



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 1

30 Dec 2011 – 1 January 2012

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: YEAR B

Reflection:

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our *Abba*. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May God bless us in his mercy.

V. 1 God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us,
So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

V. 2 Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

V. 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Loving God: Hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Barbara Ballek, Joy Meacham, Phoebe Chiera Hone, Sheila Ryan, Beryl O'Keefe, Bev Horne, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Diane Adams, Adele Oldmeadow and Dr Frank Douglas-Stephens who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptism in our Parish Community:

We welcome Zara Traviato and Thomas Naylor who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend, and Samuel Healy who will be baptised during the week. We welcome their families, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the lifelong journey of faith.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

This Week's Readings: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Year B**Numbers 6:22-27****Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8****Galatians 4:4-7****Luke 2:16-21****Saint and Feast Days:***Mon 2 January: Most Holy Name of Jesus**Tues 3 January: St Genevieve**Wed 4 January: St Elizabeth Ann Setton**Thurs 5 January: St John Neumann**Fri. 6 January: St Macra**Sat. 7 January: St Raymond of Penyafort***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****INFORMATION****Thank you from Fr Thang:**

I would like to thank parishioners for their best wishes, cards and gifts over recent weeks. I would like to sincerely thank all parishioners and schools in the parish community for their sense of welcome, assistance and support since the beginning of the year.

WEEKDAY MASSES 2012 - CHANGES OF LOCATION:

Please note: As from Tuesday 3 January 2012, weekday Masses will change location:

TUESDAY: 9.15am at **MOTHER OF GOD****FRIDAY:** Mass 9.15am at **ST. BERNADETTE'S****First Friday Masses:** 9.15am at St. Bernadette's starting Friday 3 February 2012**First Friday Devotions:****No First Friday Mass Friday 6th January,** but will start Friday 3 February**Parish Office:**

The Parish Office will be attended next week from 3 – 6 January 2012 (Monday 2 January is a Public Holiday). The Office will be attended at different intervals whilst I am on leave from 9 – 27 January. Brief newsletters containing Mass items will be prepared in advance. Please give notices of deaths, anniversaries, prayers ... **no later than Wednesday 4 January** next week. - Ruth Fr Thang will be available for Masses at weekends and most Masses during the week.

Items for newsletter, notices of deaths and anniversaries need to be given to the Parish Office **no later than 5.00pm, Wednesday each week. Notices received after this time will be placed in the following week's newsletter. Notices and items can be left in locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Phone 9499 1515, fax 9499 9959; or email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com - Ruth**

Sacraments 2012:

2012 Sacramental Brochures are available in each church for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2012. Enrolments are only accepted from families **who live within the parish which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.**

Please note: Only children **who do not attend** Parish schools or **who have transferred out** of 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 preparation for sacraments takes place in the parish in which the catechist lives.*

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

NB. Closing date is Friday 16 March 2012 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 7 – 8 January 2012**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

T. Nibali, A. Pellizzari

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

As available

Reader

As available

Mass Coordinators

Ballao family

Counters

E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

E. Mount

Lector

E. Mount

Special Ministers

As available

Altar Society: A. Moloney**Choir Coordinators:** School holidays**First Collection – Thanksgiving:**

Envelopes: \$3,949.00

Loose cash: \$3,544.10

Total: \$7,503.10**Second Collection – Presbytery:****\$2,953.75**