

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

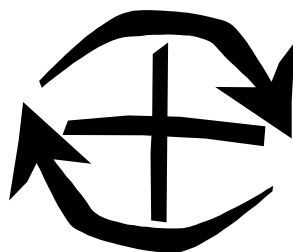
No. 8

19 – 20 February 2011

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.



We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Lord, your mercy is my hope, my heart rejoices in your saving power.
I will sing to the Lord, for his goodness to me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful.

V. 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

V. 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,

Who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

V. 4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows in the perfect love of God. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: God of all people: Hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who was to come into this world

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Erin Toomey, Marjorie Morton and Leonard Topp. We also remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Tony Erbacher who died recently. We also remember Maddie Williams, Anne and William Talbot whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Madeleine Johnston and Oscar McDonough who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their families, 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: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 21st Feb: St Peter Damian

Wed 23rd Feb: St Polycarp

Fri. 25th Feb: St Ethelbert of Kent

Tues 22nd Feb: The Chair of St Peter

Thurs 24th Feb: St Lucius

Sat. 26th Feb: St Alexander

Next Week's Readings: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 49:14-15 Ps 61:2-3, 6-9 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 19 February 10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 20 February 4-9pm	Drama Group	St B Community Centre
Monday 21 February 7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 22 February 9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School – Year 2	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 22 February 7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Friday 25 February 9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 1	Mother of God Church
Saturday 26 February 10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 26 February 9am-12 Noon	The Eucharist We Share: Revised Mass Texts	See notice in newsletter
Sunday 27 February 4-9pm	Drama Group	St B Community Centre
Tuesday 1 March 9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Yrs 4, 5, 6L	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 1 March 7.30pm	Lenten Planning	Parish Office
Wednesday 2 March 8.00pm	Ford St Development Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 4 March	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 5 March 10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

INFORMATION

Weekday Masses:

Since Fr Thang is unavailable on Mondays, Mass at St Bernadette's on Monday.

Weekday Mass times will be as follows:

Wednesday Mary Immaculate 9.15am **Tuesday** St Bernadette's 9.15am

Friday Mother of God 9.15am

Weekend Mass times for the time being:

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

World Youth Day News:

The Melbourne Archdiocese's 3 WYD pilgrimage prices have dropped and are now priced at:

- The Real Madrid: \$4850
- Italian Roadtrip: \$6390
- Footsteps of Jesus: \$6290

All registrations and final money need to be paid by Friday 15 April 2011. (Please note that some pilgrimages may close before this date if all seats are filled.) Visit www.aoy.org.au or call 9412 3300 for more details.

Go to World Youth Day with Emmanuel Community:

Price \$4590. Details: Clara 0449 767 020, clara_ri@hotmail.com or www.emmanuelcommunity.org.au

Marriage Encounter Weekend:

Married couples, make 2011 the year that you prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend this year. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other. Couples and a priest present the weekend which is based around Catholic values but you don't need to be Catholic to attend. Next weekends will be held on 8-10 April, 3-5 June and 19-21 August. Further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or visit website: www.wwme.org.au

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Ash Wednesday Masses: Wednesday 9 March 2011:

St Bernadette's:	8.30am	Mother of God	7.30pm
Mary Immaculate	10am Parish Schools	St Bernadette's (Korean)	7.30pm

The Eucharist We Share:

The 26th February - D for Deanery Day - is fast approaching. It is so important that the community that gathers for Eucharist and we, as individuals take this opportunity to hear about what will happen in 2011. Fliers which set out the programme for the day and other details you need to know were included in every newsletter last week, they are prominently displayed in our churches, there are 'spares' available and are available on the website. The **venue** will be Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg. The flier shows the location and parking arrangements. (*Fliers are available in each church and were in last week's newsletter*) The morning will **begin** at 9, there will be a break for morning tea and we will **finish**, with lunch at 12. Everyone is most welcome but, you'll understand that with catering involved, an estimate of numbers is needed: **Deadline, Tuesday, 22nd February.** Contact Merle. 9497 1691 or merle.gilbo@blaze.net.au



Lenten Planning: Lent, Holy Week and Easter are such significant times in the life of all Christian communities, including ours. We will meet on **Tuesday, 1st March, 7.30pm** to share our knowledge, our ideas, our skills and our memories and discern how we, as the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe can live this special time. Everyone most welcome and really needed.

