



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. 50

12 – 13 December 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR C



Lighting of the Third Advent candle:

Today's candle is rose - joyful relief from the penitential purple - signalling that 'the time' is near. When the people asked John the Baptist what they should do, he answers simply - act justly, share with those who are hungry and clothe those who have no tunic. As part of our **mission** may we remember what we mean when we say we want to be a community who offers loving service to the sick, lonely, neglected, ignored, young, old, and newcomers.

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

- 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 known 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! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We wait in joyful hope: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: We remember Mary O'Toole, Jim Murphy, Sarah O'Shaughnessy, Silvia Scalia, Domenica Bertoli, Joyce O'Brien, Betty Stanton, Stanko & Ankica Ivancic, Vin Murphy, Pat & Nestor Mendes, Amanda Rathjen, Christine Smith, 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 Alf Cattanach, Br. James Maher and Hyosoon In (Fr Youn's mother) who have died recently. We remember Medardo Marinacci, Valentin Vukic, Felicia & Giacomo Biviano, Anna Weber, Lucia Sartori, Guerina Zoch, Giuseppina Nibali, Steve Berthelot and Phaolo Tran Nguyen Khoi whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Chloe and Ruby Coetzee who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

Please note: Collections for Leaving Collections at each Mass

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections after Mass in each church this weekend for **Melbourne Overseas Mission.** Please see notice in newsletter

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

St John the Baptist

John the Baptist appears on the second and third Sundays of Advent. Last week he went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of conversion in which he summoned plainly: “Prepare the way of the Lord.” However Luke’s extraordinary presentation of John’s message was that he situated it in its specific historical context by naming all political and religious rulers from the emperor in Rome to the high priests in Jerusalem. The salvation that John proclaimed and Jesus will bring is not something restricted to a purely spiritual world detached from ordinary, everyday life and history. In a nutshell, it happens at a particular time, into a particular culture. It interacts with all the cultures that it meets, challenging them and transforming them as it seeks to bring us back to our true home in God (Byrne, Liturgyhelp).

This Sunday we continue with John’s message as preparation for the coming of the Saviour. In response to the people’s question – What must we do? John offers some concrete suggestions. To the crowds: “If anyone has two tunics – share with someone who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.” To the tax collectors, the collaborators of the Roman Empire, “Exact no more than your rate.” To the soldiers, “no intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!” By all these advices, John urges the people generosity, and not exploitation of the ordinary people. Social justice is always at the heart of these calls.

What is extraordinary is that even though John himself lives an austere life – a lone figure in the desert, dressed with camel skin, eating bugs and honey. He does not ask the people to dissociate themselves from their own lives or jobs. Rather, John challenges them to continue where they are, but to carry out their daily activities with concern for others with honesty and integrity. (Bergant LiturgyHelp).

This John is our companion when we are called to be where we are at: married, single or celibate; doctors, lawyers, teachers, industrial professionals, technological professionals ... and we are called to carry out our activities with concern for others with honesty and integrity.

As Christmas is approaching, ask John the Baptist my own question, “What must I do?” And listen for an answer.

Sources: <http://liturgyhelp.com.au/> & Jerusalem Bible

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 12 Dec	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Monday 14 Dec	6.00pm	Mother of God P.S. Graduation	Mother of God Church
Monday 14 Dec	6.30pm	St Bernadette’s Year 6 Graduation	St Bernadette’s Church
Tuesday 15 Dec	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 15 Dec	12.00pm	St Bernadette’s P.S. Christmas Play	St Bernadette’s Church
Tuesday 15 Dec	6.30pm	Mary Immaculate P.S. Carols & Graduation	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 16 Dec	11.45am	Mary Immaculate P.S. Advent Prayers	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 19 Dec	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette’s Church
Tuesday 22 Dec	7.30pm	<u>Advent Reconciliation</u> – Second Rite	Mother of God Church
Thursday 24 Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Family Mass	<u>St Bernadette’s</u> Church
Thursday 24 Dec	7.30pm	Christmas Eve Family Mass	<u>Mary Immaculate</u> Church
Thursday 24 Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Family Mass	<u>Mother of God</u> Church

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Saturday 12 December	10.00am	Mother of God
Saturday 19 December	10.00am	St Bernadette's
Tuesday 22 December	7.30pm	Mother of God Advent Reconciliation , Second Rite (No Reconciliation at St Bernadette's Saturday 26 Dec)



Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal - 12-13 December 2015:

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections this 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.*

Welcome: We welcome children and families Mother of God Church on Sunday 13 December:

Reader: Andrew Tucci

Offertory Gifts: Marc Lewis-Akther & family

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

Parishioners are invited to place 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 publicised!! - PLT

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, 2nd February 2016.

