



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 49

4 - 5 December 2010

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A

### Reflection:



Every age has its dreamers, men and women who can cut through the realities of everyday life and envisage a different world: like Martin Luther King:

*'I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, and the rough places will be made plains, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.*

*And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all God's children, black and white, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing the words of that old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty, we are free at last!'*

Today's readings present two more dreamers, Isaiah and John the Baptist. Both focus our attention on a third dreamer, Jesus of Nazareth.

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### **Please note: Leaving Collections at Masses in each church next weekend**

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections in each church next weekend for Melbourne Overseas Missions. Please see notice in newsletter.

### **The lighting of the second Advent candle:**

Today we again light the candle that was lit for the first time last week.

The lighting of the second candle tells us that we are a little closer to Christmas.

Today, in the Gospel, we hear the voice of John the Baptist crying out: 'Prepare a way for the Lord'. Do we hear this as a challenge to prepare a welcome for those who come into our lives, offering them the acceptance and the **hospitality** for which every human heart longs? **O come, O come Emmanuel.**



### **THE WORD**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

V. 1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,

That he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

V. 2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

V. 3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

V. 4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** With Mary we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

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## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Mike McGuire, Olga Trevan, Sue Gill, Erin Toomey and Ken Owen. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Rosemary Morrissey, Veronica Kelsey and Robert Selvam who have died recently. We also remember Michael Doyle, Steve Berthelot and Bonnie Ryan whose anniversaries occur at this time, and the two month anniversary of Cam Nastasi. May they rest in peace.



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

We welcome Deana-Lea Vink 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.

### **This Week's Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent: Year A**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

**Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17**

**Romans 15:4-9**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

#### *Saint and Feast Days:*

*Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: St Nicholas*

*Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Immaculate Conception*

*Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: St John Roberts*

*Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: St Ambrose*

*Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: St Cyrus*

*Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: St Damasus*

### **Next Week's Readings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent: Year A**

**Isaiah 35:1-6, 10**

**Psalm 145:6-10**

**James 5:7-10**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 4 Dec	10.00am	<b>Advent Penitential Service</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 5 December	5.00pm	<b>Mass &amp; Young Peoples' Group</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 5 December	6.00pm	Young Peoples' Group – end of year activity	Mary Immaculate Hall
Sunday 5 December	6.00pm	Parish Gathering – end of year	Parish Office Courtyard
Monday 6 December	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grs 4 & 5	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 6 December	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	
Tuesday 7 December	8.00pm	Advent Richard McKinney Lecture	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 8 Dec		<b>Feast of Mary Immaculate</b>	
Wednesday 8 Dec	10.30am	Mass of Anointing & Blessing	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 8 Dec	7.00pm	Yarra Deanery Prayer on the Piazza	St Clement's, Bulleen
Wednesday 8 Dec	7.30pm	<b>Advent Reflection Gathering</b>	Mother of God Church
Thursday 9 Dec		MOG School Carols Night	MOG School (Church)
Friday 10 December	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School	Mother of God Church
Saturday 11 Dec	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation &amp; Catechist children</b>	Mother of God Church
Monday 13 Dec	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grs 2 & 3	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 14 Dec	7.30pm	<b>Advent Penitential Service</b>	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 14 Dec	6.30pm	MI School Carols & Graduation	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 14 Dec	6.30pm	St B School Carols & Graduation	St Bernadette's Church
Wednesday 15 Dec	6-7.30pm	Mother of God School Graduation	Mother of God Church
Thursday 16 Dec	11.00am	<b>Advent Reflection Gathering</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 18 Dec	10.00am	<b>Advent Penitential Service</b>	St Bernadette's Church

## INFORMATION

**Petition regarding Marriage:** Your attention is drawn to a petition to our local Federal Government member regarding marriage which has been prepared by the Archdiocese following a motion in the House of Representatives on 15 November 2010. "This house calls on all parliamentarians, consistent with their duties as representatives, to gauge their constituents' views on ways to achieve equal treatment for same sex couples including marriage." Please read the petition and sign if you wish. Alternatively you might wish to write to the local MLA, Jenny Macklin MP with your views.

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### Advent Liturgies:

- ❖ **Mass of Anointing** 10.30am Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December Mary Immaculate Church
- ❖ **Advent Penitential Services:** 7.30pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Mother of God Church
- 10.00am Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December St Bernadette's Church

### Advent Reflection Gatherings: More information from Amanda - Parish Office 9499 1515

- ◆ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: **“Of all that is ...” Prayer and reflection on ‘the visible and the invisible’.**  
7.30 - 8.30 pm at Mother of God Church
- ◆ Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December: **Prepare a way...” Discussion and prayer around the Advent readings.**  
11am - 12 noon at Mary Immaculate Church



**Congratulations:** We congratulate Teresa O'Donnell of Dudley St, Ivanhoe who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 1<sup>st</sup> December and wish her well on this momentous occasion. Teresa is a regular at the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's.

### Thank you to the following for their generous and ongoing support to the Parish at a variety of levels:

- East Ivanhoe Dry Cleaners for cleaning priestly albs and robes, as well as parish linen and altar cloths.
- Libby Gleeson, & family, who have made and donated Rosaries given for Baptisms in our parish over the past few years, as well as donating material and sewing linen purifiers for one of our churches recently.

### Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal 11 – 12<sup>th</sup> December:

Next week there will be Leaving Collections in each church for the Melbourne Overseas Mission whose current and major beneficiaries are Papua New Guinea, Timor, Sierra Leone, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Haiti and Peru. Archbishop Denis Hart commends this fund for your generous and ongoing support.