Ryder Cheshire Foundation: 10am Friday 25th Feb at 14 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe. Greet old friends & meet new ones, hear Ryder Cheshire News & learn how we can continue to support this 'Home Away from Home'

Quo Vadis: An opportunity to experience prayer and fellowship with other men who are discerning a vocation of priesthood: 27 Feb, 27 Mar, 29 April, 29 May, 26 June, 31 July, 23 Oct & 27 Nov. For more information contact: Fr Binh Le (Director of Vocations): 9926 5733; email: director@melbournepriest.com

N.I.C.K. Foundation Players present "Lift Off": The N.I.C.K. Foundation Players are proud to present their second season's production "Lift Off" - written by Paul Dennis. Take a trip back to the 1980's and enjoy the music and memories of Dexy Midnight Runners, Blondie, the Rolling Stones and more. Performances" **4th March:** Evening 8.00pm and **5th March:** Matinee 2.00pm & Evening 8.00pm at The 360 Centre at Yarra Plenty Christian Centre, 360 Main Rd., Lower Plenty. Tickets are selling at last year's prices, Adults: \$25 Concession: \$17.50 Children: \$10 Family (2 Adults & 2 Children): \$60 Tickets can be purchased online: www.nickfoundation.startix.com.au Come along and enjoy a great night's entertainment and watch our youth at work, whilst supporting the N.I.C.K. Foundation; a charitable organisation aimed at fostering hope and belief in our youth.

Mary Immaculate Rosters starting on first Sunday of March are available today. Please pick up your copy.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 4 March 10.00am at St James Church, 252 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

Sacraments 2011:

Brochures are available in each church for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, First Eucharist or Reconciliation 2011. 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 in other areas does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program.*

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

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

NB. Closing date is Friday 18 March 2011 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.

Social Justice In The City Series: Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Current Crisis in Mental Health:

St Francis Conference Melbourne – Presented by John McGrath AM

John served in the State Parliament of Victoria from 1985 until the September 1999 State Election. On retiring from politics he directed all of his energies towards promoting better outcomes for consumers of mental health services and their families and now derives great personal satisfaction from his many activities in the mental health field. John was formerly the Deputy Chair of Beyondblue. – **When:** 12:00 noon 1:00 pm Wednesday 23 February 2011 **Where:** St Francis Pastoral Centre Corner Lonsdale & Elizabeth Streets, Melb.

*Complimentary tea & coffee. *Further information please contact Paula: 9895 5800*



March 30, Outreach Bus Trip: Mystery trip to the north of Melbourne - Morning tea, 2 course lunch, beautiful rose garden surrounds & great entertainment for \$50 per person. Don't miss out – Please book & pay by Sun 20 March. Call Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120

Accommodation: Opportunity to share a well-appointed apartment with a female parishioner. Ideal central Ivanhoe location. Off street parking is available. Please contact: Luu 0431 176 757

Will my Child be OK?

This one evening seminar will be presented by Bill and Joan Grosser from Growing Families Australia Seminar topics include steps required to help your child:

- ◆ Learn Obedience
- ◆ Take Responsibility
- ◆ Develop Self Control

Also included is a session on Teens with Q & A.

Thursday 3rd March from 7.15 – 9.00pm

Ivanhoe Community Hall, Seddon St Uniting Church

Cost: Free

To reserve your seat call Joan Grosser 0419 044 155

Academy Alumnae Annual Gathering:

Past pupils are invited to the annual gathering on Sunday 27 Feb. After much consideration and consultation it has been decided to replace the Anzac Day Reunion with an annual gathering on the last Sunday in February of every year. We strongly believe it will provide members with a greater opportunity to meet up with friends from their school days and see how the Academy operates today. Details or to RSVP: Anne Marie Allan: 9412 7134 or email: alumnae@academy.vic.edu.au.

Theology@Theboat Is Coming Soon!:

An evening cruise organised by Theology @ the Pub will be held Saturday 5 March, from 7.30pm for young adults aged 18-35. Join us for a exciting evening with live music, canapés, dancing and a short talk by a special guest, all during a four-hour evening cruise around Docklands on the luxury Victoria Star cruise ship! Mark Wilson ('Dancing with the Stars' judge) will join us to talk about his faith and show us a few dance moves, as well as soon-to-be-announced guest speaker! Tickets \$60 and purchased: theologyatthepub.com.au

Just Cycle Yarra Valley:

Just Cycle Yarra Valley will be held at Rochford Wines to raise vital funds for Jesuit Social Services on Sunday 20 March. The cycling courses vary from 12km to 120kms and the event features a family day with live music and entertainment. Jesuit Social Services works with some of the most disadvantaged individuals and communities in Australia. Details and to register: www.justcycle.com.au

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Parish Staff:

Parish Administrator: Fr. Thang Vu 63 Wilfred Rd, East Ivanhoe 9499 5440

Secretary: Mrs. Ruth Villani Office hours 9.00am – 5.00pm 9499 1515

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 26 – 27 February 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

J. Pidutti

Reader

J. Stammers

Mass Coordinators

J. & D. Jones

Counters

P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Curry

Lector

R. White

Special Ministers

A. Moloney, G. Crawford, R. Matovinovic

Altar Society: P. Mendes

Choir Coordinators: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,713.00 Loose cash: \$738.75 **Total: \$2,451.75**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 810.75**

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