



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 14

2 – 3 April 2011

4th SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A

Reflection:



Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ? © *Dianne Bergant CSA, Liturgical Commission, Brisbane 2011. Graphic: LabOra Liturgy & Worship 2011*

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

V. 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

V. 2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

V. 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

V. 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray: Lord that we might see.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord rubbed my eyes: I went away and washed; then I could see, and I believed in God.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Jill Brophy, Joe Rush, Bernadette Shepherdson, Catherine Hannan, Lois Kilkenny, Adam Greenwood and Leonard Topp. We also remember all those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Michelle Lunn, Kathleen Andrews and Jean Aver who have died recently. We also remember Tom Barry, Toni Borromeo, Gelsomina & Giuseppe Gentile, Franca & Enrico Torresi, Francesco & Anna Marta Calvisi, Giuseppe Montorio and Alfonzo Montorio whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Sebastian Heasly and Lachlan Fogarty 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.

<u>This Week’s Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent: Year A</u>			
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13	Ps 22	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
<i>Saint and Feast Days:</i>			
<i>Mon 4th April: St Isidore</i>		<i>Tues 5th April: St Vincent Ferrer</i>	
<i>Wed 6th April: St Celestine I</i>		<i>Thurs 7th April: St John Baptist de la Salle</i>	
<i>Fri. 8th April: St Julia Billart</i>		<i>Sat. 9th April: St Mary of Egypt</i>	
<u>Next Week’s Readings: 5th Sunday of Lent: Year A</u>			
Ezekiel 37:12-14	Ps 129	Romans 8:8-11	John 11:1-45

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 2 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 3 April	(3am)	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	2.30pm	First Reconciliation: MOG School	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 5 April	6.30pm	First Reconciliation: St B School	St Bernadette’s Church
Tuesday 5 April	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lenten Lecture	St George’s Anglican 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	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross in Lent	St Bernadette’s 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
Tuesday 12 April	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lenten Lecture	Mother of God Church
Friday 15 April	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross in Lent	St Bernadette’s Church
Saturday 16 April		St Bernadette’s Feast Day	
Saturday 16 April	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

INFORMATION

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.

Project Compassion 2011:

Please take a box or a set of envelopes to support Caritas which provides assistance and support to various programs for others in need many parts of our world. A large Project Compassion box is available in each church for individual contributions if you wish to use this option rather than boxes or envelopes.

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Lenten Penitential Services:

❖ Saturday 9 th April	Mother of God	10.00am
❖ Monday 18 th April	Mary Immaculate	7.30pm

Mass at St Bernadette's on Tuesday 5 April:

Please note: Mass will not be at 9.15am on Tuesday 5 April as there will be a Funeral Mass at 10.00am.

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.

Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Meal: Thursday 21st April at Ivanhoe Uniting Church
Tickets are available at Mary Immaculate Church. Ticket cost \$20 per person.

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 at Mother of God and Thursday 14th April.

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 5 April: St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 12 April: Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East



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

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



Congratulations: We congratulate Bill Dowling who celebrated his 90th birthday recently and wish him well on this momentous occasion. We thank Bill for his contributions to the parish.

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*

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

Easter Sunday Free Luncheon at St James Church, Ivanhoe:

Easter Day 24 April: 11.30am: Easter hymns & music in the church Lunch: 12.00 for 12.30pm
Free for Banyule city residents who will be on their own at Easter. This is a joint venture between St James Church with financial support from Banyule City Council. Lunch is in St James Parish Church Centre, 252 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. Fliers are in each church.

Bookings are essential before Friday 15 April – please contact Barbara Dixon 9457 4242



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 at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Contact details: phone 9499 1515, fax 9499 9959; or email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com

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

World Youth Day Sponsorship: (deadline: 7 pm Sunday April 10th 2011)

Are you planning to go to World Youth Day in Madrid in August 2011 but can't afford the pilgrimage costs or you would benefit from some extra support? The Yarra Deanery is offering to sponsor some young people for part of the cost of attending World Youth Day. The number and level of sponsorships will be at the sole discretion of the deanery. And you will need a willingness to share your WYD experience across the deanery. The number applications will be considered. Deadline for application is Sunday April 10th at 7 pm. Act fast!! If you're interested, contact the Parish Priest or Parish Office in your parish and provide your details and why you would benefit from sponsorship. Successful applicants will be advised by 13th April (prior to the deadline for final pilgrimage payments).

You must live within the bounds of the Yarra Deanery or regularly worship as part of a deanery parish. When applying, please provide details of yourself, why you are seeking sponsorship and how you might share your experience. Parishes of the Yarra Deanery: Bulleen, Doncaster, Doncaster East, Donvale, Heidelberg West Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Templestowe. Suburbs: Bellfield, Eaglemont, Ivanhoe East & West are within this area.

St Joseph's Carmelite Auxiliary: Screening of 'Mrs Carey's Concert' on Sunday 17 April, 6.30pm at Palace Balwyn Cinema with supper to follow. Tickets: \$25 Bookings before Thurs 7 April: Judy Gibbs 9836 6514

Annual St Joseph's Carmelite Auxiliary Retreat:

Monday 18 April from 10.30am - 3pm at the Carmelite Monastery, Kew. Father Terry Curtin will lead the Retreat, beginning with Mass. A light lunch will be served. Weather permitting we will be free to meditate / pray / discuss in the beautiful Monastery gardens. A donation on the day to cover costs is kindly requested.

Ivanhoe Makers Market: Third Saturday of the month: Saturday 16th April from 10.00am – 3.30pm at Banyule Arts Space, 14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe.

A Day of Reflection: Friday 13 May - Our Lady of Fatima. Spiritual Director - Fr Francis Merlino OFM Cap. Carmelite Monastery, 94 Stevenson Street, Kew. 10 - 3.15. Details: Donna 9850 2549, or Margaret 9853 1107

Centacare Gala Ball will celebrate 75 years of service to the community on Thursday 19th May at The Plaza Ballroom, 191 Collins St, Melbourne. 6.30 for 7pm. \$200 per person. Formal dress (with a touch of the 30's).

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

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 9 – 10 April 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Gray

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

K. Bator

Reader

C. Nguyen

Mass Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

B. Brownstein

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society:

I. Chiera

Choir Coordinators:

School Holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$1,697.10

Loose cash: \$657.50

Total: \$2,354.60

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 755.10

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