

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

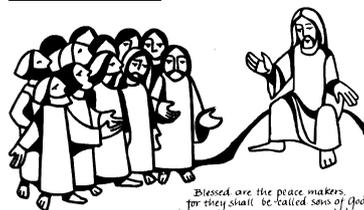
*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 5

29 – 30 January 2011

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

### Reflection:



To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Save us, Lord our God, and gather us together from the nations, that we may proclaim your holy name and glory in your praise.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

V. 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

V. 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,

The Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

V. 3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** With hope in the Gospel and in each other God, we pray: **Lord, hear us.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Happy are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Happy are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.

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

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

We remember Marie Mears who died recently. We also remember Ellen Cullen whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

### Concelebrated Masses 29 – 30 January:

This weekend Fr John and Fr Thang Vu concelebrate Mass at each church in our parish. We prayerfully remember Fr John at his final Masses with us and sincerely thank him for his witness, leadership and service. We warmly welcome Fr Thang to our parish and look forward to sharing our ongoing faith journeys with him. We welcome all who have come to be with us at this significant time in the life and worship of our parish.

**First Friday Masses** will resume on Friday 5 March at St Bernadette's.

**PLEASE NOTE: No First Friday Mass & Benediction Friday 5 February**

**Mass times for Weekends for the time being:**

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

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## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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Saturday 29 January	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 2 Feb	Noon – 3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	St Bernadette's Community Centre
Thursday 3 February	9.00am	Liturgy Planning	Parish Office
Friday 4 February		<b><u>PLT Nominations close</u></b>	
Saturday 5 February	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 9 Feb	7.30pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	St Kevin's, Templestowe
Thursday 10 Feb	8.00pm	Parish Leadership Team Meeting	St Bernadette's School

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## INFORMATION

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**Morning Tea:** All parishioners are invited and welcome after the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God.

**PLT Meeting:** The first Parish Leadership Team meeting of the year will take place at 8.00pm on Thursday 10 February at St Bernadette's School, 53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe.

**Message from Outreach:** Welcome to our new year of 2011! Firstly we give heartfelt thanks for Fr. John and his work over the past 10 years. We welcome Fr. Thang Vu and look forward to meeting him.

This year all planned activities will occur on Wednesdays and will begin on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February with lunch and games at St Bernadette's Community Centre. If you haven't tried this before please come from Noon – 3pm. All you need to bring is a small contribution to share as part of lunch. We play card games and Scrabble. If transport is needed please call: Eileen 9499 7120, Helen 9499 7793 or Sue 9499 1485. We are organizing a bus trip during March - more information to follow.

**Praying the Eucharist - Why we Worship and What's Changing in 2011:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 9am - Noon followed by lunch at Our Lady of Mercy College Heidelberg in the Performing Arts Centre – Entry off Yarra Street by the pedestrian crossing. The Yarra Deanery parishes invite you to come to a prayerful morning in which Tom Knowles SSS (National Liturgical Commission member) will remind us why we pray the Eucharist. We'll spend some time in word and in song hearing the Mass using the revised liturgy which we'll start using later this year. We'll end with time to share some stories and ask questions and pray about what we've learnt. Questions and further information: Charles 0417 319 556 or deanery@charles.balnaves.org

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## ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 5 – 6 February 2011

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm                      **Lector**                      **Special Ministers**  
Sister Frances                      B. Jowett, T. Nibali

**MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am                      **Leader**                      **Reader**                      **Mass Coordinators**                      **Counters**  
K. Bator                      Tba                      E. Kehoe                      T. Owens, S. & P. Kelly

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am                      **Sacristan**                      **Lector**                      **Special Ministers**  
J. Taylor                      J. Fitzgerald                      E. Brownstein, MA Darcy, J. Ellis  
**Altar Society:** T. McCarthy                      **Choir Coordinators:** I. Chiera

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## PLT NOMINATION FORM 2011 - CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

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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*