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

Notices in the Parish Newsletter

Please be advised that as part of Christmas Masses 2015 and until after New Year 2016 prayers for the sick, death and anniversary notices will be general and names not included. Once normal newsletters resume 2016 please contact the Parish Office to include general notices, prayers for the sick, death and anniversary notices.

Opening of the Holy Door, St Patrick's Cathedral - Sunday 13 December, 2.30pm:

In announcing the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asked that a special holy door be opened in every diocese, 'to allow everyone in every part of the world to experience the Mercy of the Father ... the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instils hope.' (*Misericordiae Vultus*) To mark the opening of the Jubilee in Melbourne, Archbishop Denis Hart will open a special Holy Door of Mercy on Sunday 13 December at 2.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Program highlights:

- Opening of the local Door of Mercy by Archbishop Denis Hart at 2.30pm
- Food stalls, music and activities hosted by Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, CatholicCare, Catholic Mission, Melbourne Vocations Office, and more!
- Hour of adoration and prayer led by Bishop Vincent Long OFMconv at 4.00pm
Pilgrims are advised to arrive as early as 2pm, as we anticipate a large crowd for the official opening of the Door of Mercy at 2.30pm.

Mercy Connect Melbourne – Volunteer opportunity assisting Refugee and Asylum Seekers.

See noticeboard in each church. Enquiries: email: somml@bigpond.com or 9326 1895; website: www.mercyworks.org.au More information in next week's newsletter.

This Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year C**Zephaniah 3:14-18****Isaiah 12:2-6****Philippians 4:4-7****Luke 3:10-18***Mon 14 Dec: St John of the Cross**Wed 16 Dec: St Adelaide**Fri 18 Dec: St Flannan**Tue 15 Dec: St Valerian**Thurs 17 Dec: St Olympias**Sat 19 Dec: St Anastasius***Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Advent - Year C****Micah 5:1-4****Psalms 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Hebrews 10:5-10****Luke 1:39-44****Christmas, a Cathedral, an Organ, and Three Trumpets: Recital:**

Wednesday 16 December, 6–7pm

at St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. A superlative recital of Christmas and celebratory holiday music, in the majestic acoustics of one of Australia's greatest buildings. The recital will feature world-acclaimed keyboard artist Anthony Halliday playing St Patrick's organ, with three superlative trumpeters, Joel Brennan (MSO), Allison Wright (Orchestra Victoria) and Christopher Grace (MSO and Orchestra Victoria).

Cost: \$20, \$15 concession, at the door**Details:** paul.taylor@cam.org.au or 9926 5753**Thanksgiving Envelopes 3 January – 26 June 2016:**

Thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection in each church. Sincere thanks to all concerned who deliver envelopes to nearby parishioners or to those unable to collect them personally, which also helps saving postage costs. If wishing to contribute to the Parish Thanksgiving program, please contact the Parish Office: 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)

8.00 - 10.00pm

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–12.30pm

St Bernadette's Korean Catholic Community

**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 19 – 20 December 2015****ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.00pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

M. Sibillin

Reader

F. Tosolini

Mass Coordinators

E. Ballao

Counters

P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

M. Hoban

Lector

M. Hoban

Special Ministers

B. Dolzan, T. Barker, R. Beltrame

Altar Society:

A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: M. De Silva**First Collection – Thanksgiving:****Envelopes: \$1,189.00****Loose cash: \$400.75****Total: \$1,589.75****Second Collection – Presbytery:****Total: \$ 782.80**

**LONERGAN
FUNERAL
SERVICE**

This newsletter is kindly sponsored by

Caring professional Funeral services at reasonable rates.

Secure Pre-paid Funeral Plan available

9489 8711 & 9499 6698