



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 22

28 – 29 May 2011

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A

Reflection:



We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth. The Lord has set his people free, alleluia

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

V. 1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth. O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

V. 2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. R.

V. 3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. R.

V. 4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love for me. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: As we wait for the Spirit: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Madeleine Pye, 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 Clem Rogers who died recently. We also remember Ellen Ryan, Chiarina Nastasi, George Rogan, Giuseppe Petrucci, Maria and Gianbattista Di Marco, Vincenzo Di Marco and Paolo Villani whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community: We welcome James Du 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 journey of faith.

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions – Friday 3rd June:

Mass will be celebrated at 10am, and followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Devotions will conclude with Benediction at 4.00pm. All are welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 30th May: St Joan of Arc

Wed 1st June: St Justin

Fri. 3rd June: St Charles Lwanga

Tues 31st May: The Visitation

Thurs 2nd June: Ss Marcellinus and Peter

Sat. 4th June: St Francis Caracciolo

Next Week's Readings: The Ascension of the Lord: Year A

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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
Saturday 4 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 6 June	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 7 June	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Yrs 4, 5 & 6	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 7 June	7.30pm	Confirmation Choir Practice	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 8 June	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate School Gr 1 & 2	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 8 June	7.00pm	Confirmation Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 8 June	7.30pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	St John's, Heidelberg
Friday 10 June	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 3	Mother of God Church

INFORMATION

Yarra Deanery Spirituality in the Pub – 29 June:

“Newman & Authority”: *Blessed John Henry Newman and the Teaching Authority of the Whole Church*: a discussion with Dr Peter Price. Peter will be speaking and drawing us out about issues of ‘authority’ arising from Vatican I. The topic will use the work of Blessed John Newman to open up aspects of what authority is in our inspired church from which we choose to spread the Good News, a church where authority is multi-faceted and where faith is trusting but not blind. Authority arises from the work of God and is visible through the work of the pope and papacy, bishops individually and collegially, the sense of the faithful, the priesthood of the faithful, and many other ways.

Blessed Newman was a convert from the Anglican Church and had differences with the church based on some keen insights into authority which have stood the test of time. He is of course now well on the way to canonisation. Peter's reflections will help us delve into authority and church and us today.

Date: Wednesday June 29th Time: 8:00 pm Gondola Room, Veneto Club 191 Bulleen Rd Bulleen.

Come along, book for dinner in the bistro (9850 7111) or just come along. Spend an evening discussing issues which help us form our Christian response to the world. Call: Charles on 0417 319 556 for more information.

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The New Liturgy:

Anything we do frequently will become familiar, maybe even too familiar. That can apply to the Mass too. So, as we look ahead to some changes, it seems to be a good idea, from time to time, to look at the Mass in a bit more detail. Last week we did that for the Introductory Rites. This week it will be the Liturgy of the Word, reminding us how the rich resources of Scripture can encourage and inspire us on our Christian journey and guide us to respond in the way we live.



Our Parish Choir for Confirmation on Sunday 19th June:

The first of only three practices will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 31st May at Mary Immaculate Church. Please come if you possibly can - and 'pass the word'. The Cathedral is such a beautiful building but a big space to fill.

Further information: Merle 9497 1691 or merle.gilbo@blaze.net.au

Parish Office Working Bee – Saturday 21 May:

Thanks to loyal Parish workers - Noel Benton, Lucy and Frank Dal Pozzo, Jacq Jones, Sue and Pat Kelly, Peter Overton, Deirdre Ragless, Michael Rocco, Pia Boutsakis, and Merle Gilbo. Thanks also to anyone else we might have missed who lent a helping hand to fill the skip. As always, a real contribution to our Parish - in a practical sense as well as, indirectly financially.

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

Parish Youth, members & non-members, are invited to our event this Sunday from 6 - 8:30pm in the heated Hall behind MI Church. 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



Outreach Social Afternoon:

The next afternoon for lunch and games will be on Wednesday 1 June from Noon – 3pm at St Bernadette's Community Centre. Everyone is welcome for lunch – no charge. Please bring a **small** plate of something to share for lunch. – Outreach Group

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 Leadership Team Meeting 25 May:

This evening's meeting covered many significant issues. On one hand it reviewed high participation levels across the Easter liturgies, a great deal of Parish pastoral work, enthusiastic involvement in Confirmation preparations, more unified liturgies across the Parish because of multimedia facilities in all Churches now, and good voluntary support for recent working bees. On the other hand there was growing concern over Parish Finances amidst very rapidly rising costs. In the wait before the Ford Street initiative comes on-stream the Leadership Team is considering various options for raising funds to pay our way and further defer expenditures, and will engage the Parish community in discussion on this. These and other considered issues are outlined in a brief report of the meeting on the website: ivanhoecatholics.com – Leadership Team page (under "People"). The meeting also discussed the sudden recent decline in youth group participation after five very active years, despite a small core group of youth wanting the Group to continue (next event this Sunday).

Rosters for Mary Immaculate: Rosters for readers, leaders and Co-ordinators are available this weekend

For Sale – Clothing suitable for Confirmation or Eucharist:

Boys Size 12 'Laramy' suit (Myer). Black with pinstripes and Boys Black Leather lace up shoes, Size 5. Both are in excellent condition. If interested please contact Josie: 0418 991 997 or 9440 9428

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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

A thought about the Dinner Dance:

Would you like to come but can't make up a table or don't know anyone who is going? Elizabeth Craven, Lucy Dal Pozzo, Deirdre Ragless & Merle Gilbo would welcome anyone to join their table - Merle 9497 1691

Kumon Ivanhoe Education Centre:

English and Mathematics: Free trial at Ivanhoe Education Centre from 16 – 29 June. Further information, please call 0419 553 697, or email: ivanec@optusnet.com.au or visit website: www.kumon.com.au. Refer to display board in each church.

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.

Mission and Identity Promoter, FCJ Sisters - (Part-time position, Melbourne based):

The FCJ Sisters (Faithful Companions of Jesus), www.fcjsisters.org, are seeking someone to engage with young women in schools, tertiary institutions, parishes and other groups to promote the mission and identity of the Sisters and their lay Companions in Mission and encouraging a deeper understanding of possible roles for women in the Church of the 21st Century.

For more information and a Position Description please contact: Sr. Maureen Merlo at mmerlofcj@gmail.com
Tel: (03) 9817 5560 Applications close on Tuesday June 21, 2011.

Don Bosco Winter Holiday Camps:

Winter is upon us and what better way to warm those winter blues than by coming to Don Bosco Camp in the July school holidays for four days of hearty meals and good fun! The camps are run in the spirit of the Salesians by a team of young, enthusiastic leaders whose primary role is to ensure that each camper has the time of their life. The Salesians of Don Bosco are a Catholic religious order dedicated to working with young people. There are two camps to choose from: Junior Camp (girls & boys aged 9-13) *July 4 – July 7*; or Senior Camp (girls and boys aged 13-16) *July 11- July 14*. Places are filling fast so get in quick! For an application form or more information go to www.donboscocamp.org; email **emily@donboscocamp.org** or call us at camp on **5987-2692**

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 4 – 5 June 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
M. Sibillin

Reader

F. Tosolini

Mass Coordinators

E. Kehoe

Counters

L. McInerney, M. Rocco

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Curry

Lector

T. Barker

Special Ministers

T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame

Altar Society: I. Chiera

Choir Coordinators: P. Verocchi

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,528.00

Loose cash: \$416.15

Total: \$1,944.15

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 474.80