



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 13

26 – 27 March 2011

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A

Reflection:



All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the

Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

V. 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

V. 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

V. 3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Compassionate God: Hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him, says the Lord, will have a spring inside him, welling up for eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Jill Brophy, Bernadette Shepherdson, Catherine Hannan, Lois Kilkenny, Adam Greenwood, Jean Aver and Leonard Topp. We also remember all those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Elizabeth Clements who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Leroy Lalor, Zoe O'Connor and Lucy Boyd 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.

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions – Friday 1st April:

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.

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 - Thursday 21st April.

This Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent: Year A

Exodus 17:3-7 Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 28th Mar: St Sixtus III

Wed 30th Mar: St John Climacus

Fri. 1st April: St Celsus

Tues 29th Mar: St Rupert

Thurs 31st Mar: St Benjamin

Sat. 2nd April: St Francis of Paola

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent: Year A

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ps 22 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Tuesday 29 March	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Year 4,5,6	L St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 29 March	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lecture	E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church
Wednesday 30 March		Outreach Bus Outing	See newsletter item
Wednesday 30 March	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 1 April	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Yr 1	Mother of God Church
Friday 1 April		First Friday Devotions	
Friday 1 April	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross in Lent	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 2 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 3 April		Daylight Saving ends	
Sunday 3 April	6.00-8.30pm	YPG Juniors – Video & Pizza Night	Mary Immaculate Hall
Monday 4 April	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 5 April	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Year 1	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 5 April	2.30pm	First Reconciliation: MOG School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 5 April	6.30pm	First Reconciliation: St B School	St Bernadette's Church
Wednesday 6 April	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate School Prep, 5&6	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 6 April	12-3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	St B Community Centre
Thursday 7 April	11.30am	First Reconciliation: MI School	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 8 April		End of School Term 1	
Saturday 9 April	10.00am	Lenten Penitential Service	Mother of God Church
Sunday 10 April	6.00-8.30pm	YPG Seniors – Video & Pizza Night	Mary Immaculate Hall

INFORMATION

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

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Lenten Penitential Services:

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

First Reconciliations: During Lent children in each of our three Parish schools are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.



Daylight Saving ends next weekend - Sunday 3rd April:

Daylight saving finishes at 2am on Sunday 3rd April.

When daylight saving ends - turn clocks back an hour.

Holy Week Singing:

Two practices to give us a chance to learn / refresh the beautiful music we sing during the Easter Triduum: 7.30pm on Thursday 7th April and Thursday 14th April. Venues are to be confirmed.

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

Project Compassion:

Please take a box or a set of envelopes to give much needed financial support to others in need. Caritas raises an awareness of needs in many parts of our world. Fliers in each church provide the following information:

\$2 could provide plants to regenerate 10 sq m of deforested community land in Bolivia

\$10 could supply jerry cans for two families affected by a natural disaster in Samoa

\$50 could provide a 5-day community tourism training course for an indigenous person in Bolivia

\$100 could assist a person living with a disability in Vietnam to start a small business

- 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.

March 30 - Outreach Bus Trip: Unfortunately this trip has been cancelled due to lack of numbers attending



Lunch and Games Day - Wednesday, 6th April: The next Social Afternoon is on Wednesday 6th April from Noon – 3pm at St Bernadette's Community Centre. Everyone welcome – no charge. Please bring a **small** plate of something to share for lunch – Outreach Group

Thank you from Merle: A sincere thank you to everyone for helping me to celebrate my 'big' birthday. I'd very much like to contact you individually but I must accept the fact that such a process would be a marathon task. How lucky am I? I know things don't happen by magic! Those wonderful 'happenings on the 19th - and messages which reached me in other ways, needed generous hearts. I had a most memorable day. - Merle

Blessing of St Clement of Rome Church: An Invitation is extended to everyone to come to the Blessing of the refurbished Church of St Clement of Rome, Bulleen as part of the Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Denis Hart at 5.30pm on Saturday 2 April 2011 followed by Supper in the Clifton Centre. All are welcome.

Young Peoples' Groups:

Sunday 3 April: YPG Juniors – Video & Pizza Night from 6-8.30pm at Mary Immaculate Hall. Cost: \$8.00

Sunday 10 April: YPG Seniors – Video & Pizza Night from 6-8.30pm at Mary Immaculate Hall. Cost: \$8.00

Exodus Community: The Exodus Community has provided an invitation to join them for a night out to "CABARET" presented at 8.00pm on Saturday 9th April by the Catchment Players of Darebin at Banyule Theatre, Buckingham Drive, Heidelberg. Tickets: \$35.00. Confirm bookings as soon as possible (due date has just passed): Cheryl 9459 8397; Anne 9497 5153 or Jo 9850 7702.

All proceeds to support the work of the Exodus Community in West Heidelberg.

"I'm hoping to go. Would anyone like to join me?" - Merle



Newsletter notices, items and anniversaries need to be given to the Parish Office **no later than 5.00pm, Wednesday each week**. Notices received after this time will be placed in the following week's newsletter. Items can be left in the locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Contact details: phone 9499 1515, fax 9499 9959; or email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com

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

Michael McGirr, St Kevin's College Toorak and Mick Leonard, Mount St Joseph's Girl's College. Come and listen to 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 - 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.**

ANZAC Commemoration Services:



- **Commemoration Ceremony and Wreath-laying Service.** Sunday 17th April at 2.30pm. The march will begin from Ivanhoe Parade (adjacent Capricorn Ravel) and conclude at the Soldiers' Memorial at Studley Rd, Ivanhoe. After the ceremony, you are invited for refreshments and Afternoon Tea at the Ivanhoe RSL Club Rooms. Transport available for Disabled & Elderly Veterans. RSL Ivanhoe Sub-Branch: 9499 2051
- **ANZAC Commemoration Mass:** 8.00am on Monday 25th April, St Bernadette's Church

Volunteers Needed for Children's Reading Club in West Heidelberg:

The St Vincent de Paul Society provides an after school Reading Club, based at the St Pius X School, Heidelberg West. It runs from 3:30pm till 4:30pm each Tuesday of the school term. We are looking for volunteers to support the children with their reading. Grades 3 to 5 children who attend will be encouraged to enjoy books and develop a love of reading, in the process improving English and Social Skills. This is not intended as a remedial reading or tutoring program, rather we are encouraging a child's natural love of stories.

We are looking for people who enjoy reading and spending time with children who can give a couple of hours a week. If you are interested to know more please contact Kevin McMahon on 9435 0184.

15th Annual Passion Play will be held at Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster this Easter. Two performances only: Palm Sunday 17 April at 1.30pm and Good Friday 22 April at 10am. Details: www.passionplay.info

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 2 – 3 April 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

E. Jowett

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

J. Pidutti

Reader

B. Fitt

Mass Coordinators

J. & D. Jones

Counters

P. & H. Nguyen

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

A. Patterson

Special Ministers

M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. / P. De Silva

Altar Society: T. McCarthy

Choir Coordinators: J. O' Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,354.00 Loose cash: \$426.90 **Total: \$1,780.90**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 731.70**

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