



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 11

12 – 13 March 2011

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A

### Reflection:

The readings for the First Sunday of Lent act as a kind of overture to the entire season. They enable us to engage in a double confession: a confession of sin and the repentance which follows; and a confession of praise for the mercy of God which is shown us in spite of our sin.



The very first reading reminds us of our fragility. We are made of the dust of the ground, the very stuff that represents death and decay. We were reminded of this when ashes were used to sign us on Ash Wednesday. At the beginning of Lent we are invited to acknowledge honestly and realistically our fundamental human weakness.

Despite our weaknesses, the situation within which we find ourselves is not hopeless. Somewhere deep within ourselves we know that we are not helpless prisoners of our limitations. God has not deserted us to our guilt. The form that God's compassion takes is outlined in the reading from Romans. It is in the death and resurrection of Jesus that we see the extent of this divine compassion. Its scope is first measured by the yardstick of human sinfulness, and then it outstrips those dimensions. God's gracious gift far exceeds the effects of human transgression

The gospel reading moves us from both the anthropological and the theological considerations to the crowning Christological reflections. As we look to Jesus, we see humanity at its best, tempted but not overcome. There will certainly always be human limitations, human weaknesses that will open the door to temptation. But Jesus shows us that we are not thereby doomed. Jesus is a model for our own journey to new life.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

V. 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

V. 2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

V. 3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

V. 4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** We pray: Lord, let your mercy be on us.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

### **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 Mary Barden who died recently. We remember Mary McEvey, Len Ryan and Cesario La Penta whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



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

We welcome Laura Carwyn who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her family, 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 21<sup>st</sup> April.

#### **This Week's Readings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of 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**

#### **Saint and Feast Days:**

*Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Mar: St Maud*

*Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Mar: St Finnian*

*Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar: St Cyril of Jerusalem*

*Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Mar: St Louise de Marillac*

*Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Mar: St Patrick*

*Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar: St Joseph*

#### **Next Week's Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent: Year A**

**Genesis 12:1-4      Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22      2 Timothy 1:8-10      Matthew 17:1-9**

## **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

Saturday 12 March	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	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	<b>Stations of the Cross in Lent</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 19 March	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 21 March	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 22 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Year 1	St Bernadette's Church
Wednesday 23 March	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 23 March	8.00pm	Ford St Development Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 24 March	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Board	Mary Immaculate School
Friday 25 March	7.30pm	<b>Stations of the Cross in Lent</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 26 March	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette's Church

## **INFORMATION**

### **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.**

**INCLUSIVENESS**

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**SERVICE**

**MISSION**

### Lenten Penitential Services:

❖ Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	St Bernadette's	10.00am
❖ Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Mother of God	10.00am
❖ Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Mary Immaculate	7.30pm

**Lent begins on March 9<sup>th</sup>:** The Liturgy Group discussed 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.

**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:** Copies are available in each church of: Pastoral Letter for Lent 2011 by Archbishop Hart & Information of Parishioners Lent 2011 from Vicar General.



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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

**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'.

**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

**East Ivanhoe Auskick**

Sunday Mornings 9.30 - 11am starting Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> Chelsworth Park, Irvine Rd, East Ivanhoe  
To Register: Go to <http://www.aflauskick.com.au> Further information call Jo Carroll on 0438 559 006  
Auskick is also run on Saturday mornings at Ivanhoe and Friday night at Alphington if those times suit you better ! See website for all details.

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**Caritas Australia:** Caritas Australia invites you to a discussion led by Dr Bruno Miteyo, National Director of Caritas Congo on the terrible humanitarian crisis occurring in this resource-rich nation. 7.00-8.30pm Wednesday 16th March Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street East Melbourne (Corner of Albert and Lansdowne Streets - enter via Lansdowne Street Car Park.) Light refreshments from 6.30pm  
RSVP appreciated to: Margaret Fyfe csb: Email: margaretf@caritas.org.au or phone: 9926 5786

**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

**Yarra Deanery SIP: If God was on Facebook!! What riches the Young Offer the Church!'' Wed. 6 April**

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 (10am – 4pm 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 per person.**

**Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality:**

- Reflecting on the Call to Volunteer Saturday 9 April 9.30am – 3.00pm
  - Retreat: Searching for Peace Friday 1 - Sunday 3 April
  - Lenten Silent Retreat Monday 4 – Friday 8 April
- Campion Centre: 99 Studley Park Rd, Kew Phone: 9854 8110 Website: www.cis.jesuit.org.au

**Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Annual Mission Concert:**

The Annual Mission Concert will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Rd, Kew commencing at 2pm. Admission is free. A collection will be taken during the concert to assist Fr Ganaa in the diocese of Wa, Ghana. Please refer to flier on display boards in each church.

**Jesuit Social Services Annual Fundraising Dinner – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011:**

Guest Speaker: Fr Frank Brennan SJ. 7.00pm on Saturday 30 April at The Grand Ballroom, Sofitel Melbourne on Collins. Cost: \$150 per head. RSVP 13<sup>th</sup> April. 9427 7388. Email: betty.munkton@jss.org.au

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 19 – 20 March 2011**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

K. Gillespie

**Special Ministers**

E. Crawley, J. Gray

**MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

**Leader**

Ballao Family

**Reader**

**Mass Coordinators**

Ballao Family

**Counters**

T. Owens, S. & P. Kelly

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

P. Verrocchi

**Lector**

M. Hoban

**Special Ministers**

E. Brownstein, M A Darcy, J. Ellis

**Altar Society:** P. Caddy

**Choir Coordinators:** A. Pollard

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**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$1,680.10 Loose cash: \$524.30

**Total: \$2,204.40**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:**

**\$ 503.50**

