



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*

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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

No. 3

16 – 17 January 2015

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

- 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. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power,
Give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**
- V. 4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord hear us: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Vince Bezzina, Keith Smith, Jim Murphy, Mary O'Toole, Silvia Scalia and Sung Bui who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Betty Stanton who died recently. We also remember Linda Omizzolo, Alan Wain and Pierrot Auguste whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 18 January: St Prisca

Wed 20 January: St Sebastian

Fri 22 January: St Vincent

Tues 19 January: St Wulstan

Thurs 21 January: St Agnes

Sat 23 January: St John

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 Psalm 18:8-10, 15 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Welcome:

We welcome Fr Jacob MST as Parish Priest for the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe and wish him well as he begins his priestly ministry in Ivanhoe. We look forward to being with him in our shared and ongoing faith journeys as the People of God, with opportunities to meet him personally, and to work with him as we support and serve one another in the life and worship of our parish.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Reflection:

Church architecture often tells in stone the story of theology. By the ninth century as Christian Churches in Europe became longer and higher, a shift was occurring in theology as well. Coinciding with the engineering abilities of the builders, theologians reinstated a more severe and distant theology about God. God was 'immortal, invisible, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes'. Jesus had ascended his regal home in the tabernacle which over the centuries got further and further away from where the people stood or sat. One of the extraordinary things that occurs in the layout of Churches of this time is that as the tabernacle goes back, the Marian altar comes forward, often half way down the church where people could have easy access to it.

Today's Gospel was used as the justification for this theological and architectural movement. Mary is seen to intercede on behalf of the bride and groom and ask Jesus to do what he can. This is the first sign in the Gospel of John and Jesus is reluctant to perform it, but because his mother asks, he does it.

The changing of the water into wine is not just a sign that Mary and Jesus like a good party! It is a sign of the Kingdom of God where joy and life are in abundance, where shame ends and all tears are wiped away. It is no accident that in John's gospel the mother of Jesus is present at this first sign and remains faithful until the end, right up to the culmination of all the signs: his being lifted up on the cross. Mary not only asks for a sign, she understands that it will cost something for Jesus to give it and for her to witness it.

So for us, the wedding feast at Cana is a taste of the fullness of life we celebrate here every Sunday. The Eucharist is always and everywhere a first course in the eternal banquet of heaven. But it is also an invitation to see beyond the signs, to the faithful relationships that require sacrificial love and years of fidelity.

All parents who sacrifice so much for their children, all spouses who remain faithful and good to their wife or husband, all friends who attend to their companions with devotion and care, share in the Kingdom of God and are the signs of Christ's presence in our world. Every time we are kind, Cana occurs again.

Sometimes these actions can be very lonely and the cost can be high. Today's Gospel, and the traditions of the Church that flow from it, tell us we are not alone, especially when the going gets tough.

What I like best about our belief in intercessory prayer, in the healthiest devotions in honour of the Mother of Jesus and in our belief in the martyrs and the saints is that they take seriously the companionship of God's family that transcends time and space.

Through our common Christian faith we are connected to millions of believers who have battled with similar, and sometimes greater, struggles than we endure and yet remained faithful to the end. Led by Mary, who never wants us to feel ashamed or embarrassed, they are our cheer squad in the stands of heaven willing us on in the race of life, giving us a few pointers on the best preparation, the pitfalls on the way and how to maximise our performance as we strive to do our best and be our best. Welcome to Cana where one course is richer than the last. And the wine only gets better with age. © Richard Leonard SJ www.liturgyhelp.com

Outreach News 2016: We thank all who attended Outreach events through 2015 and look forward to your company in 2016. Our year begins with lunch and cards at 12 noon in Mother of God Church foyer on Wed February 3; and movie/high tea on Wednesday 17 February. More information later. - Sue, Helen and Eileen

Summer Series: Theology of the Body: Tuesdays, 2 February to 22 March 2016, 6.30 – 8.30pm
ACU Rooftop Garden, Level 6, Daniel Mannix Building, 17 Young St, Fitzroy. Young people aged 18–35 are invited to join an eight-week discussion group on Theology of the Body, and uncover the wisdom of St John Paul II's teaching on love, happiness, human dignity and God's plan for men and women. **Cost:** \$35 (includes the book *Men and Women are from Eden*, by Mary Healy). **Details:** Life, Marriage & Family Office: lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5587. Places are limited **Bookings:** By 29 January www.trybooking.com/170935

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 23 – 24 January 2016

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.00pm

Lector

S. Moorhen

Special Ministers

Sister Carmel, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

As available

Reader

As available

Mass Coordinators

J. Costa

Counters

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

E. Mount

Lector

E. Mount

Special Ministers

As available

Altar Society: P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: School holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,234.00 Loose cash: \$409.00 Total: \$1,643.00