

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 10

3 – 4 March 2012

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT: YEAR B

### Reflection:

Like so many other important events in the Bible, the events of this week's gospel occur on a high mountaintop. Mountaintops were places of special and dramatic encounter with God and the disciples' experience of the transfiguration is clearly no exception! In this instance, the disciples suddenly see Jesus' power fully revealed but they fail to fully understand what is going on. One might think how much more obvious could God be about trying to reveal Jesus' identity to the disciples, but still they don't really catch on. Peter thinks he has caught on to the message. When the great prophets Elijah and Moses appear beside Jesus, Peter understands Jesus to be part of the line of prophets in the Hebrew tradition. He believes he has had a great insight and is so impressed that he wants to remain on the mountaintop – setting up tents in honour of Jesus, Elijah and Moses. In essence, Peter has still only partially understood who Jesus is. He thinks he is the Messiah, but a Messiah in the same mould as the prophets of old, a prophet of the old tradition. He has not understood that Jesus is breaking that mould and creating a new vision, a new tradition – one that is endorsed by the voice of God on the mountaintop.

Rather than allowing the disciples to set up tents and remain in the 'high' of this experience, Jesus immediately leads the boys back down the mountain. This is perhaps the greatest message of this passage: that life is not lived on the mountaintop but back down in the valley. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy, it is back down in the valley that the world waits; that the real work needs to be done; that the sick and the poor are crying out for God's love and mercy.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Of you my heart has spoken, seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

V. 1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **R.**

V. 2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

V. 3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** God of mercy and compassion: **Hear our prayer**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Louise Nixon, Jamie Bernhardt, Carmel Delaney, Joy Meacham, Sheila Ryan, Bev Horne, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Fr Lou Heriot, Mary Friend, Jack Crawford and Beryl Simpson who have died recently. We also remember Kathleen Butler, Maria Ma Kim Thièn, Carmel Cullen and Silvio Omizzolo whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

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### **Baptism in our Parish Community:**

We welcome Henry Joyce who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the lifelong journey of faith.

### **Stations of the Cross at St Bernadette's during Lent:**

As part of the Lenten journey, there will be Stations of the Cross at St Bernadette's at 7.00pm on each Friday evening in Lent. All parishioners are invited to attend.

#### **This Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent: Year B**

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18    Psalm 115:10, 15-19    Romans 8:31-34    Mark 9:2-10**

#### **Saint and Feast Days:**

*Mon 4 March: St Kieran*

*Tues 5 March: St Colette*

*Wed 7 March: Ss Perpetua & Felicity*

*Thurs 8 March: St John of God*

*Fri. 9 March: St Frances of Rome*

*Sat. 10 March: St John Ogilvie*

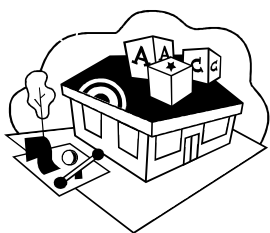
#### **Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent: Year B**

**Exodus 20:1-17    Psalm 18:8-11    1 Corinthians 1:22-25    John 2:13-25**

## **HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

Saturday 3 March	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mother of God Church
Monday 5 March	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	
Tuesday 6 - Sunday 11 March		<i>Korean Holy Spirit Seminar</i>	St Bernadette's Church & Comm. Centre
Tuesday 6 March	9.15am	<b>Mass &amp; MOG School – Senior School</b>	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 6 March	7.30pm	MOG School Parents Representative Council	Mother of God School
Tuesday 6 March	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lenten Lecture	E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church
Wednesday 7 March	9.15am	<b>Mass &amp; MI School Grades 3/4M &amp; 3/4R</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 7 March	12 – 3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	Cunningham Centre
Friday 9 March	7.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross in Lent</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 10 March	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mother of God Church
13 - 18 March		Catholic Education Week	
Tuesday 13 March	9.15am	<b>Mass &amp; MOG School – Middle School</b>	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 13 March	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Lenten Lecture	St George's Anglican Church
Tuesday 13 March	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 14 March	9.15am	<b>Mass &amp; MI School Grades Prep, Prep/1, 2</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 14 March	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Thursday 15 March	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Thursday 15 March	8.00pm	<b>Gerry O'Collins – see newsletter item</b>	Mother of God Church
Friday 16 March	7.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross in Lent</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 17 March	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 17 March	6.30pm	Mass & St Patrick's Gathering	St Bernadette's Church

