



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 10

5 – 6 March 2011

9th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

Discipleship must be realised in some way. It must identify one to others such as the markings on a slave identify to whom the slave belongs. Somehow, the way we live out our commitment must be this obvious to others. This is a challenge to all of us.



*The
wise man
builds
his house
on
rock*

Besides being obvious to those who see us, our discipleship must be firmly established, like a house built on rock. We may face hardships and attack, we may be besieged and buffeted, and so we must be able to stand resolutely. If Jesus the Lord is the rock upon which our discipleship is built, we will be able to withstand anything that life has to offer. This is not to say that we will be preserved from the storm, but that grounded in him, we will be secure within the storm.

The people of ancient Israel were given the choice to enter into covenant or not, to accept the law or not. The choice was theirs. Jesus told his disciples that they could listen to his words and act upon them, or they could dismiss his words and go their own way. The choice was theirs. Paul told the Romans that they could accept justification through faith in the blood of Jesus, or they could be deceived into thinking that works of the law could justify them. The choice was theirs. Similar options are held out to us. Will we build our house on rock or on sand? The choice is ours.

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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: Lord, be my rock of safety.

V. 1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.

In your justice, set me free, hear me and speedily rescue me. **R.**

V. 2. Be a rock of refuge to me, a mighty stronghold to save me,

For you are my rock, my stronghold. For your name's sake, lead me and guide me. **R.**

V. 3. Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love.

Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; those who live in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

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

We remember Julie Adley who died recently. We also remember Yolanda Gholam, Kathleen Butler and Carmel Cullen whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Tess Collard and Lily Marshall who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. 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.

Stations of the Cross at St Bernadette's during Lent:

As part of the Lenten journey, there will be Stations of the Cross at St Bernadette's at 7.30pm Friday in each week of Lent. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Meal: We're glad to say that this significant and enjoyable event will take place again this year. More details later but please mark the date in your diary NOW. Thurs 21st April.

This Week's Readings: 9th 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 7th Mar: Ss Perpetua & Felicity

Tues 8th Mar: St John of God

Wed 9th Mar: Ash Wednesday

Thurs 10th Mar: St John Ogilvie

Fri. 11th Mar: St Aengas

Sat. 12th Mar: St Theophanes

Next Week's Readings: 1st Sunday in Lent: Year A

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 5 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	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	First Reconciliation Family Workshop	Mary Immaculate School
Wednesday 9 March		Ash Wednesday Masses	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
Friday 11 March	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross in Lent	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 12 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Sunday 13 March	6.00-8.30pm	Young Peoples Group – Juniors	See notice in newsletter
Tuesday 15 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Yrs 4, 5, 6W	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 15 March	7.30pm	Mother of God School Parents Rep Council	Mother of God School
Thursday 17 March		St Patrick's Day Mass – Catholic Schools	St Patrick's Cathedral
Thursday 17 March	8.00pm	Parish Finance Meeting	Mother of God House
Friday 18 March	9.15am	Mass – Mother of God School Year 2	Mother of God Church
Friday 18 March	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross in Lent	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 19 March	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

INFORMATION

Harmony Day – Manningham Interfaith Network: You are invited to attend Manningham Interfaith Network's celebration of Harmony Day, an international day that celebrates cultural and religious diversity with the message 'Everyone Belongs' on Wednesday 16 March (the week before World Harmony Day) 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. RSVP 9 March to Dot Haynes. Phone: 9848 1710 or 0425 718 937; or email: dot@virtual.net.au. Fliers are available in each church.

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

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



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

Welcome and Thank you: We welcome and thank Fr Greg Bourke who celebrates Mass with us on Sunday so that Fr Thang is able to celebrate Mass at St Peter Apostle Mission Church, Hoppers Crossing.



Lent begins on March 9th: The Liturgy Group met during the week to think about ways to help us live Lent & prepare for Holy Week and Easter. We tried to think of a way to keep on reminding us all we are in the season of Lent. Then it came to us. Water is a central part of our Easter celebrations. So, in the time of preparation, every time you dip your fingers into the font, you will feel that it is empty.

A Focus on others as well as ourselves during Lent: As we move into Lent we have another opportunity to reflect on our lives, and that of others. Over forthcoming weeks Project Compassion will also give us such an opportunity. During Masses this weekend 5 – 6 March, we will show a brief extract from an Edmund Rice Foundation video "The Other Africa" highlighting serious human problems they and their volunteers are working on there. For those who can stay 9 minutes longer immediately after Mass we will then show a little more from the same uplifting video, highlighting the successful though challenging work of Edmund Rice people in providing support. We thank Bill & Kath Dowling for this video whose son Peter is a Christian Brother working around the globe to support other Christian Brothers working in Africa and elsewhere. A daughter Bernadette now works for the Edmund Rice Foundation, and another daughter Elizabeth is a Nun teaching at the Australian Catholic University. - John Costa

Project Compassion is a vital part of our Lenten journey! Through it Caritas raises our awareness of needs in many parts of our world. Take a box or a set of envelopes to give much needed financial support to others in need. Join in the prayer each week as we hear stories of real people who have needs as well as hope.

