



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: 6.30pm 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. 52b

26 – 27 December 2015

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

- V. 1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **R.**
- V. 2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**
- V. 3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Loving God: Hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all who need prayer at this time and those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember all who have died recently, as well as those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms: We welcome Conor Horisk who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend, and Xavier Kelly who was baptised during the week. We welcome their families, relatives and friends who share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

This Week's Readings: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C

Isaiah 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 28 December: The Holy Innocents

Tues 29 December: St Thomas à Becket

Wed 30 December: St Eugene

Thurs 31 December: St Sylvester Mary, Mother of God

Fri 1 January: Mary, Mother of God

Sat 2 January: St Basil & St Gregory

Next Week's Readings: The Epiphany of the Lord: Year B

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

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.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

From the desk of Fr Thang:**Words of Thanks**

"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)

MASSES for the NEW YEAR 2016:

New Year's Day	Friday 1st January 2016
	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

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 2 – 3 January 2016

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

As available

Reader

As available

Mass Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

M. Rocco, P. Shannon

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

As available

Lector

As available

Special Ministers

As available

Altar Society:

As available

Choir Coordinator: School holidays**First Collection – Thanksgiving:**

Envelopes: \$1,714.00

Loose cash: \$854.20

Total:**\$2,068.20****Second Collection – Presbytery:****\$ 897.40**