



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 28

9 – 10 July 2011

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:



With the three readings we have just heard, we could easily celebrate Environment Sunday today. Rain, snow, seeds, sowers, fertile soil and a labouring creation giving birth to the fruits of the Spirit, are all rich ground upon which we can reflect on the importance of our earth's ecology. In recent years the Church has regularly reminded us that the issue of caring for the environment is an important part of our Christian commitment for justice. We have been reminded that while the earth has been entrusted to us as stewards, to be preserved, it is also given into our hands to be developed in such a way that there will be a productive earth for future generations to inherit.

If this means we must limit our consumption, change our priorities in regard to energy and trade and show the third world the way in developing eco-friendly industries, then all the better for us. Most of us know that we cannot keep going as we are, with ever increasing unsustainable demands on our planet. There is no point any of us crying over the demise of our environment in the future, if we are doing nothing to help it now. Every small thing we do from being conscious of the issues, to recycling and using our cars less, is not unimportant. Some of us are in positions to do a lot more than these things as well and we should take our Christian responsibilities in this regard very seriously.

One creative reading of today's Gospel is that it parallels how we can respond to the news of the degradation of the environment. For some of us the facts and figures about the planet's ecosystem fall on rocky ground. We are not receptive to hearing anything that might demand a change in our lifestyle or a lessening of our comfort. For others of us, recent debates fall among the thorns. Competing with other issues for our attention and action, the plight of the earth is not able to take root in our consciousness or sympathies. We think it can all wait for another generation who will have the ability to fix the problems then. For some of us, however, recent surveys and our own sense of environmental changes means that what experts are saying falls on fertile soil. We want to do whatever we can to see that the earth continues to bear fruit for as many generations as God intends.

The Old and New Testaments are filled with the importance of our relationships to the earth. In the book of Genesis humanity is told to care for and subdue the earth, not wreck it. We cannot be irresponsible about the world's finite resources in the hope that we will find solutions in the future. Avarice is not one of the seven deadly sins for nothing.

We believe the bread and wine of the Eucharist, which we say are 'the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands', are changed into Christ present among us. May these Eucharistic gifts rooted in our soil, effect in us a change that might enable us to have ears to hear the groan of creation as it calls for us to be careful sowers and responsible reapers. May our stand for justice always take into account the care our earth requires so that we have a productive planet to hand on to our children. By how we choose to live now, may we hand it on to them in better shape than we found it.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: In my justice I shall see your face, O Lord; when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

V. 1. You care for the earth, give it water; you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R.**

V. 2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows,

You level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R.**

V. 3. You crown the year with your goodness.

Abundance flows in your steps, in the pasture of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

V. 4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadow covered with flocks,

The valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in them, 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, Frank Scheggia, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Fr Kevin Manning and Fr Leo Saleeba who have died recently. We also remember Frank McClelland, Anita Simpson, Simone Berthelot, Steve Berthelot and Irma Pertile whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Damon Dal Pos who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his family, 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: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 11th July: St Benedict

Wed 13th July: St Henry

Fri. 15th July: St Bonaventure

Tues 12th July: St John Jones

Thurs 14th July: St Camillus de Lellis

Sat. 16th July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Next Week's Readings: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 9 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
11-14 July		Clergy Conference	
Saturday 16 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 18 July		<i>School Term 3 commences</i>	
Tuesday 19 July	6.30pm	Eucharist Family Workshop	Mary Immaculate School
Saturday 16 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 23 July		<i>Parish Dinner Dance</i>	See newsletter notice

INFORMATION

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.*

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Clergy Conference 11 – 14 July:

Fr Thang will be attending the Clergy Conference from 11-14 July. We sincerely thank Fr Len Thomas who will celebrate Masses during this time on Tuesday 12 July and Wednesday 13 July whilst Fr Thang is absent.

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. *Please Note:* **Financial Statements** will be made available as soon as possible after June bank statements have been received.



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

Newsletter notices, items and anniversaries need to be given to the Parish Office **no later than 5.00pm,**



Wednesday each week. Notices received after this time will be placed in the following week's newsletter. Notices and items can be left in the locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Contact details: phone 9499 1515, fax 9499 9959; or email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com

Parish Office: Since I will be on a week's leave from 18-22 July the newsletter for 23-24 July will be prepared in advance next week. It would be very helpful if anniversaries or notices for that weekend could be given to the Office by Wednesday 13 July. Many thanks - 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!!



