

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

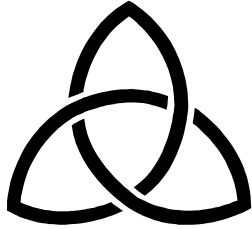
*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 25

18 – 19 June 2011

## TRINITY SUNDAY: YEAR A

### Reflection:



Years ago I was asked to take a parish-based catechetics class for children from a government primary school. I started by trying to work out how much the children knew about the basics. I asked, 'When we make the sign of the cross, what do we say?' 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' came the firm reply. So far so good! I tried upping the bar. 'What do we call the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?' There was complete silence. I tried another track. 'What do you think of when you make the Sign of the Cross?' There was an awkward silence and then a bright little boy cheerily said, 'The old man, the young fella and the bird!'

No one can blame those children for the poverty of their images of the Trinity. Many older Catholics have similar images from paintings and holy pictures. The mystery of the Trinity means that in whatever way we portray God as Father, Son and Spirit it will always be inadequate and incomplete. No one has ever seen God or the Holy Spirit. No one has a portrait of Jesus. All the images and words we use for the Trinity are more a reflection of our faith than the final word about God. God is always more than any name we use or any concept we have. The special insight into God we celebrate today is that relationships are at the very centre of who God is.

It took the early Christians four hundred years to fully grasp what Jesus was on about when he spoke of his relationship to the Father and Spirit. They struggled to understand how and why God would have three faces and yet exist as One Being – love as One, act as One. They settled the 'how' of the Trinity's nature by teaching us that the persons of the Trinity are co-equal, co-substantial and co-eternal. They settled the 'why' of the Trinity by reflecting that their experience of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was an encounter of love.

They knew the core of God was not an idea or a principle, but was a loving relationship. Furthermore, the early Christians knew that they were invited into this relationship.

What was true for them is true for us. Think about this for a minute: we believe that the God who creates, redeems and sustains the world seeks us out and invites us into a loving relationship. This is what gives us our greatest dignity and urges us on to share this message with everyone we meet. What a privilege! What an invitation! What a God!

It also follows that if relationships are at the core of God then, for those of us who accept the invitation into the Trinity's embrace; relationships are meant to be our core business too. We are not to be isolated believers or private disciples. The degree to which we understand today's feast will be shown in the care we take in our many and varied relationships, be they social, intimate, professional, civic or international.

Every time we do anything to form new and good relationships, mend those which are broken, help other relationships to be deeper and richer or just enjoy the ones we have, we discover one thing: Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Blessed be God the Father and his only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit:  
for he has shown that he loves us.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Glory and praise for ever!

V. 1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **R.**

Blest your glorious holy name. **R.**

V. 2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. **R.**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **R.**

V. 3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. **R.**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to  
God who is, who was, and who is to come, alleluia.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** We pray: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You are the sons of God, so God has given you the Spirit of his Son to  
form your hearts and make you cry out: Abba, Father.

## 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 Herta Morellato, Jack Richardson, Maria Nguyen Thi Chuyen and Irene Patrick who have died recently. We also remember Esther Robb and Maria Dri whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



### **Baptisms in our Parish Community:**

We welcome Neil Arul, Liam Arul and Isla Ryan 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 journey of faith.

### **This 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**

#### *Saint and Feast Days:*

*Mon 20<sup>th</sup> June: St Alban*

*Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Ss John Fisher & Thomas More*

*Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> June: Birth of John the Baptist*

*Tues 21<sup>st</sup> June: St Aloysius Gonzaga*

*Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> June: St Etheldreda*

*Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> June: St William of Vercelli*

### **Next Week's Readings: Body and Blood of Christ: Year A**

**Deut 8:2-3, 14-16**

**Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20**

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

**John 6:51-58**

## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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	
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	<b>Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 26 June	6-8.30pm	Young People's Group	Mary Immaculate Hall
Thursday 30 June	8.00pm	Finance Committee Meeting	
Friday 1 July	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year Prep	Mother of God Church
Friday 1 July	10 - 4	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church

## INFORMATION

**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 (15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.familycaresisters.com.au) Email: [resthome.familycare@bigpond.com](mailto: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](http://www.heartsinaction.yolasite.com)

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### Confirmation of our Parish candidates:



We congratulate the children in our Parish and Parish schools who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday 19 June, 2.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers at this time. We thank all who have prepared the children to receive this Sacrament and Liturgy at the Cathedral. We thank all who have facilitated, prepared and participated in the choir as representatives of our parish on this significant occasion.

