

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. 4

23 – 24 January 2015

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

- V. 1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**
- V. 2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**
- V. 3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**
- V. 4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,
Win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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 those who have died recently. We remember Bruno Sartori, Phoebe Mount, Francesco Rocco and Hannah McKernan whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 25 January: Conversion of St Paul

Tues 26 January: Ss Timothy & Titus

Wed 27 January: St Angela Merici

Thurs 28 January: St Thomas Aquinas

Fri 29 January: St Gildas the Wise

Sat 30 January: St Aidan

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 Psalm 70:1-6, 15, 17 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3 Luke 4:21-30

Prayers of the Sick

Please note that names will remain on the sick list for only six weeks & removed unless notified otherwise. To extend the time, please make personal contact with the Parish Office 9499 1515.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Reflection:

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in his religion class at school. 'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.' 'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked. 'Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

Given the ways the Scriptures have divided Christians over the centuries and because previous generations wanted to protect the truth of the Bible, we were often taught that the Holy Spirit dictated the text. In this schema, the real skill of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John seems to have been their shorthand!

Today we begin reading through Luke's Gospel. And in the opening verses of this extraordinary document, Luke puts paid to the idea that he is simply listening to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit in his ear. What we now call the Gospel of Luke was the first instalment of a two-part letter written to his friend and disciple, Theophilus. Epic letters like this one and the Acts of the Apostles, which is its sequel, where the writer praises the deeds of a great man and lists his achievements, were very common in the Hellenised world of Ancient Rome. Luke knew how to write it and, more importantly, Theophilus knew how to read it.

It is not a documentary on the life of Jesus, recording a series of facts. If it were, then it cannot be reconciled with the other Gospels for they disagree with each other about many important details. As Catholics we believe the Holy Spirit guided the writing and selection of the scriptural record so that it contains no errors regarding our salvation. Our life lived in harmony with the scriptures is its own testament to our belief that the Bible is not a book of facts: it is a book of truth.

Luke knows that Theophilus has already been instructed in the way of salvation in Christ, and he makes it clear that the truth of this way is what he is attending to. In this Gospel he paints a vivid and intimate portrait of who Jesus is and why he has the message of salvation for all people everywhere.

These days we often hear people asking others to be 'up front' and to 'lay your cards on the table'. Long before it was trendy, Luke does precisely this in the second part of today's Gospel. At the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry, Luke summarises the story he is about to tell Theophilus and his community in what is called 'the programme'.

In the tradition of the greatest of the prophets, we are told Jesus has come for those of us who are poor, captive, blind and oppressed. But, unlike the former prophets, Jesus is not only a companion in our distress or an advocate on our behalf, he has also come to turn the world upside down and establish the definitive reign of God in our lives. In Jesus, all that Israel longed to see is fulfilled.

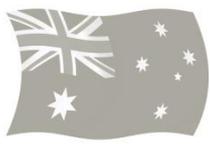
And so to us. As the spiritual children of Jesus, Luke, Theophilus and his community, we are inheritors of a tradition that is upfront in what we are called to do. Our programme is explicit. We are called to be companions to the poor, to set prisoners free, to fight oppression, to enable others to confront what they would prefer to ignore and to boldly proclaim that there is no one beyond God's favour.

As tough as these demands are, they are not optional extras. They define who we are as Christians and how we are sent to change the world. May this Eucharist give us courage for the task at hand.

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HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 23 Jan	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 26 Jan	9.15am	Mass & Australia Day	Mother of God Church
Thursday 28 Jan	9.00am	Liturgy Group Meeting	Parish Office
Saturday 30 Jan	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 1 Feb	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 2 Feb	4.15pm	Christian Meditation	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 2 Feb	7.30pm	St Bernadette's Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 3 Feb	12 – 3.00pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	Mother of God foyer
Thursday 4 Feb	9.00am	Liturgy Group Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 5 Feb	9.15am	Mass followed by First Friday devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 5 Feb	5.30 – 7.30pm	Mother of God P.S. Welcome Picnic	Mother of God School



Mass on Australia Day:

All parishioners are invited to come and be with us at 9.15am Mass on Australia Day at Mother of God Church, Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. Morning Tea will be available in the church foyer after Mass. Look forward to meeting you there. – Fr Jacob

Linking Liturgy with Life:

I believe this describes so well what we do when we gather regularly as a Liturgy Group, asking ourselves what the readings for our Sunday celebrations and events near and far are saying to our community. What is really significant is that each of us has something to share from our own life experience. So, **YOU** would have something to offer too! Don't feel you have to be a theologian or a scripture scholar but be a pilgrim on life's journey with us all. Parish Office: 9.00am on Thursdays, starting on Thursday 28th January. Do feel free to come when your circumstances make it possible. Contact me if you wish: Merle 9497 1691.

“Be still and know that I am God”:

The Christian Meditation group will meet together on Tuesdays at 4.15 in the Mary Immaculate Parish Hall at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. New members would be most welcome at our meetings, which take about 50 minutes. Meditation is often called the prayer of the heart, and it requires nothing from you but your silent attention. It's that simple! Further information available from Kathy Gillespie 9497 1706 or 0438 530 324.



Outreach Social Afternoon:

Wednesday 3 February 12noon – 3.00pm

Our next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 3 February at 12.00pm at Mother of God Church foyer, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East. Come for lunch, cards, scrabble, knitting or a chat with others. Everyone is invited and welcome. – Eileen, Helen and Sue

Invitations from St Therese Parish, Essendon re- Fr Des Magennis:

Parishioners are invited to a Farewell Gathering for Fr Des Magennis at St Therese Parish Pastoral Centre on Shrove Tuesday, 9 February after the 10am Mass (approx. 10.30am) at St Therese Church, 48A Lincoln St, Essendon. We thank St Therese community for their invitation and wish Fr Des well as he prepares to leave his residence in Moonee Ponds and move to Justin Villa, Balwyn.

