



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 23

4 – 5 June 2011

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: YEAR A

### Reflection:

When I was a boy, Sir Edmund Hillary came to speak at my school. I can remember the fuss surrounding the visit of the first person to scale Mt Everest. And though there is now a school of thought that holds that he was beaten to the summit by Tenzing Norgay, his Tibetan colleague, there was an aura around this New Zealander who had been to the top of the world.

Some of my usually dour teachers were in awe of Sir Edmund. There was more than a little hero worship going on that day. Rather surprisingly in his address Sir Edmund did not say very much about his adventure to the peak. He was much more interested in what we do to each other on the plains than what he did on the mountain top. He spoke about justice, peace and the dignity of humanity. I can vividly remember him sending us out at the end of his speech to create a better world for all people everywhere. When questions came, there were several about whether he felt closer to God at the top of Mt Everest, and although he said he did, he mentioned there were life and death moments on the way up and down, where God's presence and companionship were much more real to him.

Hillary's visit to my school is not far from what happened to the disciples in today's Gospel. Matthew tells us that the eleven men who worshipped Jesus were commissioned by him to go out to the world and they were promised that he would stay with them until the end of time.

Worship is a word Catholics don't use all that often. While other denominations describe their liturgy as 'worship', we tend to use it only in a more secular way like in 'hero worship' or 'not an altar at which I worship'. The concept behind this word, however, is an important one. To worship God is to admit that we are not God. We are creatures and our worship is directed toward our Creator, Saviour and Sustainer.

Whether we realise it or not we are commissioned to go out to the world at the end of every liturgy, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' This changes our worship. We are not here just for ourselves. Mass, which comes from a word meaning 'to be sent', indicates that our liturgy is about celebrating what God has done in the world in and through us, and is a preparation for what God still wants to accomplish.

Finally, we continue to experience the abiding presence of Christ in our daily lives or else we wouldn't be here. God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, is not distant to our lives or impervious to our needs; we believe in a Companion-God who seeks our company as much as we need his.

In this Mass, then, let's thank God for the mountain top of Christ's Ascension that lifts us up out of our everyday life to celebrate that we are creatures, not the Creator. Let us hear again Christ's call to each of us to move away from the complacency of a spiritual cafeteria to a church moving out to change the world. And let's rejoice in Christ's presence which abides before us, behind us, over and in us, within and without, now and forever. Amen.

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**Please note: Collectors needed for Leaving Collections at Masses in each church of the parish**

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections in each church this weekend for Catholic Mission - Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Notice in newsletter.

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking in the sky? The Lord will return, just as you have seen him ascend, alleluia**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

V. 1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

V. 2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

V. 3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray: Come Spirit of hope and love.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.**

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Madeleine Pye, Erin Toomey, Cathy Lengyel, Teresa Patti, Dorothea Chandler, Jill Brophy and Joe Rush. We remember all those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Mary O'Shea, Betty Callinan and Bill McLean who died recently. We also remember Barbara Remedios whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

**This 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**

**Saint and Feast Days:**

*Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June: St Norbert*

*Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June: St William of York*

*Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> June: St Ithamar*

*Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June: St Colman*

*Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> June: St Columba*

*Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> June: St Barnabas*

**Next Week's Readings: Pentecost Sunday: Year A**

**Acts 1:2-11                      Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34                      1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13                      John 20:19-23**

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## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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Saturday 4 June	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	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	<b>Confirmation Catechist Class</b>	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
Saturday 11 June	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 14 June	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grade 3	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 14 June	7.30pm	Confirmation Choir Practice	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 14 June	7.30pm	Mother of God School Representative Council	Mother of God School
Wednesday 15 June	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate School Prep, 5 & 6	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 15 June		Outreach Lunch at Berth Restaurant	See notice in newsletter
Wednesday 15 June	8.00pm	Ford St Development Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 16 June		<b>Confirmation Rehearsal</b> at St Patrick's Cathedral	
Friday 17 June	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 2	Mother of God Church
Saturday 18 June	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 19 June	2.30pm	<b>Confirmation</b> - Catechist & School students at St Patrick's Cathedral	

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## INFORMATION

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**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.

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## **Catholic Mission – Propagation of the Faith Appeal:**



Catholic Mission – Reach out. Give life. Theme 2011: ‘Do Something Beautiful for God.’ Catholic Mission reaches out and supports missionaries in Peru and 160 countries around the world. Every day missionaries like Fr John Andersen, Fr Raymundo Portelli and Gabriela Filonowicz reach out to meet the needs of communities of Iquito, Peru. By making a donation or gift to the Catholic Church Mission Appeal helps communities affected by hardship, disease and extreme poverty.

The Archdiocese recommends this appeal and asks for our support through Leaving Collections at the end of each Mass. Envelopes are available at the end of each row for your use and reference.

## **The New Liturgy:**

We’ve looked at the introductory/gathering rites of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Word - food for our minds and spirits. Now, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we bring to the altar the work of our minds and hearts and hands, and our contribution to the needs of our church and the wider community. The priest, with us, makes the offering to God and God, in turn, becomes food for us. We return to our families, our communities and our world, our hearts full of faith and hope to ‘Keep your church alive in faith to the signs of the times and eager to accept the challenge of the Gospel’.



## **Our Parish Choir for Confirmation on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June:**

The next two practices will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup> June & 14<sup>th</sup> June 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

## **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

**Week of prayer for Christian Unity – 10<sup>th</sup> June:** The observation of this week continues to grow among Christian churches. We would be very welcome to take part in an Ecumenical Service on 10<sup>th</sup> June, at 10am at St. Pius, Waterdale Rd, West Heidelberg, followed, I should say, continued by Morning Tea.

## **Outreach Lunch Date – 15 June:**

Outreach invites everyone to a 2 course lunch at Berth Restaurant, Docklands on Wednesday 15 June. It is essential that all bookings/payments are made by Wednesday June 8. The bus will depart from Mary Immaculate Church at 11.15am 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 and then connect with the Docklands tram in Flinders Street. The 2 course lunch costs \$25 per person. For bookings/enquiries please contact: Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793

## **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](http://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 Young Peoples’ Group to continue.



**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

### **A Man for all Seasons at St Martin's Theatre:**

Artes Christi presents Robert Bolt's 'A Man for all Seasons' at St Martin's Theatre, South Yarra (near the Botanical Gardens). Friday 10 June at 7.30pm, Saturday 11 June at 2.00pm and Sunday 12 June at 2.00pm. Ticket prices: \$25. Bookings essential: 0424 648 034 or website: [www.arteschristi.org.au](http://www.arteschristi.org.au)

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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](mailto:ivanec@optusnet.com.au) or visit website: [www.kumon.com.au](http://www.kumon.com.au). Refer to display board in each church.

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

The FCJ Sisters (Faithful Companions of Jesus), [www.fcjsisters.org](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

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

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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

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## **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 11 – 12 June 2011**

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

Saturday 6.30pm

#### **Lector**

C. Dixon

#### **Special Ministers**

b. Jowett, T. Nibali

### **MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

#### **Leader**

McEvey family

#### **Reader**

McEvey family

#### **Mass Coordinators**

S. & P. Kelly

#### **Counters**

P. Gelsi, P. Black

### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

A. Patterson

#### **Lector**

V. O'Kane

#### **Special Ministers**

E. Brownstein, M A Darcy, J. Ellis

#### **Altar Society:**

P. Caddy

#### **Choir Coordinators:**

I. Chiera

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