



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 4

21 – 22 January 2012

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

Reflection:

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.



The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

V. 1 Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

V. 2 Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

V. 3 The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord hear us: Lord, hear our prayer

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Barbara Ballek, Joy Meacham, Phoebe Chiera Hone, Sheila Ryan, Beryl O'Keefe, Bev Horne, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember all who have died recently. We also remember Carmel Delany whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

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This Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 24:4-9

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 23 January: St John

Wed 25 January: The Conversion of St Paul

Fri. 27 January: St Angela Merici

Tues 24 January: St Francis de Sales

Thurs 26 January: Ss Timothy and Titus

Sat. 28 January: St Thomas Aquinas

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

INFORMATION

WEEKDAY MASSES 2012 - CHANGES OF LOCATION:

Please note: As from Tuesday 3 January 2012, weekday Masses will change location:

TUESDAY: 9.15am at **MOTHER OF GOD**

FRIDAY: Mass 9.15am at **ST. BERNADETTE'S**

First Friday Masses: 9.15am at St. Bernadette's starting Friday 3 February 2012

The Year of Grace in the Archdiocese of Melbourne:

As previously announced, Archbishop Philip Wilson, on behalf of the Bishops of Australia, has called all Catholics throughout our nation to a Year of Grace to span the time from Pentecost 2012 to Pentecost 2013.

Archbishop Denis Hart has furthered this announcement in a letter to all parishes and Catholic organisations saying, "The opportunity to live a Year of Grace and deepen our relationship with Christ is one that has the full support of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The message of hope underpinning this key project provides a source of new energy for all of our efforts".

"The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation (AOFE) has been entrusted with planning and leading the activities and events of the Year of Grace for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The AOFE will actively engage parishes, agencies and communities in preparation for this 'Pentecost year'". Further announcements regarding the Year of Grace will follow in 2012. Further information visit: www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au

Sacraments 2012:

2012 Sacramental Brochures are available in each church for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2012. Enrolments are only accepted from families ***who live within the parish which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.***

Please note: Only children **who do not attend** Parish schools or **who have transferred out** of Catholic Primary schools need to enrol in the Parish Program. *Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program.*

It is recommended that preparation for sacraments takes place in the parish in which the catechist lives.

Enrolment forms available from Parish Office 9499 1515 and website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com

NB. Closing date is Friday 16 March 2012 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 28 – 29 January 2012

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

T. Nibali, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

As available

Reader

As available

Mass Coordinators

M. Gilbo

Counters

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Taylor

Lector

B. Brownstein

Special Ministers

T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame

Altar Society: P. Mendes

Choir Coordinator: School holidays

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