

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

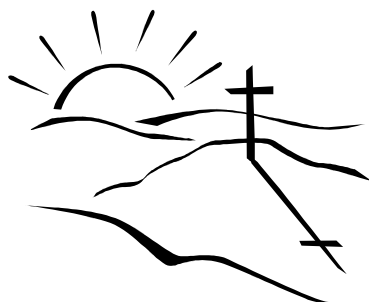
Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 50

11 - 12 December 2010

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A

Reflection:



Today's readings offer a different set of signs to identify the Messiah.

These signs proclaim wholeness for what is broken, life for what is dead and hope for those who despair. How different these are from the glitzy commercialism that proclaims consumption, greed and excess.

The Advent characters we meet in the readings: the prophets (Jeremiah, Baruch, Zachariah and Micah), John the Baptist and Mary were all people who were willing to let God into their lives. They were able to see God in the ordinary events of life.

In Advent we remember, we anticipate and we celebrate.

We remember what happened in the past when God entered our world.

We anticipate the anniversary of Jesus' birth and that other Day when he will come again.

We celebrate the transformations in human history and human lives that God works day after day.

'The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.'

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Please note: Collectors needed for Leaving Collections at Masses in each church

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



The lighting of the third Advent candle:

Today's candle is rose – joyful relief from the penitential purple – signalling that 'the time' is near. When the people asked John the Baptist what they should do, he answers simply – act justly, share with those who are hungry, clothe those who have no tunic.

May we remember what we mean when we say we want to be a community who offers loving **service** to the sick, the lonely, the neglected, the ignored, the newcomers, the very young and the very old. O come, O come Emmanuel.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, come and save us.

V. 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

V. 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,

The Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and the orphan. **R.**

V. 3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the anxious: be strong and fear not, our God will come to save us.

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PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

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

We remember those who have died recently. We also remember Joan Tobin and Lucia Sartori whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

First Reconciliations:

We welcome children from the parish who celebrated their First Reconciliation at Mother of God Church this Saturday 11th December. We thank the children and their families for their support and participation in both the preparation and celebration of this sacrament, another step in their ongoing faith journey.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Emma Doyle and Matthew Doyle who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their 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: 3rd Sunday in Advent: Year A

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Psalms 145:6-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 13th Dec: St Lucy

Wed 15th Dec: St Valerian

Fri. 17th Dec: St Olympias

Tues 14th Dec: St John of the Cross

Thurs 16th Dec: St Adelaide

Sat. 18th Dec: St Flannan

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday in Advent: Year A

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalms 23:1-6

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 11 Dec	10.00am	Reconciliation & Catechist children	Mother of God Church
Monday 13 Dec	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Yrs 2 & 3	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 13 Dec	12.00pm	Outreach Christmas Lunch	Yarra Valley Country Club
Tuesday 14 Dec	7.30pm	Advent Penitential Service	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	Advent Reflection Gathering	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 18 Dec	10.00am	Advent Penitential Service	St Bernadette's Church

INFORMATION

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. 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 26th 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 or you can contact me at the Parish Office. - Amanda Smith – Pastoral Associate, on behalf of Fr. John & Liturgy Group

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Advent Penitential Services: 7.30pm Tuesday 14th December Mother of God Church
10.00am Saturday 18th December St Bernadette's Church

Advent Reflection Gathering - Thursday 16th December:

"Prepare a way..." Discussion and prayer around the Advent readings 11am - 12 noon, Mary Immac. Church

Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal 11 – 12th December:

This week there are Leaving Collections in each church for the Melbourne Overseas Mission whose current 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.

5.00pm Mass at Mary Immaculate:

After Sunday 19 December there will be no 5.00pm Mass for the holiday period and until further notice.

Outreach invitation for Christmas Lunch - Monday 13 December:



We will meet at the Yarra Valley Country Club, Bulleen Road, Bulleen at **Midday for 12.30pm.** If you haven't paid your \$20 please see us at Mass. Don't forget to bring your KK gift (to value \$5.00). We look forward to enjoying good company, good food and celebrating another good year. - Sue, Helen and Eileen. (Helen 9499 7793, Sue 9499 1485 or Eileen 9499 7120)

Christmas Brunch is available on Sunday 12th 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.