### Congratulations:

The Parish would like to congratulate Merle Gilbo who has recently been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for 'service to science as a biochemist, and to the community'. Merle worked at Commonwealth Serum Laboratories for many years and her work included creating a vaccine for polio and significant early work on funnel web venom with Dr Norman Coles. Merle is involved in various aspects of the local community, such as Yarra Plenty Library, Neighbourhood Watch, Southern Cross Care and Ryder-Cheshire Australia; as well as Mary Immaculate Primary, secondary school and the Pallottine community. We thank Merle for her involvement, participation and various responsibilities in the parish at a variety of levels.

### 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.

### Our new liturgy:

This weekend, we'll pray the Eucharistic prayer using the new liturgy so we'll be ready to use it for the whole Mass from now on. Let's not be too concerned if, from time to time, we lapse into words we've used for so long. That is to be expected!!

### Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee:

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. 10 Donald Street, 10 am

The speaker will be Ken Walden and his topic: History of Melbourne and the MCG.



### Parish Dinner Dance!

The Parish invites all to the Parish Dinner Dance which will be held on **Saturday 23 July 2011**. It is important that **bookings / contact be made as soon as possible** so that arrangements can be made accordingly, and numbers can be finalised for catering purposes. Booking forms are still 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

### Available to good home:

Home gym available for anyone interested which has been dismantled and needs to be assembled. Anyone interested, please contact David Jones on 0412 106 790. Not seeking any payment"

### Young Peoples' Group:

The next Youth Group event will be on **Sunday 26 June, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm**. It will be *Karaoke Night* & future planning night as suggested. Apart from the Karaoke\* fun the future activities of this Group will depend on what we all come up with! We will also have our usual brief Reflection - "cruelty to animals"

**BYO dinner-to-share**. A \$2 donation to our Group is suggested. For catering purposes please let us know soon if you're coming or not. We're now a small group and hope to see as many of you as possible.

### 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.

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

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### Well Way Program:

Well Ways Programs: Support & Information Programs for Families and friends of people with mental illness

- Well Ways Duo: Wednesdays 6.30-9.30pm, Fairfield. Commences 20<sup>th</sup> July – 10 modules
- Well Ways Snapshot: Wednesdays 9.30am - 4.30pm, Banyule 10<sup>th</sup> August – 2 modules
- Well Ways Building a Future: Wednesdays 6.30-9.30pm, Fairfield from 7<sup>th</sup> September – 12 modules

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Cost: \$25 Contact: 8873 2500 or website:

wellwayseastnorth@mifellowship.org

Further details: Mental Illness Fellowship 8486 4200

### Kiss Me Kate Musical:

Diamond Valley Singers and Eltham Orchestra present 'Kiss Me Kate' at Warrandyte High School Theatre, Alexander Rd, Warrandyte 8.00pm Frid 8 July, Sat 9 July, Wed w3 July, Frid 15 July & Sat 16 July  
2.00pm Sat 9 July, Sun 10 July & Sat 16 July

Tickets \$30 & \$25 with all Profits to charity. Bookings: Angela 9439 7843

### CatholicCare Tabor Program 5 – 7 August at Templestowe:

Tabor Program is a program for widowed, separated or divorced people. This live-in weekend is designed to provide a reflective time, a time to share, to bring some closure on what has happened and to move on with life with greater freedom. Please contact CatholicCare 5221 7055.

### 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.

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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

#### **Week-end Liturgies:**

St. Bernadette's:	Saturday 6.30pm	Mary Immaculate:	Sunday 9.00am
Mother of God:	Sunday 10.30am	Mary Immaculate:	
St Bernadette's Korean Mass:		St Bernadette's:	Sunday 11.00am

#### **Week-day Liturgies:**

St. Bernadette's:	Tuesday 9.15am	Mary Immaculate:	Wednesday 9.15am
Mother of God:	Friday 9.15am		
St Bernadette's Korean Mass:		Wednesday 7.30pm	Thursday
St Bernadette's Korean Adoration & Prayers:		Thursday 8.00 - 10.00pm	

#### **Week-day Communion Services:**

Mother of God: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.15am

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:**

St Bernadette's First Friday of the month Mass at 10am & Benediction at 4pm

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### **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 25 – 26 June 2011**

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

Saturday 6.30pm

#### **Lector**

J. Murphy

#### **Special Ministers**

B. Jowett, A. Pellizzari

#### **MARY IMMACULATE: Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

J. Newell

#### **Reader**

C. Nguyen

#### **Mass Coordinators**

E. Kehoe

#### **Counters**

P. & H. Nguyen

#### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

J. Taylor

#### **Lector**

R. White

#### **Special Ministers**

M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. De Silva

**Altar Society:** T. McCarthy

**Choir Coordinators:** A. Pollard

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**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$1,313.10

Loose cash: \$338.80

**Total: \$1,651.90**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:**

**\$ 635.65**