

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 9

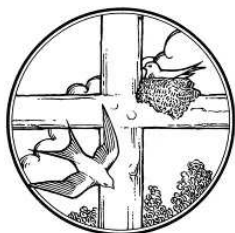
26 – 27 February 2011

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

### Reflection:

What can be nobler than building up the reign of God? What could deserve our commitment more than the proclamation of the gospel? What greater privilege could be ours than acting as agents of the blessings of God? Disciples are called to just such privileged roles. And where are these disciples to be found? They spend their lives in classrooms, factories, offices and hospitals. They serve in families, businesses, restaurants, shopping malls, banks and grocery stores. They answer telephones, protect us from harm, build our roads, and repair our plumbing. Disciples upbuild the reign of God in whichever form of life or occupation they have chosen.

Although we embark on a life of service with great enthusiasm and genuine commitment, it does not take long before the enormity of the task becomes apparent. We might then begin to doubt ourselves or doubt the call itself. At such times, Jesus exhorts us to trust in God. All is in the hands of God; for our part, we have only to trust.



Our own limitations and sinfulness often get in the way. There are forces in society that seem bent on undermining our every effort. The people to whom we commit ourselves can be ungrateful or want no part of us or our service. Sometimes the obstacles seem to come from the church, its structures and its personnel. In the midst of such darkness, we hear Jesus gently but firmly saying: Do not worry! Trust! God cares for the birds and the grass, surely God will care for you.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Lord has been my strength; he has led me into freedom. He saved me because he loves me.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Rest in God alone, my soul.

V. 1. In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from him.

He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**

V. 2. In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from him.

He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. **R.**

V. 3. In God is my safety and my glory, the rock of my strength.

Take refuge in God all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Jean Aver, Erin Toomey, Leonard Topp and Marjorie Morton. We also remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Maria Monzón-White and Claudio Barsanti who died recently. We remember John Duffy and Nick Buttifant whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



### Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Remi Gatta-Castel who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the lifelong journey of faith.

We also welcome Cooper and Heidi Ginn, Emma Chen, and Chloe and Gabrielle Rogers who will be baptised on Tuesday morning at St Bernadette's Church.

## **St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March:**

Mass will be celebrated at 10am, and followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Devotions will conclude with Benediction at 4.00pm. All are welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

### **This Week's Readings: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A**

**Isaiah 49:14-15                      Ps 61:2-3, 6-9                      1 Corinthians 4:1-5                      Matthew 6:24-34**

#### *Saint and Feast Days:*

*Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb: St Oswald*

*Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar: St Chad*

*Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> Mar: St Casimir*

*Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Mar: St David*

*Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar: St Cunegund*

*Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Mar: St Kieran*

### **Next Week's Readings: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A**

**Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32   Ps 30:2-4, 17, 25                      Romans 3:21-25, 28                      Matthew 7:21-27**

## **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

Saturday 26 February	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 26 February	9am-12 Noon	The Eucharist We Share: Revised Mass Texts	See notice in newsletter
Sunday 27 February	4-9pm	Drama Group	St B Community Centre
Tuesday 1 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Yrs 4, 5, 6L	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 1 March	7.30pm	Lenten Planning	Parish Office
Wednesday 2 March	8.00pm	Ford St Development Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 4 March	10.00am	<b>First Friday Devotions</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 5 March	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 6 March	2.30-4.30pm	Young Peoples Group – Seniors	See notice in newsletter
Monday 7 March	7.30pm	Baptism Information Session	
Tuesday 8 March	6.30pm	<b>Reconciliation</b> Family Workshop	Mary Immaculate School
Wednesday 9 March		<b>Ash Wednesday Masses</b>	See Mass times - newsletter
Wednesday 9 March	10.00am	Combined Schools Mass – Ash Wednesday	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 11 March	9.15am	Mass – Mother of God School Year 3	Mother of God Church

## **INFORMATION**

### **Prayer for Australia**

Father, you reached out by the power of the Holy Spirit  
through Jesus your Son to show love for all creation.

You invite everyone to share in your life made available to us in Jesus.

You established the Church to bring good news to all people.

