



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 29

16 – 17 July 2011

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:



Today's Gospel gives us both a parable and then an interpretation of that parable. I'm very grateful for this pattern in the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. It indicates to us that not everything that Jesus says should be taken literally. Clearly the disciples were sometimes confused and needed some private coaching to bring them up to speed with what Jesus was on about.

As much as I respect the faith of our fundamentalist Christian brothers and sisters, it is at this point, on the way we interpret the Scriptures, that we cannot agree. The catholic community has always taken the process outlined in Matthew's gospel very seriously.

We have always held that the full richness of the scriptures needs careful study and tested interpretations.

Unfortunately, in previous generations, the anxiety over people's private interpretations of the scriptures led Catholics to be suspicious of the Bible and the private reading of it. To read the Bible was often seen as a 'very protestant thing to do'. Given that Jesus, Mary, the apostles and the disciples are all recorded in the New Testament as reading, meditating on, or hearing the scriptures, nothing could be further from the truth. To be a Christian is to ponder the Word of God.

That's why the Second Vatican Council encouraged us all to return to regular private reflection on the Bible. Along with this encouragement they also reminded us, however, that as strong as the feelings and revelations we experience in our private scriptural prayer may be, these may have little or no consequence for the wider community of faith. We believe that the whole Church has the task to discern where the Word of God is leading us.

To help this discernment, its scholars who pay great attention to the history and the literary, textual and cultural issues in and around the Bible have always aided the catholic community. They look at how various interpretations and approaches of the Scriptures have helped or hindered the Church over the centuries. We place great weight on the 'here and now' of the faith community who listens to the Word of God and lives it out.

Our approach is a long way from those who hold that the entire truth of the scriptures is found in the text itself. Fundamentalist interpretations of the scriptures dismiss the importance of studying the scriptures by reducing it to a book of facts. In doing so, they tie themselves up in all sorts of textual knots whenever the scriptures seem to contradict themselves.

We hold, however, that the scriptures are not books of facts, though they contain historical information. We believe we have seventy-three sacred books that 'cannot err in leading us to the truth about God'. The Word of God is for us the pathway to faith, a series of revealed and inspired portraits of God and a distillation of God's saving love for us and our response to him.

When there are inconsistencies or differences in any two scriptural texts, rather than unsettle us, we see these differences as examples of the varying rich approaches to the truth of our salvation in and through Christ. This is nicely summed up in the verse, *The Bible in 50 words*.

God made	Moses balked	David peeked	Love rose
Adam bit	Pharaoh plagued	Prophets warned	Spirit flamed
Noah arked	People walked	Jesus born	Word spread
Abraham split	Sea divided	God walked	God remained.
Joseph ruled	Tablets guided	Love talked	
Jacob fooled	Promise landed	Anger crucified	
Bush talked	Saul freaked	Hope died	

At this Eucharist let's give thanks that Jesus often used stories to communicate his truth and that he explained their meaning to those with ears to hear. Let's be grateful that we are inheritors of this intelligent legacy.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God himself is my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will offer you a willing sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

V. 1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

V. 2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord:

For you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R.**

V. 3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord,

Abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **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: The Lord keeps in our minds the wonderful things he has done. He is compassion and love; he always provides for his faithful.

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 who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember those who have died recently. We also remember Giovanni Rombai, Mariuccia Martino, Vinicio Ciliberti and Biagio Ciliberti whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community: We welcome Eva Findling, Benjamin McCarthy and Mikayla McCarthy 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: 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 18th July: St Frederick

Wed 20th July: St Apollinaris

Fri. 22nd July: St Bonaventure

Tues 19th July: St Macrina

Thurs 21st July: St Lawrence of Brindisi

Sat. 23rd July: St Bridget

Next Week's Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 Romans 8:24-26 Matthew 13:44-52

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 16 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 18 July		School Term 3 commences	
Tuesday 19 July	6.30pm	Eucharist Family Workshop	Mary Immaculate School
Saturday 23 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 23 July		Parish Dinner Dance	See newsletter notice
Monday 25 July	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 26 July	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grade 3	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 26 July	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 27 July	7.00pm	Eucharist Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Friday 29 July	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School – SSG	Mother of God Church
Saturday 30 July	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

INFORMATION

Thanksgiving Statements 2011 are available for collection in each church.

Mary Immaculate – in Street order

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

Thank you to those who deliver them, either by car or on foot, to those unable to collect them personally.

If circumstances have changed, and you are either unable or no longer wish to contribute please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible**: **Phone:** 9499 1515; **mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079, **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com

Since I am absent from 18-22 July, please feel free to make contact with the Office after 25 July if changes are required – Ruth

Parish Office:

Fr Thang and Helen will be in attendance at the Office as usual. I am on a week's leave from 18-22 July and the newsletter has been printed for the following weekend. Notices such as deaths, anniversaries and prayers for the sick will be noted and where possible included as part of Prayers of the Faithful within the Mass next weekend 23-24 July, and can be included in the newsletter for the following weekend. 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*

Parish Dinner Dance!

Only a week to go until the big night (Saturday 23 July)! Please forward all outstanding monies to the Parish Office ASAP and table details to Paul McEvey on 0438 509 995 or paul.mcevey@gmail.com

Ryder Cheshire:

The next Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee will take place at 14 Donaldson St. at 10am on Friday, 22nd July. The speaker will be Adele Thompson, her subject: 'The First Fleet'. It sounds fascinating.

Thank You!!

It's still hard to believe that I was on that OAM list! I know there are so many people who are active in the community and, as I think about it, how much work it was to gather the necessary information about my varied life. I have been touched by your many messages of congratulations and affirmation. I 'dreamed' about contacting everyone individually but reality has set in so I'm taking advantage of the fact that I can reach some friends through the parish newsletter: Most sincerely, **thank you** to all who have phoned, sent cards and E mails, spoken to me in person. - Merle

Yarra Deanery Spirituality in the Pub – 20 July:

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

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 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.

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

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Ivanhoe Makers Market:

The last market at Banyule Art Space, 14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe was on Saturday 16th July (advertising notice came this week). As from 20th August, the Ivanhoe Makers Market will be on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-4pm at Livingstone Community Centre, 1 Livingstone St, Ivanhoe (Corner Waterdale Rd & Livingstone St). For more information: 9497 2014

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 3rd August.

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

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

Palms Australia – Global Mission Volunteers: The Australian Catholic Church has sent lay Catholic Missionaries through the auspices of Palms Global Mission Program which included qualified teachers, nurses, midwives, doctors, physios, farmers, tradespeople... Live simply on volunteer allowance in Africa, Timor-Lesie or Pacific. You will be well prepared with all expenses, including travel, insurance and health cover. Placements starting from July 2011. Contact: Marie Gilbert 02 9518 9551; email:marie@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
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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 23 – 24 July 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

T. Nibali, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

P. Callahan

Reader

P. Carlin

Mass Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

P. Gelsi, P. Black

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Curry

Lector

V. / B. O'Kane

Special Ministers

E. Brownstein, MA Darcy, J. Ellis

Altar Society:

T. McCarthy

Choir Coordinators: J. O'Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,389.50 Loose cash: \$401.15

Total: \$1,790.65

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 637.50