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

Mercy Works Ltd is recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in Primary and Secondary schools as part of their educational transitions, as well as Adult Asylum Seeker English Classes through Mercy Connect Project Melbourne. Volunteer commitment is at least half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process in December / January, and Training Day at end of January 2016. Please contact Sister Mary Lewis RSM for application form and further information. Details: email: somml@bigpond.com or 9326 1895 or website: www.mercyworks.org.au

ACU short course on ‘Grace and Mercy’:

Wednesday 24 February, 2, 9 and 16 March 2016, 6–8pm

at Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

Australian Catholic University invites registrations for its upcoming Short Course on Grace and Mercy. Pope Francis has proclaimed 2016 as the Year of Mercy. ACU is offering an opportunity for the public to explore the meaning of God's grace and mercy during the season of Lent, with experts from the ACU School of Theology. Cost: \$80 for those requiring a Certificate of Attendance. Cost: \$40 attendance only. Alternative methods of payment are available. Register: <http://www.acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses> Click on the 'Melbourne' page. Registration essential and closes Friday 19 February. Details: shortcourses.ftp@acu.edu.au

Yarra Deanery News: Wednesday 9 March 2016 – 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm Venue announced at a later date.

The Yarra Deanery is hosting an evening with Francis Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council. In 2013 the Federal Government announced the establishment of a Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Shortly after the announcement, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia established the Truth, Justice and Healing Council in recognition of the imperative for the Church to address the past openly and honestly. The Council is overseeing the Church's engagement with the Royal Commission. Please put this important event in diary.



Newsletter notices, items, prayers and anniversaries:

Need to be given to Parish Office no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday each week. Notices received after Wednesday will be placed in newsletter for the following week. Items can be left in the locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Contact details for Parish Office: Phone 9499 1515, Fax 9499 9959; or email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com – Ruth

Biblical Reflections on the Easter Triduum:

Thursday 3 March from 7.00 – 9.00pm

You are invited to reflect on the Gospel accounts of the Passion, Death & Resurrection of Jesus with Fr Frank Moloney SDB, world-renowned Biblical scholar. Venue: Our Lady of the Pines Church, 77 Carbine St, Donvale. Cost: 5.00 with proceeds donated to Don Bosco Hostels. Refreshment will be provided. Please RSVP by 28 February: skay@bigpond.net.au or Steve: 0407 392 763

Sacraments 2016:

Sacramental Brochure 2016 for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs for Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist is available in each church. Please contact Parish Office for enrolment forms as below.

Enrolments are only accepted from families who live within the parish boundary which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.

Please note: Only children who do not attend Parish primary schools or who have transferred out of local Catholic Primary schools need to enrol in the Parish Program. *Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program. It is recommended that sacramental preparation takes place in the parish where the catechist & family lives.*

Enrolment forms available from Parish Office 9499 1515 & website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com

N.B. Closing date is Friday 11 March 2016 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.

Alphington Angels: Alphington Community Centre knitting and sewing group starts again soon on Friday mornings and are looking for new members who can knit, crochet or sew to make much needed goods for charity, and can spare an hour to two of their time. Projects include woollen goods for winter for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and Guardian Angel program, sewing up mittens and pouches for animals rescued from bushfires and other activities. Material and Morning Tea provided at Alphington Community Centre, 2 Kelvin Rd, Alphington 9499 7227 or website: www.alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au



Ivanhoe Playgroup: The Ivanhoe Playgroup offers a welcoming and supportive environment where parents and children can play, learn and have fun. **Ages:** The playgroup suits children aged between 0- 4 years

Venue: Mary Immaculate Church Hall, 4 Waverley Ave. Ivanhoe

Session Times: Wednesday 9 - 11am or Thursday 9 - 11am

Fees: \$80 per term for one child

Further details: Contact Liz Shearer: Phone 0411 345 664 or liz.shearer1@gmail.com

Volunteer Sorters Needed: The Shop of Op (Shekinah Homeless Services):

The Shop of Op raises money on behalf of Shekinah Homeless Services, a network of eight Catholic charitable organisations which, each year, provide emergency accommodation, material aid, food relief and support to over 2,500 people disadvantaged by homelessness. The Shop of Op is a retail store that prides itself on delivering the best selection of quality men’s and women’s recycled fashion including vintage and contemporary on-trend fashion, accessories and homewares. Based at our site at Corpus Christi Community in Greenvale, we are looking for reliable, committed volunteers to assist us on a regular basis (1 shift per week / fortnight / month) as a donation sorter. Donation sorters will be required to sort and pack donations according to quality and category, and pack and allocate sorted stock into appropriate areas as directed. Full training is provided. This position would suit individuals, groups of friends or community groups. Volunteers will be required to undertake a police check, and sign a volunteer agreement.

Details: To express your interest, please contact Jade Myconos on 9462 3933 or shekinah@shekinah.org.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 30 – 31 January 2016

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.00pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

As available

Reader

As available

Mass Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

p. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

A. Tosolini

Special Ministers

T. Barker, C. Bellio, R. Beltrame

Altar Society:

A. Moloney

Choir Coordinator: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,368.00 Loose cash: \$426.80 Total: \$1,794.80