



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

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19 – 20 November 2011

CHRIST THE KING: YEAR A

Reflection:

The Roman Emperor Constantine was baptised in 337. He put it off for years. In the early Church Christians could only confess their sins once in their lives, so Constantine remained a catechumen until he was nearing the end. When he thought his death was imminent, and that he could probably sin no more, he asked for baptism, received Holy Communion and later confessed his sins. It was a watershed moment for the Church. In 313 Constantine declared that Christianity was to be the new state religion. No one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the Empire as trade, law, taxation and Roman culture had done. I think we should admit that this move has been a mixed blessing for the Church ever since.

On the positive side of the ledger it finally sealed the end of the persecution of the earliest Christians. The blood of the martyrs had been so eloquent that their witness caused even a few emperors to ask what sort of love would see so many followers be prepared to die for their beliefs. It also saw the Church become a significant player in shaping the values of society, especially in the West. There is no question that Christianity moderated, cultivated and humanised some of the worst Roman excesses.

On the cost side, the Church became very powerful very quickly. Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators. Churches took on the shape of the Roman basilicas, while the government of the Church mirrored that of the Empire. Our liturgy imported all sorts of practices that were popular in the Roman temples. Tragically, for the next few hundred years, conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No religious dissent or pluralism was tolerated. It's in this context that Islam arises against Imperial Christianity in the 6th Century.

It cannot surprise us that after Constantine's conversion the image of Christ the King becomes one of the most popular ones used in religious art. Up to this time the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was the most represented. After 313, however, Jesus is dressed in royal robes, with a crown, sceptre and orb. Mary is often presented in similar dress and starts to be called the Queen of Heaven.

The problem with all this is not that imperial language was now being used in reference to Jesus. He described himself as a King. The problem comes in how Christianity starts to forget that Jesus also pointed out that his kingdom was 'not of this world' and that his courtiers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Jesus' reign, and his courtiers, are of an altogether different order to that usually prized in worldly kingdoms.



That's why today's feast is so important. On the last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ our King to give our true allegiance to what really matters. Not ambition, greed, status and power, but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live. To the degree that we do this we are co-heirs to the Kingdom Jesus lived, died and was raised for, and we are witnesses to the real meaning of Christ's reign in our lives.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour; to him be glory and power for ever.**

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. **R.**

V. 2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **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 own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord, we pray: **May your kingdom come.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord will reign for ever and will give his people the gift of peace.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Baby Chiera-Hone, Patricia Robb, Frank Rocco, Sheila Ryan, Carmela Magrin, Beryl O'Keefe, Vito Micucci, Bev Horne, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember those who have died recently. We also remember Guido Chiminello whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Zoe Williams, Hamish Goodison and Luke Black 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 journey of faith.

Offertory Gifts: Sunday 20 November at Mary Immaculate Church: Patrick Lavery

This Week's Readings: Christ the King: Year A

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-36

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 21st November: Presentation of the Virgin Mary Tues 22nd November: St Cecilia
Wed 23rd November: St Columban Thurs 24th November: St Andrew Dung-Lac
Fri. 25th November: St Catherine of Alexandria Sat. 26th November: St James Alberione

Next Week's Readings: 1st Sunday of Advent: Year B

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8 Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 19 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 21 Nov	7.30pm	<u>Music Practice</u> for Mass 26 th November	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 21 Nov	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 22 Nov	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Year 1	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 22 Nov	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Advent Lecture	St George's Anglican
Tuesday 22 Nov	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 23 Nov	9.15am	Mass & MI School Prep, Years 1/2H & 1/2R	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 23 Nov	7.00pm	Reconciliation Gathering – Catechists	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 24 Nov	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Board	Mary Immaculate School
Saturday 26 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 26 Nov	6.30pm	Installation Mass: Fr Thang as Parish Priest	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 29 Nov	10.00am	Mass for Combined Parish Schools	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 29 Nov	7.00pm	Yarra Deanery Advent Gathering	St Clement of Rome, Bulleen
Tuesday 29 Nov	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Advent Lecture	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 30 Nov	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 1 December	7.00pm	Parish Finance Committee Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 2 December	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 1	Mother of God Church
Friday 2 December	10am & 4pm	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 3 December	10.00am	First Reconciliation – Catechist children	Mary Immaculate Church

INFORMATION

Exodus Community – House for Rent:

Two bedroom house for rent available till March 2012 in Southern Rd, Heidelberg West. All enquiries welcome. For further information please phone Brother Harry or Sister Sally 9457 7593.

Anima Christi: *This prayer from around 14th century is still widely used after receiving Holy Communion.*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, heal me.
Blood of Christ, fill me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. Good Jesus, hear me.
In your wounds shelter me. From turning away keep me.
From the evil one protect me. At the hour of my death call me.
Into your presence lead me to praise you with all my saints for ever and ever. Amen

Memorial Books:

Memorial books with the names of those who have gone before us are available in each of our churches for the month of November. The pages from all previous years are still there with past names and anniversaries. Feel free to add names of those who have died during the past year.



