

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 51

18 - 19 December 2010

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A

### Reflection:



The Christmas rush is accelerating – only five more shopping days to Christmas! Time is running out for choosing last minute gifts.

If we were charged with choosing someone to be the mother of God we would hardly have chosen someone like Mary. She is Jewish, a woman, pregnant, unmarried and poor. Yet of her it is said, 'Blessed are you among women.' Because she received the word of God in a spirit of openness and obedience, God could do great things in her. Obviously, God's ways are not our ways.

God has promised not merely to visit, but to remain with us. 'Emmanuel' means 'God-is-with-us'. Because God is with us we can trust that there is greatness in our smallness and, like Joseph, we can dream impossible dreams.

What impossible dreams can be imagined?

In what ways is God with us?

In what ways are God's way not our ways?

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### The lighting of the Fourth Advent candle:

Mary's time of waiting – and ours – has nearly reached its end.

As we light the fourth candle, we remind ourselves that Jesus' birth in time was the beginning of his **mission** – a **mission** he calls us to share – to be the loving presence of God in our world. O come, O come Emmanuel.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

V. 1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

V. 2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**

V. 3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us. Alleluia!

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

### **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 Jack Biviano, Giuseppe Cincotta, Cuono Biviano and Giovanni Sansone whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

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

We welcome Delia and Angus Mitchell 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: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent: Year A**

**Isaiah 7:10-14**

**Psalm 23:1-6**

**Romans 1:1-7**

**Matthew 1:18-24**

#### *Saint and Feast Days:*

*Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: St Fachanan*

*Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: St Flavianus*

*Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Eve*

*Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Dec: St Peter Canisius*

*Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: St John of Kanty*

*Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: The Nativity of the Lord*

### **Next Week's Readings: The Holy Family: Year A**

**Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14**

**Psalm 127:1-5**

**Colossians 3:12-21**

**Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

## **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

Saturday 18 Dec

10.00am

**Advent Penitential Service**

St Bernadette's Church

**Please refer to Parish Newsletter for Mass Times 24 December 2010 – 1 January 2011**

***Please note: After Sunday 19 December there will be no 5pm Mass at Mary Immaculate Church***

## **INFORMATION**

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

Postcards are available in each church about the Revised Roman Missal. The 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 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**

### **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

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### 5.00pm Masses at Mary Immaculate

There will be no 5.00pm Masses at Mary Immaculate Church after 19 December until further notice

#### Other Possibilities:

5.00pm	St. Gregory's	Manningham Rd, Doncaster
5.00pm	St John's	Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill
6.00pm	St. John's	Cape St, Heidelberg
6.00pm	Ss. Peter and Paul	Leeds St. East Doncaster

#### Communion Services at Mother of God Church:

There will be no Communion Services from Monday 20 December until Tuesday 1 February 2011

**Christmas Choir Practice-Mother of God:** Thursday 23 December 7.30 – 8.30pm at Mother of God Church

**Collection for St Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Hampers:** During Advent, our Parish is collecting 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 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 21<sup>st</sup> December. Transport can be arranged at time of booking. Please contact: Pat Griffith 9499 1304

**From Amanda:** This week and next, children in each of the three Church communities are gathering to practise their roles in telling the story of the birth of Jesus. Nativity Plays will be presented at the Christmas Eve Family Masses at each of the Parish Churches. I have had the privilege of seeing some of the children practising and I am now even more looking forward to Christmas! - **Amanda Smith, Pastoral Associate**

**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 MASSES 2010

#### Christmas Eve

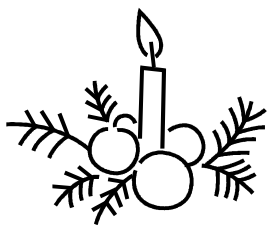
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December:**

##### *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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

#### **NEW YEAR 2011**

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

### **Christmas gifts:**

At this time of the year, giving can take many forms such as sending Christmas cards, making contact with others via phone calls or letters, as well as the giving of individual, family or group gifts. We as a parish have chosen to provide assistance to those in need through hampers delivered by our St Vincent de Paul Conference, and Leaving Collections at each Christmas Mass for the Exodus Community in Heidelberg.

Another form of giving is purchasing gifts and vouchers through charitable organisations such as Caritas, World Vision, Mercy Ships, Oxfam ... which provides assistance to those beyond our local shores.

- Caritas offers 'Global Gifts of Life' which provides assistance with food and water security, disaster relief and health programs, as well as wide range of Christmas gift vouchers 'Global Gifts'. Choosing a *Gift of Life* can make a real difference to people in need and their respective communities. Further information, details and orders are available on the Caritas website: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)
- At the local level, proceeds from Alan Pollard's CD 'If You Listen' are being donated to Caritas. *If You Listen*, which features the music of Irish priest/composer Liam Lawton, is still available for purchase at a cost of \$20. Please refer to Merle at Mary Immaculate, Alan at Mother of God and Margaret Rush at St Bernadette's.

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

### **Mary Mackillop DVD's:**

Commemorative DVD of Melbourne celebrations of 17 October and 6 November 2010 marking the canonisation of Mary MacKillop is available from Central Catholic Bookshop - call 9639 0844.

### **Xavier Scholarships:**

Xavier is offering a range of scholarships for students entering Years 7, 9 and 11 in 2012. The closing date for applications is 4 February 2011. For registration and information contact The Registrar, Mrs Di Odgers at Xavier 9854 5307 or refer to Xavier website: [www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships).

### **From Catholic Social Services Victoria:**

Catholic Social Services have provided information concerning the importance of measures to protect the 150,000 Australians who have gambling problems. Catholic Social Services inform us that measures can be taken in relation to poker machines such as setting limits on each button push and banning Automatic Teller Machines at gambling venues; as well as limiting on-line betting which encourages over-expenditure.

Catholic Social Services have provided cards which are available in each church that can be sent, or letters written, to The Hon Julia Gillard MP, Prime Minister, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600 so that voices can be heard on these issues in order to protect the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised

### **Catholic Archdiocese – The Melbourne Response:**

The Archdiocese has provided parishes with copies of their latest brochure concerning Sexual & Other Abuse. The brochure provides updated information concerning help available, accessing the Melbourne Response and other contact details. Brochures are also available at the Parish Office.

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## **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 25 – 26 December 2010**

### **ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

**Special Ministers**

*Readers and Special Ministers will be contacted*

### **MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

Sunday 5.00pm

**Leader**

**Reader**

**Mass Coordinators**

**Counters**

S. & P. Kelly

T. Owens, S. & P. Kelly

### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

**Lector**

**Special Ministers**

*By arrangement*

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**Altar Society:**

**Choir Coordinators:** Christmas Eve: J. O'Brien & I. Chiera

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### **COLLECTIONS:**

**Thanksgiving - \$1,680.00**

**Presbytery – \$1,244.55**

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