## **INFORMATION**



**Parish of Ivanhoe Playgroup:** The Playgroup offers a welcoming and supportive environment where parents and children can play, learn and have fun together. **Ages:** The playgroup suits children aged between 0- 4 years

**Venue:** Mary Immaculate Church Hall, 4 Waverley Ave. Ivanhoe

**Session Times:** Wednesday 9 - 11am. Enrolments available to join this group

Thursday 9 - 11am. **Enrolments unavailable during Term 1, 2012**

**Activities:** Coordinated weekly art / craft activities, educational toys to explore, books, shared singing time, large sandpit and bikes for outdoor play and so much more.

**For more details,** please contact Liz Shearer: Phone 0411 345 664 or Email: [liz.shearer1@gmail.com](mailto:liz.shearer1@gmail.com)

**From Lenten Calendar 2012:** Jesus is transfigured on the mountain. It's a startling vision. Everything changes after this experience. New possibilities emerge. It's now clear where we are going – to Jerusalem – to confront the powers that bring us undone. 'This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him.'

**Project Compassion – Caritas Australia:**

There are an estimated two million people who have fled poverty, violence and instability in Burma. Caritas Australia supports a range of programs for these communities made vulnerable by displacement. One program, coordinated by our partner Jesuit Refugee Services focuses on children unable to attend Thai schools due to language barriers, lack of documentation and costly fees. Caritas Australia and JRS provide infrastructure, books, tables, a uniform, textbooks, stationery and lunch for the students. More than one thousand children have attended JRS learning centres & in 2011 less than 5% children dropped out of schools.



**Outreach Social Afternoon:**

The next afternoon for lunch and games will be on Wednesday 7 March from Noon – 3pm at the Cunningham Centre, Stanley St, Ivanhoe West. Everyone is welcome for lunch – no charge. Please bring a **small** plate of something to share for lunch. – Outreach Group

**Lenten Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2012:**

Presenter: Rev Professor Howard Wallace Theme: Arthur Boyd and the Bible.  
Prof. Howard Wallace, Uniting minister and past lecturer at United Faculty of Theology and Melbourne College of Divinity has had a long interest in art and is pursuing an interest in the way that art relates to the biblical text. In these lectures he will pursue this question in relation to the work of Arthur Boyd.

All lectures begin at 8pm. Fellowship and supper after each presentation at 9.10pm. Donation: Gold coin.

- Tues 6 March: **'Eden'** E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church, cnr Maltravers & Lower Heidelberg Roads, Ivanhoe E.
- Tuesday 13 March: **'Exodus'** St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 20 March: **'The Golden Calf'** Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

**Fr Gerald O'Collins: Thursday 15 March 8.00pm Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe E.**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March Fr Gerald O'Collins, renowned theologian and author (author and co-author of sixty books) will share his years of study, writing and lecturing to help us answer the fundamental questions:

**Did Jesus rise from the Dead? Why does the Resurrection matter?**

Gerry's recent book **'Believing in the Resurrection'** (Paulist Press) will be available in March

We are fortunate that Fr Gerry has agreed to help us explore and answer these questions. Fliers are available in each church to put on fridge doors, and pass on to friends and family. - Liturgy Group



**Saturday 17 March – St Patrick's Day:**

After the 6.30pm Mass at St Bernadette's Church, there will be an opportunity to gather at the Cunningham Centre, 93 Bond St, Ivanhoe. You are invited to come and share supper after Mass. Please bring food and / or Irish refreshments to share with others – coffee and tea provided.