### Advent Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2010:

- Tuesday 7 Dec: **The Challenge of the Great Commission (Mt 28)** - Mother of God Church.  
Lecture begin at 8pm. Supper is available in the foyer after the presentation. Gold coin donation.

### Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe "Youth Mass for Everyone":

We welcome all who have gathered for the 'Youth Mass for Everyone' at 5pm on Sunday 5 December. We thank all who have prepared and participated in this celebration of the Eucharist. After Mass, there is a YPG gathering for meal and activities in the Mary Immaculate Church Hall in Waverley Ave.

**Parish Gathering – 5 December at Mary Immaculate Church:** All parishioners are invited and welcome to attend the Parish Gathering: 6.00pm in courtyard at the Parish Office. BYO nibbles and drinks

### Wanted by St Vincent de Paul Society, Ivanhoe:

Cot and high chair for toddler is required as soon as possible. Please contact Joseph 9495 1109

**Parish Playgroup Enrolments:** The Parish Playgroups gather on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9-11am in Mary Immaculate Hall, Ivanhoe. If you are interested in joining our fun and friendly playgroup, enrolments are now being taken. For more information please contact Liz Shearer 9499 1239

**Christmas Brunch** is available on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December after the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God. All parishioners from the three churches are invited and are most welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share.

### Christmas Choir Practices at Mother of God:

Thursdays 9, 16, and 23 December 7.30 – 8.30pm All are invited and welcome.  
Mother of God Church

**Thanksgiving Envelopes 2 January – 26 June 2011** are available for collection in each church.

**Mary Immaculate – in Street order**

**Mother of God & St Bernadette's – in alphabetical order.**

Please feel free to deliver envelopes to those who are nearby or unable to collect them personally. If you wish to contribute to the Parish via Thanksgiving envelopes, Credit Cards or Direct Debit please refer to contact details below.

If circumstances have changed, you are either unable or no longer wish to contribute please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible.** The Parish Office **needs personal contact made** using one of the options below so that we can respond to and respect your wishes; and thus not mail envelopes that are no longer required. Contact details: **Phone:** 9499 1515; **mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079, **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com – Ruth

**From Amanda:** Many people volunteer their time to keep our churches open and welcoming. This week I'd like to, on behalf of the whole Parish, thank those who do maintenance, who attend working bees, who open and close the churches, those who set up and tidy afterwards, who do linen and flowers, and many other regular tasks. Thank you. - **Amanda Smith, Pastoral Associate**

**Yarra Deanery Prayer on the Piazza:** Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:00 pm at St. Clement of Rome, Egan Drive, Bulleen  
Join the eight Parishes of the Yarra Deanery for a moment away from the normal rush as Christmas approaches. Programme: 7:00 pm: Gather & Prayer on the Piazza; 7:45 pm Food; and Finish 9:30 pm.

**House cleaning:** Reasonable rates and casual hours. References are available. Bronwyn 9499 5134

**Collection for St Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Hampers:** During Advent, our Parish will collect **Non-Perishable** foods for St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers which will be distributed to needy members of our community. Donations can be placed in the boxes in church foyers over the weeks of Advent. St Vincent de Paul envelopes are also available for cash contributions. Envelopes may be returned to the Parish Office or placed in Poor Boxes which are locked for security. Thank you – St Vincent de Paul Conferences

**Outreach Reminders for your Diary:**

1. Mass of Anointing at 10.30am at Mary Immaculate Church on December 8.  
Morning Tea will be served in Parish Meeting Room at Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe
2. Our end of year Christmas Lunch has been booked for Monday, December 13 at the Yarra Valley Country Club, Bulleen Rd, Bulleen. \$20 pp for a 3 course Christmas lunch. Please bring KK gift to value \$5.00.

**Bookings close Friday 3 December** Contact: Helen 9499 7793, Sue 9499 1485 or Eileen 9499 7120.

**2011 - The New Mass Translation: Ivanhoe plan for implementing changes.**

Postcards are available about the Revised Roman Missal. This new translation of the Mass will be phased in during 2011. The actual Mass is not changing – the familiar pattern of the Mass is exactly the same - what is changing is some of the words – the original Latin text has been re-translated to be more accurate.

Ivanhoe will be using the revised “People’s Part” – which is not a lot of changes – starting at Pentecost.

No changes will be used in Ivanhoe Masses before Pentecost.

Choir and music rehearsals will start straight after Easter.

The Parish schools will start learning the new responses in Term 2.

We will be having information sessions:

- 1) At a local Church level (we are planning four sessions at each Church, some in Lent, some after Easter – DVD presentation at Mass & discussion afterwards)
- 2) With the Deanery and led by the Archdiocese facilitators – this will be on Saturday morning 26<sup>th</sup> February 2011 – one for your diary!

We look forward to sharing more information about the new translation which I believe has a lot to offer.

More information at the website [www.evangelisation.org/missal](http://www.evangelisation.org/missal) or you can contact me at the Parish Office.

- **Amanda Smith – Pastoral Associate, on behalf of Fr. John & Liturgy Group**

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 11 – 12 December 2010**

**ST. BERNADETTE’S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

C. Dixon

**Special Ministers**

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

**MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

**Leader**

Ballao family

**Reader**

M. Kascamanidis

**Mass Coordinators**

Ballao family

**Counters**

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

Sunday 5.00pm

P. Overton

M. Kascamanidis P. Boutsakis

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

J. Taylor

**Lector**

R. White

**Special Ministers**

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

**Altar Society:** P. Caddy

**Choir Coordinator:** A. Pollard

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**COLLECTIONS:**

**Thanksgiving - \$1,647.05**

**Presbytery – \$1,519.05**

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