



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 21

21 – 22 May 2011

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A

Reflection:



For many people 'going home', means a return to comfort and security.

In the best homes children are unafraid, they know that their home is a buffer against some harsh realities beyond the door. As adults we carry that desire for security into all the various homes in which we live.

When we reflect on our childhood homes many of us can say of it what Jesus says of himself. It was the first place almost all of us learnt about 'The Way'. The earliest Christians were called people of The Way. It's a rich image denoting that Christianity is not an idea, it's a way of living, a path to follow.

For better or worse one of the distinctive features of most of our homes is that it's also where we are told 'The Truth'. Sometimes that deflates our egos or means we hear things we would rather not listen to. But hopefully the comfort and love which accompanies this truth telling comes from the ease and care in the relationships at home. Our family doesn't pull any punches with the truth because they know us too well and love us too much. Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. 'The Life' in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It's not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being the Way, the Truth and the Life are put together in today's Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The best homes, however, do not just protect and keep their occupants safe for eternity. A home is a means to an end, which is to give us the stability and sanity we need to keep going out to the world beyond it. In the same way, our home of faith with Jesus enables us to keep going out to a sometimes hostile world and share with others the Way, the Truth and the Life that sustains us. In a world where 70% of all people have substandard housing and millions of displaced people have to create homes wherever they are, we have our work cut out for us.

The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth. We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at odds with the majority. And we have to keep living the Life which sees that our greatest joy comes from human dignity being celebrated everywhere.

If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did. Now that's a challenge to take with us into the coming week!

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

V. 1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

V. 2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,

To rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: With trust we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Cathy Lengyel, Teresa Patti, Mary O’Shea, Dorothea Chandler, Jill Brophy and Joe Rush. We remember all those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember those who have died recently. We also remember Tony Beaver, Cec and Rose Daley whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Lucia Raniolo who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. 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.

This Week’s Readings: 5th Sunday of Sunday: Year A

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 23rd May: St William of Rochester

Tues 24th May: Our Lady Help of Christians

Wed 25th May: St Gregory VII

Thurs 26th May: St Philip Neri

Fri. 27th May: St Augustine of Canterbury

Sat. 22nd May: St Germanus

Next Week’s Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter: Year A

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Ps 65:1-7, 16-20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 21 May	8am-12 Noon	Working Bee – Mary Immaculate Church & Parish Office	
Saturday 21 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 23 May	7.30pm	St Bernadette’s School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette’s School
Tuesday 24 May	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette’s School Yrs 4, 5, 6L	St Bernadette’s Church
Tuesday 24 May	7.30pm	St Bernadette’s School Education Board	St Bernadette’s School
Wednesday 25 May	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immac. School Prep, 5 & 6	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 25 May	7.00pm	Confirmation Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 25 May	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Saturday 28 May	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette’s Church
Saturday 28 May	8 – 9.30pm	Blessed Virgin Mary Devotion – Korean	St Bernadette’s Church
Sunday 29 May	6 – 8.30pm	Young Peoples’ Group Dinner & Video	Mary Immaculate Hall
Tuesday 31 May	7.30pm	Confirmation Choir Practice	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 1 June	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate School Grs 3 & 4	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 1 June		Confirmation Retreat Day	Eltham Community Centre
Wednesday 1 June	12-3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	St B’s Community Centre
Wednesday 1 June	7.00pm	Confirmation Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 2 June	8.00pm	Parish Finance Committee Meeting	
Friday 3 June	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 4	Mother of God Church
Friday 3 June	10am & 4pm	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette’s Church

INFORMATION

Ford Street Development:

Banyule Council has issued a planning permit for the proposed independent living homes at Ford St. Ivanhoe. An application has been made to the Archdiocese and the CDF for approval and funds for the development. While no commitment has been given to proceeding with the project, the PLT is examining all construction and operational matters of the homes. Expressions of interest for the ongoing management of the completed homes have been received from experienced and interested parties.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Archdiocesan Mass Census for the month of May 2011 – Counters required!:

This week is the last Sunday for the Mass Count as required by the Archdiocese and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference - Pastoral Research Office.

All present at each Mass (including children and babies) are to be counted as part of the Archdiocesan Mass Count. Census sheets from each church and the Korean Community need to be returned to the Parish Office **Monday 23rd May.** **Thank you to all concerned for your assistance.**

The New Liturgy:

You have probably noticed that Fr. Thang has been praying new versions of the Eucharistic prayers. Our priests have much more to learn than we have!

Plenty of help has been available to make the changes for the members of the congregation explicable and fruitful. For example, at the Deanery gathering a few weeks ago, entitled 'The Eucharist we share', Fr. Tom Knowles (from St. Francis) led the first session. He called it: 'Deepening our love and understanding of the Mass' and he did this so well. This was followed by a 'nuts and bolts' session, led by Damien Coleridge of the Office for Evangelization. For the next three weeks, we hope to combine the wisdom and knowledge of those two presentations and 'walk through' the changes we will soon experience.

Laminated copies of the new texts (**to be left in the church**) will be available to help us participate fully in the Mass until we become at home with the new words.

Thank You:

We wish to thank Father Thang and parishioners for your prayers and kind thoughts for Teresa during her recent illness. Mum is home and slowly regaining her strength day by day. We appreciate the support of parishioners and friends throughout the parish. – Regards, Sarina, Patrina and family.

