



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 24

11 – 12 June 2011

PENTECOST SUNDAY: YEAR A

Reflection:

Have you noticed how, these days when we meet someone and ask how they are, they reply, 'busy' or 'frantic' or 'as busy as ever'. I wonder what would happen if we replied, 'Relaxed and laid back' or 'taking time to smell the roses'. I don't think we would be believed, or we might get a lecture from our friends on how lucky we are not to be busy! As Christians we have to be careful about this busy-ness competition. Being active in our lives and engaged with the world around us is a gift, but if we are honest about our busyness, some of it is not virtuous. It's about denial, avoidance or trying to stay up with our peer group.



In John's account of the first Pentecost the primary gift Jesus' Spirit bestows on the disciples is peace. It's curious, isn't it, that just as we all compete with each other to be the busiest person we know, we also complain that what we really want is 'some peace and quiet'. We can't have it both ways. Compulsive frantic activity is the enemy of peace. Sometimes we can think that peace and quiet is sitting in the lotus position in a darkened room. Christ's gift of peace is more robust than that. Peace is like all the best things in life: an attitude of mind and a habit born of consistently making good choices. Some people can do a large amount of work and be quite serene about it. Peace, for them, is an affair of the mind and a way of life.

Seneca, a 2nd century philosopher, noticed, even in his day, how most of his friends and acquaintances were lacking peace. He wrote a famous book on anger and how to deal with it. He especially noticed that his richest friends were the angriest of all. Seneca came to believe that the reason so many people were agitated was that they had an unreasonable expectation about how smoothly their day would go. Those who were rich thought their money would buy them an easier life in every way and so when it didn't, they got the angriest of all.

If Seneca is right and we want more peace and quiet, we have to have realistic expectations of each day and factor in the things that might go wrong. Seneca's secular wisdom holds that the more aware we are of the frailties in us, others and life, the fewer fights we would have. In turn this would lead to fewer occasions when we would need to ask or give forgiveness. In today's Pentecost Gospel forgiveness is the second gift Jesus bequeaths the disciples.

If we really want to cultivate peace and quiet in our lives we have to confront the things we are trying to avoid or deny. Often these things hinge on painful memories or events where we were destructive toward others or they were toward us. Unless we forgive ourselves or forgive them, our busyness will ensure that we have enough clamour and activity to stay away from ugly memories. Unfortunately it usually follows that when we are so busy not dealing with the sins of our past, peace and quiet stay well away from us as well.

Let's pray in this Eucharist that while the Spirit might allow us to retain any sins, we choose Jesus' first option this Pentecost and forgive as generously as we can those who have tried to crucify us. We might have to forgive ourselves as well. And then, like Jesus, with old wounds exposed, we can rejoice that the Spirit has breathed into us the greatest gift of all: the peace and quiet we most crave and need.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The love of God has been poured into our hearts by his Spirit living in us, alleluia.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

V. 1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

V. 2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created: and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

V. 3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: In the Spirit we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things God had done, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

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

We remember Joe Rush who died recently. We also remember Frank Clancy whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 13th June: St Anthony of Padua

Wed 15th June: St Vitus

Fri. 17th June: St Teresa of Portugal

Tues 14th June: St Davnet

Thurs 16th June: St Richard of Chichester

Sat. 18th June: St Gregory Barbarigo

Next Week's Readings: Trinity Sunday: Year A

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 Daniel 3:52-56 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 11 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	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		Confirmation Rehearsal 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	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 19 June	2.30pm	Confirmation - Catechist & School students at St Patrick's Cathedral	
Monday 20 June	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 21 June	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grs 4, 5, 6W	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 21 June	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 22 June	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate School Grs 3 & 4	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 23 June	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Board	Mary Immaculate School
Friday 24 June	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 1	Mother of God Church
Saturday 25 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church

INFORMATION

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.

INCLUSIVENESS

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Archbishop Hart's Pentecost Letter for Youth 2011:

'Planted and Built in Jesus Christ – Firm the Faith' (Colossians 2:7). Leaflets are available in each church.

The New Liturgy - Taking the next steps:

Now that we have spent a little time renewing our understanding of the Mass, we are ready to move on. So, this weekend, we will use the new words for our prayer in the Introductory Rite and the Liturgy of the Word, guided by a power point presentation.



Our Parish Choir for Confirmation on Sunday 19th June:

Our practices are going well but more voices would still be welcome. If you haven't been previously but can come to the last practice - Tuesday 14th June, 7.30pm, MI church, please let me know so there will be a folder for you. Merle 9497 1691 or email: 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

Thanksgiving Envelopes 3 July – 25 December 2011 are available for collection in each church.

Mary Immaculate – in Street order Mother of God & St Bernadette's – in alphabetical order.

Please feel free to deliver envelopes to those who are nearby or unable to collect them personally. If you wish to contribute to the Parish via Thanksgiving envelopes, Credit Cards or Direct Debit please refer to contact details below.

N.B. Financial Statements available as soon as possible after June bank statements have been received.

If circumstances have changed, you are either unable or no longer wish to contribute please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible**. The Parish Office **needs personal contact made** using one of the options below so that we can respond to and respect your wishes; and thus not mail envelopes that are no longer required. Contact details: **Phone:** 9499 1515; **mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079, **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com – Ruth

Outreach Lunch Date – 15 June:

A reminder that a 2 course lunch will take place at Berth Restaurant, Docklands on Wednesday 15 June.

Payments can be made on the day. 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

Family Care Sisters:

The Family Care Sisters facility at Croydon, offers wholistic care to all women (aged 20-69 yrs) who are in need of a peaceful environment, 'time out', support or nurturing. Our weekly (residential) program offers time for rest and relaxation, as well as group sessions on topics such as 'relaxation', 'well-being', 'self-awareness', 'coming home'. Special weeks, called "Focus" weeks are also offered, however, there are only spaces for the "Letting Go & Moving On" Focus week (15th -19th August). If you wish to be on our mailing list, please contact us. Suggested cost is \$30 per day. Contact: 9723 6797
Web: www.familycaresisters.com.au . Email: resthome.familycare@bigpond.com

Hearts in Action:

Are you too old for a youth group? But still keen to build a network of Catholic friends? Hearts in Action may be the group for you! - **Hearts in Action** is a welcoming group for people in their late 20s, 30s and 40s. There are two social events per month as well as Gospel reflection evenings. For more information or to join the mailing list (by email or post) please phone Christina on 0420 377 478; www.heartsinaction.yolasite.com.



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

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

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.

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: ivanhoe Catholics.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.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 18 – 19 June 2011

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

E. Crawley, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

Ballao family

Reader

Ballao family

Mass Coordinators

Ballao family

Counters

S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

I. Chiera (rep)

Special Ministers

B. / S. Janus, D. Ervin, M. Chin

Altar Society:

P. Mendes

Choir Coordinators: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,730.00 Loose cash: \$246.10 **Total: \$1,976.10**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 640.60**

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