

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 3

15 – 16 January 2011

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

### Reflection:



Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** May all the earth give worship and praise, and break into song to your name, O God, Most High.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

V. 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

V. 2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

V. 3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**

V. 4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.  
Alleluia!

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** We know and believe in God's love for us.

### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Erin Toomey and Pat Booth. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Joan Harvey who died recently. We also remember Bruno Sartori, Giovanni Rombai, Vinicio Ciliberti, Maria Martino, Biagio Ciliberti and Biagio Martino whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



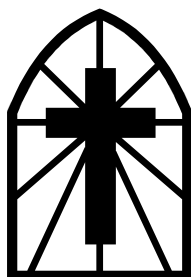
### **Baptisms in our Parish Community:**

We welcome Sophie Akther and Marc Lewis-Akther who are baptised this weekend into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe. We welcome their family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

**Queensland Floods:** Over the last while many people in Queensland have been waiting in hope! Waiting in hope for freedom from floods and the consequence of floods. Hoping against hope that their thoughts and prayers might be heard! We have an opportunity to answer their prayers, to some extent through a parish collection this weekend. As well as the Leaving collection for the flood victims, the Second Collection (Priests collection) will go fully to this appeal. – **Fr John**

*(Copies of Media Release from Australian Bishops Conference are available in each church – gold sheets)*

**Funeral Ministry:**



Over the past year there have been at least twenty funerals in our parish which have included Funeral Masses and Funeral Services. The aim and purpose of Funeral Ministry is to assist families in the preparation of **Funeral Liturgies**, i.e. selecting readings, prayers, music, preparing and printing booklets to enable meaningful celebrations of the lives of the deceased. This particular ministry is an outreach to parish families at a significant and sensitive time; but does not provide counselling or bereavement support. Those involved in funeral ministry over the years have provided invaluable service and guidance to many families and individuals, with many facilitators commenting on the privilege of being with families at this particular time.

We need more parishioners to become involved as facilitators in Funeral Ministry so that we can maintain and continue this vital ministry of witness and service to others in our parish community. Those interested in becoming involved in Funeral Ministry are invited to attend a session with Fr John at **7.30pm on Thursday 20 January** in the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. – **Fr John**

**HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

Thursday 20 January	9.15am	Liturgy Group resumes	Parish Office
Thursday 20 January	7.30pm	Funeral Ministry Information Session	Parish Office
Thursday 20 January	8.00pm	<b>Ford St Development Meeting</b>	<b>- deferred at this stage</b>
Saturday 22 January	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church

**Mass times for Weekends in January:**

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

**There will be no 5.00pm Masses at Mary Immaculate Church until further notice. Other options:**

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

**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 21 – 23 January 2011**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm    **Lector** E. Jowett    **Special Ministers** A. Pellizzari, J. Gray

**MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am    **Leader**    **Reader**    **Mass Coordinators** J. & D. Jones    **Counters** T. McKinley, E. Ballao

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am    **Sacristan** M. Hoban    **Lector** M. Hoban    **Special Ministers** As available  
**Altar Society:** P. Caddy    **Choir Coordinators:** School holidays

**PLT NOMINATION FORM 2011 - CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE**

Full name: .....

Address: .....

Phone: .....    Mobile no: .....

Email address: .....

I wish to nominate for a General Parishioner Position on the Parish Leadership Team

*Please forward this nomination form to Parish Office 9am – 5pm before **Friday 4 February 2011***

*Any questions or queries please ring Chris Dixon: 9499 6191*