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee:

Next Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee will be held at 14 Donaldson St. Ivanhoe on Friday 27th May at 10am. We learned a lot about the work of Caritas through Project Compassion during Lent. I'm sure we'll learn a lot more from our speaker, Sr. Margaret Fyfe CSB who is the programme Director of Caritas for Latin America.

Parish Youth Group (YPG) - Video, Dinner, Pool & Games night, Sunday 29 May:

Parish Youth, members or not of the YPG, are invited to this next event from 6 - 8:30pm in the heated Hall behind MI Church on 29 May. It's a "BYO dinner-to-share" event with well chosen big-screen and big-sound video. Our cool new (parishioner donated) Pool/Billiards table plus games will add to the evening. There will be two brief Reflections "If I were running the (Catholic) Church....." and "the future of the YPG?"

All parish youth welcome. No charge. **If you're coming** please email: cpiyouth@bigpond.com or phone: John: 9850 2454

Our Parish Choir for Confirmation on Sunday 19th June:



This tradition is such a tangible way of assuring our young people of our support for them as they become adult members of our parish and our Church. St Patrick's Cathedral is a big space to fill so we need many singers and a few loyal singers will be overseas. No need to be an opera singer - just be willing to lift up your voice. Practices will be on three Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. at MI Church: May 31st, June 7th and June 14th. If needs be, feel free to just come to as many practices as you can manage. For further information: Merle on 9497 1691 or merle.gilbo@blaze.net.au

Outreach Lunch Date – 15 June:

On June 15, Outreach invites everyone to a 2 course lunch at Berth Restaurant, Docklands. It is essential that all bookings/payments are made by June 8. A bus which will depart MI at 11.15am will be available for people who cannot access public transport. Only 11 people can be accommodated. An extra charge of \$7.50 applies. Everyone else will take the train at 11am then connect with the Docklands tram in Flinders Street. The 2 course lunch costs \$25 per person.

Contact Eileen (9499 7120), Sue (9499 1485) or Helen (9499 7793) for bookings/enquiries



Parish Dinner Dance - Bookings now open!

The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe Annual Dinner Dance will be held on **Saturday 23 July 2011** at The Centre Ivanhoe (7.00pm until midnight). Cost is \$95 per head. Booking forms available at the back of each church. Please support our parish and make this event successful. - Paul McEvey 0438 509 995 or paul.mcevey@gmail.com

Yarra Theological Union: Scripture & Theology Studies at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Second Semester Enrolments: Monday 30th May until Friday 1st July at Yarra Theological Union, 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill. Phone: 890 3771. Further information: www.ytu.edu.au or email: admin@ytu.edu.au

Exodus Community – Volunteers needed – Can you help out?

The Exodus Community lives and works within the parish of St Pius X West Heidelberg, and especially focuses on the Old Olympic Village area, which is still a place of poverty and disadvantage. The Exodus Community runs an after-school program for primary school age children on Tuesdays and Thursdays during term from 3.45pm till 5pm in a well equipped community shed. Activities include – literacy and homework support, art, games, computer and cooking. A team of volunteers runs this program. **We need more leaders to help out.** If you are interested, please ring Patricia on 9457 4433 or Sister Sally on 9457 7593.

Annual Mission Dinner – Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver: Sunday 19 June at Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Rd, Kew. Proceeds will assist the missions in Africa and other continents. Bookings close 10 June. Tickets: \$30 per person. Bookings: 9817 3715 or at 154 Cotham Rd, Kew

St Vincent de Paul Collingwood Conference – Your help wanted: The Collingwood Conference operates a grocery service in the Collingwood Housing Estate. The store operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm. Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with general work in the shop and/or for a few hours driving each week to pick up groceries and other supplies in a small van. It is very rewarding work which gives an insight into how some people cope with difficult circumstances. Call Leo on 9850 7097 or Tom on 8415 1593 for more details. They will arrange a visit to the store to see how it works.

Vinnies CEO Sleepout – 16 June:

As demand for assistance continues to grow, the St Vincent de Paul Society is always looking for new and innovative ways to raise funds to help meet that need. The Vinnies CEO Sleepout ran in Victoria and the 116 participants raised \$414,000 which was a tremendous boost to our Winter Appeal fundraising.

The CEO Sleepout is on again this year! - Business and community leaders will sleep out at Etihad Stadium on Thursday 16 June, where they will get a glimpse into what life is like for more than 105,000 Australians who sleep rough each night. The fundraising component involves participants seeking sponsorship from their own networks and many participants are well on their way to raising thousands of dollars. CEO of the St Vincent de Paul Society Brian Dalton is participating and will be joined by CEOs from Holding Redlich, VicHealth, City of Melbourne, Southern Cross Media Group, the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, Simon Overland and the CEO of VincentCare Victoria, John Blewonski to name just a few. To register or find out more about the event, visit: www.ceosleepout.org.au

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 28 – 29 May 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

Ballao family

Reader

Ballao family

Mass Coordinators

Ballao family

Counters

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

E. Mount

Lector

R. White

Special Ministers

A. Moloney, G. Crawford, R. Matovinovic

Altar Society: T. McCarthy

Choir Coordinators: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,628.00 Loose cash: \$760.35 **Total: \$2,388.35**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 876.75**

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