Fr Mario, St John's, Heidelberg

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 5 Dec	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 6 December	5.00-7.00pm	End of Year Parish Gathering	Parish Office Courtyard
Monday 7 December	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Wednesday 9 Dec		Outreach Christmas Lunch	See notice in newsletter
Thursday 10 Dec	6.00pm	MOG School celebrates Christmas	See notice in newsletter
Thursday 10 Dec	7.00pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Parish Office (back room)
Friday 11 December	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 11 December	11.45am	Mary Immaculate P.S. Advent Prayers	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 11 December	7.00pm	Yarra Deanery Advent Reflection	St Clement of Rome, Bulleen
Saturday 12 Dec	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church

Thanksgiving Envelopes 3 January – 26 June 2016

Thanksgiving envelopes are available in each church and include statements 4 January – 15 November 2015.

Sincere thanks to parishioners delivering envelopes to nearby parishioners or those 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 to Thanksgiving please contact the Parish Office personally using the details above as soon as possible so that envelopes or letters aren't sent when no longer required. - Ruth

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2015

Christmas Eve: Thursday 24th 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 25th 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: 12 – 13 December 2015

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.00pm	Lector K. Gillespie	Special Ministers Sister Carmel, J. Gray
-----------------	-------------------------------	--

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am	J. Wignall	Reader O. Egan	Mass Coordinators M. Gilbo	Counters T. McKinley, E. Ballao
---------------	------------	--------------------------	--------------------------------------	---

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan P. Verrocchi	Lector A. Tosolini	Special Ministers M. / P. De Silva, F. Tosolini
	Altar Society:	I. Chiera	Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$2, 140.00	Loose cash: \$593.05	Total: \$2,733.05
Second Collection – Presbytery:			Total: \$ 968.95

This newsletter is kindly sponsored by

**LONERGAN
FUNERAL
SERVICE**

**Caring professional Funeral services at reasonable rates.
Secure Pre-paid Funeral Plan available
9489 8711 & 9499 6698**