



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 1

1 – 2 January 2011

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: YEAR A

Reflection:



In a sense, Christmas celebrates the coming of Christ to Israel. Epiphany celebrates his coming to all humanity. No wonder that in some countries Epiphany is seen as more important than Christmas. For them Epiphany is the time for gift-giving, based on the gifts of the Magi.

In a country of immigrants like Australia, Epiphany is a celebration of God's call for us to form one family, without losing our own traditions – unity enriched by diversity. Acceptance and tolerance flourish in such an atmosphere of respect.

Epiphany invites us to overcome our prejudices and stereotypes and to be open to all people.

Epiphany invites us to welcome the Jesus who came for everyone and who was welcomed at his birth by representatives of different nations and races.

Epiphany invites us to welcome mystery – the reality of life that surrounds us but which usually escapes our full understanding.

Epiphany invites us to be open to the possibility of 'returning by a different way' after meeting Jesus.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

V. 1 O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,
That he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

V. 2 In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

V. 3 The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

V. 4 For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray: **Christ, be our light.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We have seen his star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember our loved ones, our families, our friends and members of the parish community who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Mass times for Weekends in January:

Saturday: 6.30pm St Bernadette's **Sunday:** 9am Mary Immaculate **Sunday:** 10.30am Mother of God

A New Parish Priest:*With thanks to Parish website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com*

Fr John Cunningham will retire mid-January 2011 after fifty years as a Priest and ten years in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe. He will retire as Parish Priest much loved here, and beyond, by people of all ages.

We warmly welcome Fr Thang as Fr John's replacement and are fortunate to have him as our Parish Priest. While Fr Thang will officially take over upon Fr John's retirement in mid January, he will initially be on leave and actually commence parish duties in Ivanhoe Parish later in January 2011.

Fr Thang was born in Vietnam in 1973, the second of eight children. After three years in a refugee camp in Thailand he came to Australia where he was educated at Braybrook Secondary College and Monash University.

He commenced formation for the priesthood in 2002. Being a member of a Eucharistic Youth Movement had a positive influence on his sense of vocation to the priesthood and nourished him during the time of discernment. He is grateful for love, support, and prayers of family, friends, brother-seminarians and priests.

Following his Ordination to the Priesthood, Fr Thang offered his Mass of Thanksgiving at St Peter Chanel's in Deer Park on 7 September 2008, prior to his appointment as Assistant Priest at Hoppers Crossing.

In February 2009 Archbishop Hart announced the appointment of a Bushfire Recovery Chaplain, Fr Greg Bourke, Parish Priest of St Peter Apostle Mission, Hoppers Crossing. Fr Greg relocated to a temporary residence at Yarra Glen and Fr Thang attended to parish pastoral responsibilities at Hoppers Crossing and was supported by Fr Donald Lorenz.

As has been light-heartedly commented already, this particular Parish is fortunate in having a new Parish Priest who apart from his priestly background and focus is also qualified in accountancy!

From Amanda: There's lots of new information on the Parish website, including key dates and events for 2011. Have a look! www.ivanhoecatholics.com - **Amanda Smith, Pastoral Associate**

ADVANCE NOTICE:**CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE PARISH DINNER DANCE****SATURDAY 23rd JULY 2011**

Put this date in your 2011 diary now! And ask your friends to do the same!

The Streeon Room, Heidelberg Town Hall, Ivanhoe

Further information: Paul McEvey 0438 509 995 or paul.mcevey@gmail.com

Pastoral Associate: It is with regret that we announce that Amanda will be leaving us in January at the end of her current contract in order to take up another position. We wish her well with her new role as Pastoral Associate at Port Melbourne-Middle Park Parish. We thank her very much for her work with us and we look forward to seeing her at parish events in the future. - **Chris Dixon, Chair, Pastoral Leadership Team**

5.00pm Masses at Mary ImmaculateThere will be **no 5.00pm Masses** at Mary Immaculate Church until further notice**Other Possibilities:**

5.00pm	St. Gregory's	Manningham Rd, Doncaster
5.00pm	St John's	Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill
6.00pm	St. John's	Cape St, Heidelberg
6.00pm	Ss. Peter and Paul	Leeds St. East Doncaster

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 8 – 9 January 2011**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Gray

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader**Reader****Mass Coordinators**

E. Ballao

Counters

P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Curry

Lector

J. Curry

Special Ministers

As available

Altar Society: T. McCarthy**Choir Coordinators:** School holidays