Let your Holy Spirit help us to be the presence of your saving love to all. May that same Spirit help us to proclaim your good news in a way that is meaningful to people and touches their hearts.

May we, like Mary, Help of Christians,  
have the courage of the cross to fulfil the mission you gave us, no matter what the cost.

Sharing in his confidence and trust in you, we ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference: [www.acbc.catholic.org.au](http://www.acbc.catholic.org.au) 1300 4 FAITH (1300 432 484)  
National Office for Evangelisation: [www.evangelisationaustralia.com](http://www.evangelisationaustralia.com)

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**Ash Wednesday Masses: Wednesday 9 March 2011:**

St Bernadette's:	8.30am	Mother of God	7.30pm
Mary Immaculate	10am Parish Schools	St Bernadette's (Korean)	7.30pm

*Please note: No 9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate on Wednesday 9 March*

**Lenten Planning:** Lent, Holy Week and Easter are such significant times in the life of all Christian communities. We will meet on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30pm** in the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe to share our knowledge, our ideas, our skills and our memories and discern how we, as the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe can live this special time. Everyone most welcome and really needed.



**World Day of Prayer:** Friday 4 March 10.00am at St James Church, 252 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

**N.I.C.K. Foundation Players present "Lift Off":** The N.I.C.K. Foundation Players are proud to present their second season's production "Lift Off" - written by Paul Dennis. Take a trip back to the 1980's and enjoy the music and memories of Dexy Midnight Runners, Blondie, the Rolling Stones and more.

Performances" **4<sup>th</sup> March:** Evening 8.00pm and **5<sup>th</sup> March:** Matinee 2.00pm & Evening 8.00pm at The 360 Centre at Yarra Plenty Christian Centre, 360 Main Rd., Lower Plenty. Tickets are selling at last year's prices, Adults: \$25 Concession: \$17.50 Children: \$10 Family (2 Adults & 2 Children): \$60

Tickets can be purchased online: [www.nickfoundation.startix.com.au](http://www.nickfoundation.startix.com.au)

Come along and enjoy a great night's entertainment and watch our youth at work, whilst supporting the N.I.C.K. Foundation; a charitable organisation aimed at fostering hope and belief in our youth.

**Ivanhoe Parish Young Peoples Group (Seniors):**

The first Senior YPG event for 2011 will be Ten Pin Bowling at Greensborough Bowl, 445 Grimshaw St, Greensborough from 2.30 - 4.30pm on Sunday 6 March, \$18.50 for bowling and shoes. It will also be the last YPG event for Youth Leader Tom Stammers after 5 great years, so a chance to say goodbye. During that time we'll also go to nearby eating place for a 'catch-up' and chat. Buy or BYO food OK. Bookings or enquiries: [cpiyouth@bigpond.com](mailto:cpiyouth@bigpond.com) or Parish Website YPG page. A kind parishioner has generously donated an excellent Billiards/ Snooker table to our Youth Groups (also available to all else).

**Young Peoples Group (Juniors):**

The first junior YPG event for 2011 on Sunday 13 March from 6.30-8.30 will be (weather permitting) Outdoor Activity / Sports / Games and/or just chat; otherwise, indoor activities. Pizza dinner: \$6. Details will be emailed. Join the mailing or enquire further at [cpiyouth@bigpond.com](mailto:cpiyouth@bigpond.com) or Parish website YPG page.

**Special birthday celebration:**

Ivanhoe parishioners are warmly invited to join Merle Gilbo for her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Afternoon Tea in Mary Immaculate Hall on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 2.30 - 5.00 pm. For catering purposes please call: - Helen Healy 9499 7793; Eileen Mount 9499 7120; Jacq Jones 9455 2610. Merle has requested 'No Presents please'.

