



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 26

25 – 26 June 2011

## BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: YEAR A

### Reflection:

Some years ago, Pope John Paul II went to Lima, Peru. There he was met by a massive crowd of two million people. Instead of the usual greetings from the President and the Cardinal, two people from a shantytown stepped forward to the microphone. Their names were Irene and Viktor Charo. As the huge crowd went quiet, they begin to speak to the Pope.

'Holy Father, we are hungry, we are sick, we lack work, our children die before their time. Yet we believe, Holy Father, we believe in the God of life. And we hunger for bread.' Before a hushed crowd, the Pope replied in his best Spanish. 'You tell me you hunger for bread.' 'Yes, yes', the millions yelled in reply. 'You tell me you hunger for God', said the Pope and again the crowd swelled with an emphatic 'Yes! Yes!' 'I want this hunger for God to remain; I want your hunger for bread to be satisfied.' The Pope then turned to the generals and the wealthy politicians gathered there – many of them devout Catholics – and said very starkly, 'I won't simply say share what you have. I will say give it back. Give it back – it belongs to the poor.'

As extraordinary as the Pope's words were that day, Jesus' words about the Eucharist in today's Gospel are even more so. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel many people were so horrified by the claims Jesus makes for the reality of his presence in the Eucharist, they stopped following him. John clearly links Jesus giving himself for the sake of God's kingdom and our redemption, with the communion we share with Him in every Mass.

When we receive the Risen Christ in communion it's not a symbol of his presence or a sign of his life to which we say 'Amen'. It is Christ who hosts us, who gives us himself so that we might be transformed into His image and likeness. In modern language Christ says to us at every Mass, 'Here I am, broken and poured out in love for you. Take me. I'm here for you.'



The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine in a sermon on the Eucharist on 9th August 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.

Hence, like the Pope in Peru, many people have linked the reception of the Bread of Life here with the giving of bread which sustains life away from here. On average in our world, 26,000 die every day of starvation. John F Kennedy observed in 1961, 'The only thing standing between us and the elimination of hunger is our desire to see it.' We could feed all the world's poor. We choose not to.

In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, 'while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete'. By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking. There's an emptiness. Yet it's an emptiness that invites us in. The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food is the same God that asks, 'When I was hungry, did you feed me?' This question says that just as God feeds us, so we too should and can feed each other.

May this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ give us the strength of our convictions. May the real food and drink we provide away from this sacred table prove to the world the power of the Eucharist to change us into a people that are good, unifying and loving. And may we not just share with the poor from our excesses, but give them back the food that is rightly theirs.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

V. 1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

V. 2. He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

V. 3. He makes his world known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever, alleluia.**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Jesus, bread of life and hope of the world: Hear our prayer.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Brother Len Francis, 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 Tony Preece who died recently. We also remember Marcus Fitt, Giovanni Sansone, Jean Squire, Irene Meade and Antonina Ginevra whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July:**

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: Body and Blood of Christ: Year A**

**Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58**

*Saint and Feast Days:*

*Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June: St Cyril of Alexandria*

*Tues 28<sup>th</sup> June: St Irenaeus*

*Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June: Ss Peter & Paul*

*Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June: The First Roman Martyrs*

*Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> July: Sacred Heart of Jesus*

*Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Immaculate Heart of Mary*

**Next Week's Readings: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A**

**Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 Romans 8:9, 12-13 Matthew 11:25-30**

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## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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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	10am; 4pm	<b>First Friday Devotions</b> School Term 2 ends	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 2 July	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Sat 2 – Sun 3 July		St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal	
Monday 4 July	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	
Wednesday 6 July	12-3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	St B Community Centre
Saturday 9 July	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mother of God Church

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## INFORMATION

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**Love's Body: Eucharist in Our Lives- A Photographic Exhibition:**

Sunday 26 June - Saturday 16 July, 2pm-4pm, New North Gallery, 15a Railway Place, Fairfield (opposite Fairfield Train Station). Fr Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles, showcases a photographic exhibition of his work with young men and women involved in L.A. gangs and establishment of Homeboy, which provides employment opportunities for those living on the edge. All are invited!

**INCLUSIVENESS**

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### **Ordination of Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv:**

Bishop Long was ordained as Bishop at St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 23 June with Archbishop Denis Hart, Principal Consecrator and co-consecrators Cardinal George Pell and Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia - five archbishops, sixteen bishops and hundreds of priests also concelebrated.