- Project Compassion boxes and Lenten share packs are available in each church to take home for your use.
- There is a large Project Compassion box in each for contributions if you wish to use this option.

Archbishop Hart's Letter & Lenten Information:

Enclosed with in each parish newsletter is a copy of the Pastoral Letter for Lent 2011 by Archbishop Hart. Copies are available in each church of: Information of Parishioners Lent 2011 from the Vicar General, Bishop Les Tomlinson.

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 a nearby eating place for a 'catch-up' and chat. Buy or BYO food. Bookings or enquiries: cpiyouth@bigpond.com or Parish Website YPG page. A kind parishioner has generously donated an excellent Billiards / Snooker table to our Youth Groups .

Young Peoples Group (Juniors):

The first junior YPG event for 2011 on Sunday 13 March from 6.30 - 8.30pm 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 or Parish website YPG page.



March 30 - Outreach Bus Trip: Some aspects of this mystery bus trip will be of interest to both men and women. Everyone is welcome to join us. We need to have a significant number of bookings over the next ten days or this venture will have to be cancelled. The trip includes Morning Tea, 2 course-Lunch, entertainment and visit areas north of Melbourne which suffered during the bush fires 2 years ago. Call Sue, 9499 1485, Helen, 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120.

The Gospel of Matthew: - Rev. Chris Monaghan C.P. – Tuesday March 22nd 7:30 pm

In the Church at St Kevin's 26-44 Herlihy Rd Templestowe Lower 3107

By popular demand from the one hundred people present at the first talk, St Kevin's is hosting Fr Chris Monaghan for a second session on the Gospel of Matthew. This time he will reflect with us on how Matthew tells the story of Jesus and how Matthew's 'portrait' of Jesus differs from the picture painted in other Gospels. Another fascinating night is assured from this down to earth scholar. Please come along and learn some more about the Gospel that we are journeying with this year and how we can be drawn into it.

Special birthday celebration:

Ivanhoe parishioners are warmly invited to join Merle Gilbo for her 80th Birthday Afternoon Tea in Mary Immaculate Hall on Saturday 19th 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'.

Advance Notice: The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe Annual Dinner Dance:

The **Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe annual Dinner Dance** will be held on **Saturday 23 July 2011** at The Centre Ivanhoe. It is sure to be a great night so please consider organising your group table now to support your parish. Tickets on sale soon! Enquiries: Paul McEvey 0438 509 995 or paul.mcevey@gmail.com

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

Lenten Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2011:

Presenter: Rev Dr Robert Gribben. Theme: Major Trends and Changes in World Christianity. All lectures begin at 8pm. Fellowship and supper after each presentation at 9.10pm. Donation: Gold coin.

- Tuesday 29 March: East Ivanhoe Uniting Church, corner Maltravers & Lower Heidelberg Roads, Ivanhoe E.
- Tuesday 5 April: St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 12 April: Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

Yarra Deanery SIP: If God was on Facebook!! What riches the Young Offer the Church!?"

If we open our ears and hearts and listen, the young are aware and active and passionate about their faith, but where can we hear about this side of the young? Yarra SIP provides you with an opportunity to find out from two people who speak from personal experience and who accompany the young in their journey of faith: Michael McGirr, St Kevin's College Toorak and Mick Leonard, Mount St Joseph's Girl's College. Come and join them for an evening of discussion about the riches that the young really do offer the Church today and talk about how we can learn from young people and what we might do to help and encourage them.

At: Veneto Club Gondola Room (1st Floor), 191 Bulleen Road Bulleen 3105 (Melways 32D9)

Please Note: Forum begins at 8:00 pm. **Dinner Bookings:** 9850 7111 (10-4 Mon – Fri): ask for the bistro and make a booking for about 6:30 pm for the SIP forum date you want. **Cover charge: \$5/person.**

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 12 – 13 March 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

Reader

J. McCormack

Mass Coordinators

E. Kehoe

Counters

L. McInerney, M. Rocco

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

M. Hoban

Lector

V. O'Kane

Special Ministers

T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame

Altar Society: I. Chiera

Choir Coordinators: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,693.00 Loose cash: \$477.55 **Total: \$2,170.55**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 707.25**

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