**Will my Child be OK?:**

This one evening seminar will be presented by Bill and Joan Grosser from Growing Families Australia. Seminar topics include steps required to help your child:

- ◆ Learn Obedience
- ◆ Take Responsibility
- ◆ Develop Self Control

Also included is a session on Teens with Q & A.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 7.15 – 9.00pm

Ivanhoe Community Hall, Seddon St Uniting Church

Cost: Free

To reserve your seat call Joan Grosser 0419 044 155

**Mary Immaculate Rosters** starting on first Sunday of March are available now - please pick up your copy.

**Theology@Theboat Is Coming Soon!:**

An evening cruise organised by Theology @ the Pub will be held Saturday 5 March, from 7.30pm for young adults aged 18-35. Join us for a exciting evening with live music, canapés, dancing and a short talk by a special guest, all during a four-hour evening cruise around Docklands on the luxury Victoria Star cruise ship! Mark Wilson ('Dancing with the Stars' judge) will join us to talk about his faith and show us a few dance moves, as well as soon-to-be-announced guest speaker! Tickets \$60 and purchased: [theologyatthepub.com.au](http://theologyatthepub.com.au)

**Accommodation:**

- Opportunity to share a well-appointed apartment with a female parishioner. Ideal central Ivanhoe location. Off street parking is available. Please contact: Luu 0431 176 757
- Very good accommodation is available with a pleasant, retired lady who lives in St James Rd, Rosanna. She is close to the bus and 8 minutes from the train station. Enquiries: Sr. Loreto – 9457 1066

## Sacraments 2011:

Brochures are available in each church for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, First Eucharist or Reconciliation 2011. 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 in other areas does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program.*

*It is recommended that preparation for sacraments takes place in the parish in which the catechist resides.*

Enrolment forms available from Parish Office 9499 1515 and website: [www.ivanhoecatholics.com](http://www.ivanhoecatholics.com)

**NB. Closing date is Friday 18 March 2011 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.**



**March 30 - Outreach Bus Trip:** Mystery trip to the north of Melbourne - Morning tea, 2 course lunch, beautiful rose garden surrounds & great entertainment for \$50 per person. Don't miss out – Please book & pay by Sun 20 March. Call Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120

**Just Cycle Yarra Valley:** Just Cycle Yarra Valley will be held at Rochford Wines to raise vital funds for Jesuit Social Services on Sunday 20 March. The cycling courses vary from 12km to 120kms and the event features a family day with live music and entertainment. Jesuit Social Services works with some of the most disadvantaged individuals and communities in Australia. Details and to register: [www.justcycle.com.au](http://www.justcycle.com.au)

**Quo Vadis:** An opportunity to experience prayer and fellowship with other men who are discerning a vocation of priesthood: 27 Mar, 29 April, 29 May, 26 June, 31 July, 23 Oct & 27 Nov. For more information contact: Fr Binh Le (Director of Vocations): 9926 5733; email: [director@melbournepriest.com](mailto:director@melbournepriest.com)

### Items of interest:

- Our Lady of Mercy College enrolments – Year 7, 2012 close 2 March 2011. Please contact College during office hours 9459 2511. School Tours are held throughout the year for 1.5 hrs. Contact: 9495 2511
- Open Stage Dessert & Coffee Night: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30-10.30pm at Greensborough Christian Book Centre, 14 Church St, Greensborough. Door Charge: \$8, primary age child \$3. Phone: 9435 5762
- Siena College Open Evening: Friday 18 March 5 – 8pm. Contact: 9835 0200; or [www.siena.vic.edu.au](http://www.siena.vic.edu.au)
- Arden Crescent Series: Sun 20 March, 2pm: Shu Cheen Yu & Roy Best, singers; accomp: David McNicol

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### **Parish Staff:**

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Thang Vu 63 Wilfred Rd, East Ivanhoe 9499 5440

**Secretary:** Mrs. Ruth Villani Office hours 9.00am – 5.00pm 9499 1515

## **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 5 – 6 March 2011**

### ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

#### **Lector**

Sister Francis

#### **Special Ministers**

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

### MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

#### **Leader**

McEvey Family

#### **Reader**

#### **Mass Coordinators**

S. & P. Kelly

#### **Counters**

E. Ballao, T. McKinley

### MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

A. Patterson

#### **Lector**

I. Chiera

#### **Special Ministers**

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

**Altar Society:** T. McCarthy

**Choir Coordinators:** P. Verrocchi

**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$1,825.00 Loose cash: \$610.55 **Total: \$2,435.55**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:** **\$ 651.00**

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