Bishop Vincent Long's recent preparation for the ordination included a visit to the tomb of one of the church's greatest saints, St Francis of Assisi, in Italy, and a week long retreat after his return to Australia. He was 18 years old when he fled communism in 1980. He travelled in a 17m boat with 147 other people. After eight terrifying days, he and all 147 other people made it safely to Malaysia.

Bishop Long said that his vocation to the priesthood was confirmed for him in the refugee camp in Springvale, a suburb of Melbourne, where he first lived when he came to Australia. He lived his childhood in Vietnam in poverty and war and spent many nights bundled into a bomb shelter with his siblings and parents under their home. In 1983, Bishop-elect Long became a Conventual Franciscan friar and studied for the priesthood in Melbourne.

*OFM Conv is an abbreviated form of Order of Friars Minor Conventual and is one of a number of Franciscan orders that emerged from the Friars Minor established by St Francis of Assisi in the 13th Century, and living the Gospel in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi.*

**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!!

### **St Vincent De Paul – Winter Appeal – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011:**

This season is shaping up to be a very cold winter and some families in our parish and nearby vicinity are struggling to keep warm. The Society invites the parishioners to assist this appeal with donations of Canned Food, Warm Clothing, Doonas and Blankets or alternatively envelopes are available at the rear of the church for cash donations. Your support for this appeal is greatly appreciated.



#### **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



#### **Outreach Social Afternoon:**

The next afternoon for lunch and games will be on Wednesday 6 July 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

**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

### **Helder Camara Lectures in June & July 2011- Save the Dates!:**

- 'Tattoos on the Heart': The Power of Boundless Compassion: Friday 24 June
- Challenges Facing the Church and Society in Myanmar Today: Wednesday 29 June
- Can I Really Be Happy? "Freedom, Personal Identity and the Possibility of Happiness": Thursday 21 July.

All events will be held at The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston St, Parkville from 6.00pm.

Details: Br Mark O'Connor FMS 0401 222 596 or email markoconnorfms@gmail.com

**Available to good home:** Home gym available for anyone interested which has been dismantled and needs to be assembled. Anyone interested, contact David Jones on 0412 106 790. Not seeking any payment”

**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

**Serenity: an afternoon of beautiful music:**

The afternoon is hosted by Melbourne’s Little Sisters of the Poor: Serenity presents classical performance by some of Melbourne’s aspiring young musicians and vocalists. The concert will be followed with a chance to meet the Sisters at Afternoon Tea and an opportunity to see the picturesque grounds. 23 July, 2 - 5pm at Little Sisters of the Poor, 112 St Georges Road, Northcote. Cost \$20 per person including afternoon tea. Details: Little Sisters of the Poor, 9489 8444

**Celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Carlton’s Lourdes Grotto:**

In August 1941, during the troubled days of the Second World War, the Italian Community of Melbourne erected this historic grotto as an expression of its good will and solidarity with other Australian faithful.

Please join the seminary community as we commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Holy Hour with Solemn Benediction at the grotto at Church of the Sacred Heart, 199 Rathdowne St, Carlton at 3.00pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 Refreshments will follow after the liturgy.

**Young Men of God presents ... Stand Up and Be Counted:**

An inspiring weekend of faith, formation, recreation and brotherhood for men aged 18-35. It is a great chance to discover and to be renewed in God’s plan and purpose for your life. Speakers include: Fr Tony McSweeney (Former Superior General of Blessed Sacrament Fathers) and Fr Anthony Phillips MGL. Inspiring talks, music, great food, night bonfire, Mass by the beach, Reconciliation, sport + more Friday 8 July (evening) - Sunday 10 July (1pm) at Phillip Island Coastal Discovery Camp, 77 Marlin St, Smiths Beach. Cost: \$100 - includes all food (Sat and Sun) and accommodation. Register: cameron.s@ymgmovement.org; call/text 0413 023 169; www.ymgmovement.org

**CatholicCare Tabor Program 5 – 7 August, Templestowe:**

This live-in weekend for widowed, separated or divorced people 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.

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 2 – 3 July 2011**

**ST. BERNADETTE’S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

E. Jowett

**Special Ministers**

B. Jowett, Sister Carmel

**MARY IMMACULATE:** Leader

Sunday 9.00am

J. Pidutti

**Reader**

B. Fitt

**Mass Coordinators**

M. Gilbo

**Counters**

P. Fanning

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

V. O’Kane

**Lector**

C. Bellio

**Special Ministers**

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera (abs)

**Altar Society:**

I. Chiera (abs)

**Choir Coordinators:**

School Holidays

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**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$3,125.15 Loose cash: \$382.10 **Total: \$3,507.25**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:** **\$ 631.40**

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