



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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THE HOLY FAMILY: YEAR A



All of the major themes found in today's readings highlight the relational character of family life. ... Paul directs our attention to the manner of relational living to which we are summoned as members of the family of God, a manner of living that flows from the bond of perfection that unites us. The gospel narrative paints a picture of a family that follows the directives of God.

So much has been said recently about family values. But what exactly are they? The specifics of family customs and roles played within the family may be culture-bound, but it seems that the values out of which they emerge and that inform them are not. They include mutuality, respect and service between wives and husbands, between parents and children, and between the young and the old.

Mutuality, respect and service become characteristics of the Church or the ecclesial family as well. What binds the family of God together are virtues that are as relational as are the ties that bind the members of the natural family together. It may be more challenging to live out these values within the church, for those who are called to put on Christ, bearing with one another in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience must relate in this way with people who may be strangers.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem, where they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

V. 1 O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

V. 2 Your wife is like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;

Your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

V. 3 Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Loving God: **Hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among men.**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all who are in need of prayer at this time. We pray for those who are ill in spirit, mind or body, and for those who love and care for them.

We remember Kerry Carroll who died recently and Dorothy Hancock who died during the year. We also remember Luigi Danza, Chiara and Antonio Lombardi whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community: We welcome Nicola Bresciano who is being baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe. 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.

Masses for 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

Weekends: **Saturday:** 6.30pm St Bernadette's **Sunday:** 9am Mary Immaculate & 10.30am Mother of God

Parish Office: The Office will be attended at different intervals from 27 – 31 December as I will be on leave. **Phone messages, urgent or otherwise**, may be left at **9499 5440** or **9499 1515**. Notices such as deaths, anniversaries and prayers for the sick will be noted and where possible included as part of Prayers of the Faithful within Mass. They can be included in the newsletter weekend of 8 - 9 Jan 2011 if wished. - Ruth

From Amanda: Tuesday 28th is Holy Innocents Day when we remember the young children killed by Herod in his attempt to eliminate the new born Prince. We also remember and pray for all children in the world who are not living in safety or with enough food and shelter. - **Amanda Smith, Pastoral Associate**

2010 Report from Chris Dixon, Chair, Pastoral Leadership Team:

2010 has certainly been a big year in the life of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe. As well as continuing with the “ordinary” activities of the Parish we have had a number of extra-ordinary events this year, including:

- 2010 marked the 70th anniversary of the creation of the first Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe.
- The retirement mid-year of Fr. Len Thomas after over 11 years with the Ivanhoe Cluster and amalgamated Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe.
- The final year of Fr. John Cunningham’s 10 years as the Parish Priest.
- Major building projects completed or well underway at each of our 3 Parish Primary Schools.
- Publication of the long-awaited History of the Parish.
- Commencement of serious planning for the Retirement Accommodation at the Ford St. site of the Tennis Club, which ceased after over 50 years of sterling service to the Community.

The so-called ordinary Parish activities were undertaken through the co-operation, hard work and skills of all staff and volunteers in the Church and school communities. In conclusion, we need to acknowledge with gratitude the magnificent and unique efforts and talents of the 2 priests finishing up with 10 years plus service each to our community.

Fr. Len has kept us challenged, entertained and focussed on a wider role for us in our community, while providing support to so many people. Fr. John has led and supported us through a hectic decade of enormous change, not without its share of challenges.

Fr. John will be remembered for much including his sometimes contrary outlook, but in particular, his pastoral care to the children of our schools visiting 20 classrooms nearly every school week, and his pastoral care with the terminally ill. Without doubt the one-to-one relationships he developed with people in their sickness have been of enormous comfort to them and their families. We thank both John and Len for their presence and journeying with us, and wish them good health and contentment in their well-earned retirement.

On behalf of the Pastoral Leadership Team, I wish you a joyful and holy Christmas as we move into an exciting, challenging and hopefully fulfilling 2011.

Pastoral Associate: It is with regret that we announce that Amanda will be leaving us in January at the end of her current contract in order to take up another position. We wish her well with her new role as Pastoral Associate at Port Melbourne-Middle Park Parish. We thank her very much for her work with us and we look forward to seeing her at parish events in the future. - **Chris Dixon, Chair, Pastoral Leadership Team**

<u>5.00pm Masses at Mary Immaculate</u>		
There will be <u>no 5.00pm Masses</u> at Mary Immaculate Church until further notice		
<u>Other Possibilities:</u>		
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

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 1 – 2 January 2011

<u>ST. BERNADETTE’S:</u>		Lector	Special Ministers
Saturday 6.30pm		E. Jowett	B. Jowett, Sister Carmel
<u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u>		Reader	Mass Coordinators
Sunday 9.00am			Counters
<u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u>		Lector	Special Ministers
Sunday 10.30am		E. Mount	As available
		Altar Society: P. Mendes	Choir Coordinators: School holidays