



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 27

2 – 3 July 2011

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

Before I said my first Mass an old priest gave me two great pieces of advice. 'You know when the congregation is filled with optimists. After a long series of announcements at the end of Mass and then you say "and finally..." people take out their car keys!' The second was, 'Never underestimate the burdens people bring with them into the church. Often we have little idea of the difficulties and pain our parishioners will be carrying.'

I have no idea what you have brought with you to Mass today. I can only imagine the anxiety and burden some of you are carrying. Whatever it is, Jesus invites you to let go of it, if only for a while, and be at peace. Now all this 'come and rest a while' talk can be very pious and not sound all that in touch with reality.

Today's Gospel, however, came from the community of the Apostle Matthew and was written in Jerusalem about 45 years after Jesus' death. We know that this community experienced intense suffering and heavy burdens. They had been expelled from the Synagogue and were being martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ. No wonder they held so strongly to the words, 'Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.' And they found consolation in Jesus' example, 'take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.' Since the first century, however, Christianity has been guilty of trying to spiritually wallpaper over some tough realities rather than preaching that God is our companion in facing up to whatever our reality is and dealing with it.

Our faith is not about praying away our problems or fears and wishing it were otherwise. Our faith means we have experienced the love of God in Jesus Christ so that we never carry our burdens alone. God is our companion and guide and this parish Community, as with every Christian community, is called to be the sort of place where we carry each other's burdens and rest with each other awhile.

What we celebrate here each Sunday is that God will have the last word, a just, joyous, loving and peaceful word, in this world and when we enter our final rest.

Jesus didn't come to us as a divine magician, waving a wand over our problems to wipe away all our tears. Rather, he accompanies us so he can show us that the gift of peace and a release from our life's burdens is often found in having the perspective for exercising the gift of right judgment. Making the best possible choices leads to the alleviation of our pain and difficulties.

This type of spiritual sanity reminds me of the story of the nun who was teaching the communion class, and drew an analogy about how food is essential to life.

She asked the class, 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?'

To which there was bemused silence. So Sister tried again. 'What's small and furry and eats nuts?'

There was now stony silence. Sister then picked out Billy and asked him for the answer. After several awkward moments, Billy tentatively replied, 'Sister, I know the answer is supposed to be Jesus, because the answer to all your questions is always Jesus but, I have to tell you, it sounds like a bloody squirrel to me.'

Sometimes the answer is not simply 'Jesus'. As we all know, for some of our difficulties, there is no spiritual quick fix. There is no cheap grace. The answer is not simply Jesus. In confronting issues, however, it is necessary for spiritual and mental health to take time out, to be as gentle with ourselves as possible, to know that the burden of life is shared so that we can make the decisions that will ease the situation.

I don't underestimate the burdens some of you have walked into this church with today. Whatever burden you may have brought with you, may you know a moment's rest, the companionship of fellow travellers and the gift of Christ's peace.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Within your temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

V. 1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever,
I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R.**

V. 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

V. 3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and all your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

V. 4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened; and I will give you rest, 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, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel, Jill Brophy and Dorothea Chandler. We remember all those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Finton Traynor, Sheila Lorenz, Sean Drummond, Matthew Deedman and Maurice Port who have died recently. We remember Francesco Rinaldi, Richard Makarucha, Santo Patti, Irma Pertile, Bruno and Maria Erbrederis, and Michael Galluccio whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome James Connor and Allegra Young 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.

Aboriginal Our Father

**Refrain: You are our Father, you live in heaven. We talk to you, Father you are good.
You are our Father, you live in heaven. We talk to you, Father you are good.**

1. We believe your Word, Father, we your children give us bread today.
We believe your Word, Father, we your children give us bread today.
2. We have done wrong, we are sorry. Teach us Father all about your word.
We have done wrong, we are sorry. Teach us Father all about your word.
3. Others have done wrong to us, and we are sorry for them, Father today.
Others have done wrong to us, and we are sorry for them, Father today.
4. Stop us from doing wrong, Father. Save us all from the evil one.
Stop us from doing wrong, Father. Save us all from the evil one.

This Week's Readings: 14th 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 4th July: St Elizabeth of Portugal

Tues 5th July: St Anthony Zaccaria

Wed 6th July: St Maria Goretti

Thurs 7th July: St Felix

Fri. 8th July: St Lilian

Sat. 9th July: Mary Queen of Peace

Next Week's Readings: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 64:10-14 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 2 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sat 2 – Sun 3 July		<u>St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal</u> <i>Term 2 School Holidays</i>	
Wednesday 6 July	12-3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	St B Community Centre
Saturday 9 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
11-14 July		Clergy Conference	

INFORMATION

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2011:

Today is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. We acknowledge the deeply religious and spiritual traditions of our ancestors with respect. We have chosen the theme Justice and Peace for all for this year's resources. It is also the beginning of a week of celebrations throughout the nation where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people celebrate their spirituality, identity, culture and survival. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is the start of National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee or NAIDOC week where we are all welcomed and encouraged to join in the activities and celebrations.

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St Vincent De Paul – Winter Appeal – Sunday 3rd 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.

Thanksgiving Envelopes – Thank you!:

Thank you to all those who have collected their Thanksgiving envelopes, and especially to those who have delivered them, either by car or on foot, to those unable to collect them personally. Cost of postage is \$1.20 per set of envelopes which can add up considerably. *Please Note:* **Financial Statements** will be made available as soon as possible after June bank statements have been received. - Ruth

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!!

PLT Meeting 22 June:

- Ford St. planning is proceeding well. Demolition of existing building will occur soon.
- 80 young people from our three schools including 27 from the Catechist group were confirmed at St. Patrick's Cathedral on 19th June. Music supplied by a choir of parishioners.
- The liturgy group has been planning and implementing the staged introduction of the new liturgy.
- The deadline for payment of money for the Dinner Dance is very near. It is essential that all intending to be present do so.
- Building programmes at all three schools are progressing well but it was noted that the potential improvements had meant some temporary difficulties. *Next meeting: Wednesday 2nd August.*



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



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

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Mary Immaculate School:

Mary Immaculate School are requesting support in the collection of McCains' School Veggie Patches from frozen vegetables barcodes and Pauls Milk Caps. Barcodes and Pauls Caps provide points which enable more veggie patch equipment in order to redeem their up and coming Veggie Patch. Your help and support is much appreciated – Kylie Donhardt, Mary Immaculate Primary School SAC Grants Co-ordinator

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

From Sunday 26 June - Saturday 16 July, 2.00-4.00pm at 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!

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 20th July – 10 modules
- Well Ways Snapshot: Wednesdays 9.30am - 4.30pm, Banyule 10th August – 2 modules
- Well Ways Building a Future: Wednesdays 6.30-9.30pm, Fairfield from 7th 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

Plant & Book Sale:

Proceeds for the missions

Saturday 16 July 10am – 3pm at Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 154 Cotham Rd, Kew

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

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

Speakers include: Fr Tony McSweeney (Former Superior General of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers) and Fr Anthony Phillips MGL. Inspiring talks, music, great food, night bonfire, Mass by the beach, Reconciliation, sport and more from 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

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 9 – 10 July 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Gray

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari. E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

K. Bator

Reader

J. McCormack

Mass Coordinators

J. & D. Jones

Counters

E. Ballao, T. McKinley

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

E. Mount

Lector

E. Mount

Special Ministers

A. Moloney, G. Crawford, R. Matovinovic

Altar Society:

P. Caddy

Choir Coordinators: School Holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving:

Envelopes: \$2,032.50

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Total: \$2,482.00

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 554.20

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