**Outreach Bus Trip to Lake Wendouree and Ballarat Gardens:**

Bookings are now open for a bus excursion to the Ballarat Botanical gardens on March 21. We will depart at 9am from MI, stop for Morning Tea in Bacchus Marsh, enjoy a 2 course lunch in a hotel and visit the acclaimed WW2 POW Memorial as well as the beautiful gardens and Lake Wendouree all for \$42pp. Anticipated return is 5pm. Invite your friends as we need to find 45 people or the cost will rise. Bookings will close after the long weekend (10-12 March). Call **Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120**

**Keeping in touch with children who are baptised into our faith community:**

Thanks to the parishioner who responded to the request for help in distributing the Godstart cards to children baptized into our community. Other offers of help would still be appreciated. - Merle 9497 1691 or email: merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

**Maundy Thursday Meal:**

We're pleased to be able to say that the Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) meal which we have shared with members of other Christian churches over several years will be on again this year. **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April** starting **5.30 / 6pm**, at the very welcoming Community Centre of the Uniting Church. Tickets: \$20 each will be available soon. Mark your diary now.

### **Passionist Community Retreats:**

(fliers in each church)

You are invited to come to a time of quiet reflection in the peaceful surrounds of the Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Rd, Templestowe. Retreat Days are available during the day 9.30am – 3pm and evening 7 – 9pm. Opportunities will be offered for: Prayer / meditation, Mass (day time only), silence / solitude, small group sharing (optional) and anointing. Dates for 2012 are:

Tuesday 24 April	Tuesday 22 May	Monday 26 March	Thursday 14 June	Wednesday 18 July
Thursday 23 Aug	Thursday 20 Sept	Wednesday 24 Oct	Thursday 22 Nov	

### **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](http://www.ivanhoecatholics.com)

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

### **East Ivanhoe Auskick:**

Runs on Sunday Mornings 9.30am to 11am. Starts Sun 18th March. Chelsworth Park, Irvine Rd, East Ivanhoe. To Register: Go to <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/>. Enter 3079 as Centre Locator postcode. Select IVANHOE EAST and click on Register if new to Auskick, or click on Re- Register if returning from last year. For more information call Jo Carroll on 0438 559 006

### **St Vincent de Paul Soup Van needs volunteers:**

Many Yarra Deanery parishioners have helped out on the St Vincent de Paul Soup Van in Collingwood over the last 12 years. We need a few new recruits to work on the van in the evenings from about 6.30 to about 10pm. There are weekly and fortnightly roster positions available. We would also welcome a few more people to do bread pick-ups at about 6pm from Box Hill or Ivanhoe. Many tertiary students find that working on the van fits in well with their social justice outlook. Quite a few have stayed with us for 5 years or more. Minimum age for volunteers is 18, but lots of retirees also get involved. More information: Leo 9850 7097

### **Volunteers Needed for Children's Reading Club in West Heidelberg:**

The St Vincent de Paul Society provides an after school Reading Club, based at the St Pius X School, Heidelberg West. It runs from 3:30pm till 4:30pm each Tuesday of the school term. We are looking for volunteers to support the children with their reading. We are looking for men and women who enjoy reading and spending time with children who can give a couple of hours a week. For further information and interest, please contact Reading Club Coordinator: Rachel Roffey 0407 200 441 or [rachel.roffey@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rachel.roffey@optusnet.com.au).

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## **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 10 – 11 March 2012**

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

Saturday 6.30pm

#### **Lector**

C. Dixon

#### **Special Ministers**

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

### **MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

#### **Leader**

J. Newell

#### **Reader**

B. Fitt

#### **Mass Coordinators**

J. & D. Jones

#### **Counters**

L. McInerney, M. Rocco

### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

P. Verrocchi

#### **Lector**

A. Patterson

#### **Special Ministers**

T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame

**Altar Society:** I. Chiera

**Choir Coordinator:** I. Chiera

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**First Collection – Thanksgiving:**

Envelopes: \$1,860.00    Loose cash: \$472.30

**Total: \$2,332.30**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:**

**\$ 850.05**

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