Volunteers needed: Ryder Cheshire Home in Ivanhoe is seeking volunteers to assist with a sewing project currently underway for those in residence at Ryder Cheshire Ivanhoe.

Straight sewing of prepared pieces – nothing complicated! Further information: Sue Kelly 9499 1485 or Sister Jane Gorey 9254 2499 *Graphic: © clipartguide.com*

Yarra Deanery Spirituality in the Pub – 20 July:

“Turning 50: The Second Vatican Council” - Understanding the Council that changed our lives.

In 1959 when calling the council, Pope John XXIII spoke of aggiornamento, “bringing up to date” and on October 11th 1962, and when opening the Second Vatican Council he said: “we feel we must disagree with those prophets of gloom, who are always forecasting disaster ... Divine Providence is leading us to a new order of human relations”

Max Vodola will lead us in learning and understanding a little more about this landmark event in our church. Max is currently Parish Priest of Flemington/Kensington parishes and lecturer in Church history at Catholic Theological College. Since ordination in 1997, Max has served in the parishes of Maidstone / Braybrook, Geelong, Nth Reservoir and Nth Balwyn. He was recently awarded his Ph.D from Monash University. His thesis examined the writings of Pope John XXIII on the Council of Trent and St Charles Borromeo that helped to shape Roncalli's ideas and language regarding the Second Vatican Council.

Date: Wednesday 20th July Time: 8:00 pm Gondola Room, Veneto Club 191 Bulleen Rd Bulleen.

Come along, book for dinner in the bistro, 9850 7111, Mon to Frid 10-4. Call: Charles on 0417 319 556 for more information

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

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Life Marriage and Family Office:

Brochures have been received from the Life Marriage and Family Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Brochures entitled 'Marriage and Same-Sex Unions – Are they the same?' are available in each church, as well as copies of a petition issued by Archbishop Hart late 2010

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

Article on Fr Greg Boyle is in this week's Kairos magazine available in each church

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. All are invited!

**AMNESTY
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Amnesty International: In 2008, Geoff Allshorn of the Ivanhoe Local Group came up with the idea for a special commemorative stamp to celebrate in Australia the 50th anniversary of Amnesty International in 2011. On Tuesday 5th July, Australia Post issued a commemorative 60c stamp which is on sale until 5 August 2011.

Founded in London in 1961, Amnesty International is the largest member-based human rights organisation in the world, made up of more than three million ordinary people in over 150 countries. The primary objective of Amnesty International is to campaign for the international recognition, respect and protection of human rights. A charity funded largely by its members and public donations, Amnesty International is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion. This means it is free to criticise any government's human rights record without fear or favour and is able to retain a reputation of impartiality and transparency. In 1977 Amnesty International was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for having "contributed to securing the ground for freedom, for justice, and thereby also for peace in the world".

Correspondence Secretary, Group 315 Ivanhoe Local Group. Amnesty International, PO Box 210, Ivanhoe
Phone: 9890 4203 or <http://vic.amnesty.org.au/groups/ivanhoe>

Palms Australia – Global Mission Volunteers: For 50 years, the Australian Catholic Church has been sending Catholic Missionaries through the auspices of Palms Global Mission Program which have included qualified teachers, nurses, midwives, doctors, physios, farmers, tradespeople and more. Live simply on a volunteer allowance in Africa, Timor-Lesie or the Pacific. You will be well prepared with all expenses, including travel, insurance and health covered. Placements starting from July 2011.

Contact: Marie Gilbert 02 9518 9551; email:marie@palms.org.au or visit website: www.palms.org.au

Silent Directed Retreats at Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality:

- 3 Day: Monday 17 – Friday 19 October
 - 5 Day: Monday 3 – Sunday 9 October
 - 6 Day: Saturday 28 Oct – Friday 4 November
 - 8 Day: Monday 12 – Wednesday 21 September
- Where: Campion Centre, 99 Studley Park Rd, Kew
Email: campion@cis.jesuit.org.au
Phone: 9854 8110
Website: www.cis.jesuit.org.au

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 16 – 17 July 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

C. Dixon

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

Costa family

Reader

Costa family

Mass Coordinators

Costa family

Counters

L. McInerney, M. Rocco

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

M. Hoban

Lector

M. Hoban

Special Ministers

T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame

Altar Society: P. Mendes

Choir Coordinators: School Holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,866.25 Loose cash: \$618.35 **Total: \$2,484.60**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 842.40**