



# 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*

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Fr. Thang Vu	63 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East	9499 5440 (after hours)
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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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## CHRISTMAS: YEAR C

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour is born to the world. Today true peace has descended from heaven.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 9:1-7                      **Response: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

- V. 1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**
- V. 2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
- V. 3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
Let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord  
for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. **R.**
- V. 4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

**SECOND READING:** Titus 2:11-14                      **Response: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2:1-14                      **Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** God of mercy and peace: **Hear our prayer**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all who are in need of prayer at this time as well as 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.



### Christmas in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe:

We wish all parishioners, friends and visitors a very happy and a holy Christmas, as well as a safe and peaceful New Year.

- Fr Thang, Leadership Teams & Parish Office Staff

### Thank you from Fr Thang:

I would like to thank all concerned for their best wishes, cards and gifts received recently. Sincere thanks parishioners, schools, families and groups in our parish community for their ongoing prayers, assistance and support during my time in the Parish of Ivanhoe. Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare for and commence my new role as Director, Ministry to Priests.

“I thank God each time I remember you, and every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy.” Phil 1:3 [JB, NRS]

I praise and thank God for the privilege of serving and journeying in faith with you for nearly five years. I would like to express my gratitude for your support in my priestly ministry. I came to the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe in January 2011 as an apprentice after two years at Hoppers Crossing. You have accepted me and taught me how to lead with you collaboratively. Now my time with you is about to come to an end. Last Sunday I re-watched the DVD Clip prepared by our three primary schools, and saw some memorable pictures here at Ivanhoe with a box of tissues nearby. There were tears of sadness but also of thanksgiving, sad at letting go of these memories but also joy in having known you and been a part of your lives.

When I reflect back upon the time of my short tenure here, I recognise that many parishioners in Ivanhoe are living out Jesus’ values of inclusiveness, hospitality, service and mission in their ordinary lives. Particularly I would like to thank the parish staff, volunteers and cleaners, Pastoral Leadership Team (PLT), PLT Executive, Finance Committee, three school communities and their school boards, parish hospitality and support groups, Liturgy group, liturgical groups which includes Baptism Preparation team, three sacristan groups, Music groups, lectors, communion ministers, altar servers, collectors, Playgroup, communication and Multimedia, Outreach Group and Korean Community. All these groups and committees have regular meetings and functions, for instance the Executive have a fortnightly early meeting at 7:30 am, the Liturgy Group meets on a weekly basis and our website is updated weekly by the Communication team. Thanks to all members of these groups and committees, and your families, for your commitment and dedication. I hope and pray that you will show your love and support to Fr Raju Jacob as you have done for me.

Looking ahead of my new role at Ministry to Priests in January 2016, I am a bit afraid! However I entrust my fear in God’s hands. Please continue to pray for me. I would like to leave you and those who will come to your homes as relations, friends, and guests with a Christmas blessing from Aub Podlich, a former Pastor of Bethany Church.

May the feet of God walk with you and his hand hold you tight.  
May the eyes of God rest on you and his ears hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you and his breath give you life.  
May the child of God grow in you and his love bring you home safely. Amen

(1983. Aub Podlich, a former Pastor of Bethany Church)



**Outreach Wishes Everyone a Joyful, Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year:**

We sincerely thank parishioners and friends for their support and attendance at our various activities held during the past year. We meet again for lunch and cards on February 3, 2016, Further information and dates will be available in the New Year. - Sue, Helen and Eileen

<b><u>MASSES for the NEW YEAR 2016:</u></b>	
<b>New Year’s Day</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016</b>
	9.15am St Bernadette’s Church, 89 Bond St, Ivanhoe
	11.00am St Bernadette’s – Korean Catholic Community
	7.30pm Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East

**News from Parish Office:**

- Ruth is on leave 24 December 2015 - 4 January 2016. The Parish Office will be attended at different intervals.
- Brief newsletters for weekends 26-27 December & 2-3 January have been prepared and collected in advance.

**Don Bosco Annual Summer Holiday Camp, Safety Beach:** A Catholic holiday program for young people 9-13yo (Juniors) & 13-16yo (Seniors), is run completely by volunteer youth leaders during upcoming school holidays. All young people aged 9 to 16 are invited to a fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. **Details:** [www.donboscocamp.org.au](http://www.donboscocamp.org.au) or 5987 2692

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