Communion under both kinds: Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds; for in this form, the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident, affirming that the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord.

Installation Mass of Fr Thang Vu as Parish Priest:

The Parish Community extends an invitation to all parishioners to attend the Installation Mass of Fr Thang Vu as Parish Priest which will be celebrated in the presence of Archbishop Hart next Saturday 26th November, 6.30pm in St Bernadette's Church. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the Cunningham Centre. For catering purposes it would be helpful to advise the Office of your attendance. Office hours: 9499 1515.

Music for the Mass of Installation of Fr. Thang:

Our first practice last Monday evening was so well attended! What a wonderful response and the basis for a great celebration. The second practice will be this Monday 21st November at 7.30pm at St. Bernadette's. If you came last week, do come again if you can. If you couldn't make it last week, you are most welcome to still join in.

Assistance for cleaning requested for Saturday 26th November:

Volunteers are needed to assist cleaning the Cunningham Centre following the function next Saturday evening – 26th November to celebrate the installation of Fr. Thang as the new Parish Priest of Ivanhoe. Anyone able to assist with this request is invited to contact Sue Moorhen on 0418 595 249 ASAP.

Advent Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2011:

Lectures begin: 8pm. Supper will follow each presentation at 9.15pm. Donation: Gold coin

- Tuesday 22 Nov: **The Impossible Possibility – A Crucified God**
- St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 29 Nov: **More than a Happy Ending – Jesus is raised from the Dead**
- Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

Exodus Community Film & Luncheon: We are having a morning film-fund-raiser "Ides of March" on Thursday 24th November at 11am at Balwyn Cinema, 231 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn followed by a Basket Lunch. **Cost:** \$20. The Basket luncheon will be served at the conclusion of the film in the foyer of theatre.

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee: Friday 25th November at 10.00am, 10 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe.
Finale for 2011 – It's time to sing those lovely carols and support this caring "Home from Home".

Working Bee at Mother of God Church: On Saturday 26th November the Mother of God Church Gardens Working Bee will take place. Registration and further details please phone Andrew Tosolini 0421 639 501.

Help still wanted!! Yes, the Mary Immaculate community still needs help with simple but important tasks:

- Could you, alone (or with a friend) take a turn once a month in arranging some flowers in the church? Mostly just the one vase and, if necessary, flowers can be obtained from a florist!!
- Different, but equally important, counting the money after 9 am Mass....about once in six weeks.

To talk about either of these possibilities, catch me when you see me, phone me on 9497 1691 or email: merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

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Christmas Cards and Calendars:

Cards and calendars are available in each church. Containers are provided for purchase costs.

- Christmas Cards are from St Vincent de Paul. Cost: **\$6** for a packet of 10 cards
- Columban Calendars 2012 Cost: **\$7** each.

Outreach Christmas Lunch:

Wednesday, December 14 at 12.30pm Christmas lunch at Yarra Valley

Country Club. \$17 for 3 course lunch. Don't forget to bring a Kris Kringle gift to the value of \$5.

Pay on the day but you must book with one of the following people by Wednesday 30 November.

Please contact Helen 9499 7793, Sue 9499 1485, or Eileen 9499 7120 for booking and transport assistance.

From our Parish Schools:

- Sincere thanks to all parishioners and families for their donations of Coles and Woolworths vouchers to Mary Immaculate Primary School. The promotions are now finished and we are looking forward to receiving teaching resources and sports equipment for our students. Many thanks for your generosity.
- By mentioning that you are a family from Mother of God School before your items go through the checkout, the school will benefit from the generous people at Foodworks, East Ivanhoe - the more families who support Foodworks, the higher contributions to the school; as well as supporting our local shopkeepers. (Foodworks East Ivanhoe has also offered support to other local community groups)

Social Justice in the City Series: Asylum Seeker Policy: What Matters?

You are invited to this discussion on Wednesday 30 November, 12 noon at St Francis Church Pastoral Centre, Corner Lonsdale & Elizabeth Sts, Melbourne. St Francis Conference Melbourne & St Francis Church, present keynote speaker - Fr Andy Hamilton - a Jesuit priest who writes regularly for Eureka Street on asylum seekers. He is also a Chaplain at the Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre. Details: Paula: 9895 5800

Lourdes Day Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart – All Welcome!

St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 3 December, 10:30am

Presented by the Order of Malta.

Gift bag for all attendees includes a bottle of Lourdes Water, Rosary Beads & more. Information: 9926 5760

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 26 – 27 November 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

P. Callahan

Reader

B. Fitt

Coordinators

J. & D. Jones

Counters

S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

V. O'Kane

Lector

T. Barker

Special Ministers

E. Brownstein, M A Darcy, J. Ellis

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinators: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,888.00	Loose cash: \$645.95	Total: \$2,533.95
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$1,009.90

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