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

Christmas Choir Practices at Mother of God:

Thursdays 16 and 23 December 7.30 – 8.30pm

All are invited and welcome.

Mother of God Church

Working Bee - A Big Thankyou:

We wish to thank all those who gave of their precious time on Saturday 27th November, and last Saturday morning 4th December to load up two 2 x 2m² skips with all the garden waste that had been cut back, pruned and collected the previous Saturday. After first trying for a working bee on Saturday 23rd October and getting rained out, we were finally successful and managed to prune, weed and cut back some of the prolific garden growth there's been this Spring, courtesy of the wet weather!

Thank you to all those generous parishioners across the three church communities who help maintain and enhance our Parish assets in this essential and practical way. Working together like this fosters our identity as the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe. For this time, special thanks to Eugene Ballao, Pat and Sue Kelly, John Costa, Michael Rocco, Merle Gilbo, Pia Boutsakis, Wolfram, Deirdre Ragless, and Bill Kascamanidis.

From Amanda: Preparing the Way

The Parish and each of our church communities have a core of volunteers working in the various ministries and tasks that are needed to keep the Church running. This group is steadily getting smaller in numbers.

As we spend time in Advent thinking about preparing the way to receive the Good News of Christ's birth, let's also spend time thinking about next year in our Parish. Can we do more to help? Can we encourage someone who is no longer participating, to return? In particular, can we get involved in the ministries of Baptism Preparation and Children's Liturgy? Or maybe there's another area you are interested in. Please think about this over Christmas and contact the Parish Office in the New Year. The Parish needs your active support.

- **Amanda Smith, Pastoral Associate**

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

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

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

Christmas Lunch – A joint venture with St James Church, Ivanhoe and Volunteers of Banyule: Banyule residents are invited to Christmas Dinner at St James Anglican Church at 12.00pm on Christmas Day with Carols sung in the church at 11.00am. Bookings need to be made before 21st December. Transport can be arranged at time of booking. Please contact: Pat Griffith 9499 1304

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 available for cash contributions. - St Vincent de Paul Conferences

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2010

Christmas Eve

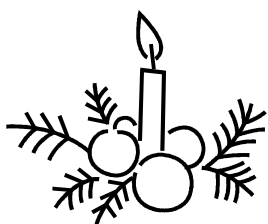
Friday 24th December:

Family Masses

6.30pm	St Bernadette's
7.30pm	Mary Immaculate
7.30pm	Mother of God (Carols from 7.00pm)

Later Masses

9.00pm	St Bernadette's – Korean / English Mass
10.00pm	Mary Immaculate (carols from 9.45pm)



Christmas Day

Saturday 25th December:

Morning Masses

9.00am	Mary Immaculate
9.00am	St Bernadette's
10.30am	Mother of God
11.00am	St Bernadette's - Korean / English Mass

**** No Evening Mass on Christmas Day



There will be a Leaving Collection at the end of each Christmas Mass in each church to support the work of the Olympic Village Exodus Community. We thank all parishioners for their contributions and generosity.

<u>Sunday 26th December:</u>	9.00am	Mary Immaculate	9.00am	St Bernadette's
	10.30am	Mother of God	11.00am	St Bernadette's - Korean

NEW YEAR 2011

New Year's Eve	Friday 31st December:	9.15am	Mother of God
New Year's Day	Saturday 1st January:	11.00am	St Bernadette's – Korean Community
		6.30pm	St Bernadette's

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 18 – 19 December 2010

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm	Lector	K. Gillespie	Special Ministers	E. Crawley, J. Gray
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MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am	Leader	P. Callahan	Reader	P. Carlin	Mass Coordinators	J. & D. Jones	Counters	L. McInerney, M. Rocco
Sunday 5.00pm		B. Beriman		M. Blakeman		R. Villani		

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan	P. Verrocchi	Lector	J. Curry	Special Ministers	C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera
	Altar Society:	T. McCarthy		Choir Coordinator:	J. O'Brien	

COLLECTIONS:	Thanksgiving - \$2,191.00	Presbytery – \$1,223.05
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