

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

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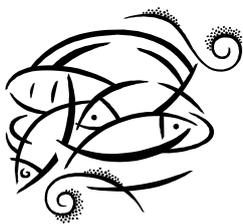
30 – 31 July 2011

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

There is an old line that runs, 'If you feel distant from God – guess who has moved?' It picks up the theme in the Romans reading which we have just heard, 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God.'

In the midst of persecution and suffering, St Paul writes to the community at Rome to tell them that, even in their fear, desolation and grief, nothing, and no one, can separate them from God's love. This shows us that when we feel separated from God we may have walked away from him, usually through destructive behaviour that sets up and maintains distance between us and the source of our faith, hope and love.



St Matthew and Isaiah also knew that nothing can separate us from God's love. Isaiah's river of plenty and Matthew's loaves and fish are all about the plenty of God's kingdom, the abundance of God's goodness.

Too often we focus on the miracle of transformation that occurs in Matthew's Gospel when all he tells about the actual miracle is that Jesus 'breaks and shares'. Matthew is more interested in the leftovers than he is in the miracle itself. From five loaves and two fish we are told twelve baskets of scraps are left over.

Numbers are rarely random in the Bible. The echo of the seven days of creation would not have been lost on the first hearers of this story as Jesus takes seven fruits of the earth to feed the crowd. Similarly, the twelve baskets of scraps, the remnants of the meal at which all were filled and satisfied, echo the sign of God through the twelve tribes of Israel in the Old Testament.

For us today this story also has consoling resonance. Matthew is telling us that Jesus sees our need, does not turn us away, comes to where we are, as we are, and recreates us through the abundance of his love, so we can be signs of His kingdom in the world. The Church has always believed that the feeding of the crowd prefigured the Eucharist, this weekly time where we receive the fullness of God in his Word, in the life of the community, in the minister and through the transformation of the Bread and Wine.

It's all about abundance. Our God has abundantly provided for us so that we can abundantly provide for all the world which is given into our care. 'Those to whom much is given, much is required.' The problem is that when we look around we see that while some of us have so much, others have nothing at all. If this reality doesn't move us to a change of heart and right action then we have not understood the story of the loaves and the fish, that God's goodness is never intended for a select few.

Sometimes people look at the poverty in the world and think, 'How could God allow that?' This question can cause us to feel distant from God, but in light of what God has given us and our ability to share from this abundance, when we think like and feel like this, guess who has moved away from whom?

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The hand of the Lord, feeds us, he answers all our needs.

V. 1. 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. 2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **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: Hear us we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You gave us bread from heaven, Lord: a sweet-tasting bread that was very good to eat.

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 Dorothy French, Bradley Rouillon and Sister Antoinette Burke RSM who have died recently. We also remember Michael Curtain, Nancy McGlade, Saverio Valente, Ettore Pertile, Frank Beltrame, Colleen Hornsby and Grazia Villani whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions – Friday 5th August:

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.

Offertory Gifts: Children making their First Eucharist and their families have been invited to take up the Offertory Gifts as part of the Mass:

Date	Mary Immaculate 9am	Mother of God 10.30am
Sunday 31 st July		Caldarera & Doran families
Sunday 7 th August	Amos Adams-Jones & Timothy Barclay	Fink & Greco families

This Week's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 55:1-3 Psalm 144:8-9, 15-18 Romans 8:35, 37-39 Matthew 14:13-21

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 1st August: St Alphonsus Liguori

Tues 2nd August: St Peter Julian Eymard

Wed 3rd August: St Germanus of Auxerre

Thurs 4th August: St John Vianney

Fri. 5th August: St Dominic

Sat. 6th August: The Transfiguration

Next Week's Readings: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 Psalm 84:9-14 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Monday 1 August	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 2 August	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grs 4, 5, 6L	St Bernadette's Church
Wednesday 3 August	12-3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	St B Community Centre
Wednesday 3 August	7.00pm	Eucharist Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 3 August	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 4 August	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Board	Mary Immaculate School
Friday 5 August	10am & 4pm	First Friday Mass and Benediction	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 6 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 9 August	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grs 4, 5, 6W	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 9 August	7.30pm	Mother of God School Representative Council	Mother of God School
Wednesday 3 August	7.00pm	Eucharist Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Wednesday 10 Aug	7.30pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	Ss Peter & Paul, Doncaster E
Thursday 11 August	8.00pm	Ford St Development Meeting	Parish Office
Friday 12 August	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 4	Mother of God Church
Saturday 13 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church

INFORMATION



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

Appointment of Parish Priest!:



Archbishop Denis Hart wishes to advise the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe that Fr Thang Vu has been appointed Parish Priest, effective from 27th July 2011, for a period of six years. We sincerely congratulate Fr Thang on this momentous appointment and thank him for his ministry, commitment, dedication and service to our parish and parishioners since the beginning of the year. We wish him well in the years ahead as our parish leader and as an integral member of our parish community; as well as being a member of the Yarra Deanery and local Ivanhoe communities.

Mass Times 8th August & 15th August:

Monday 8 th August	Feast of Mary McKillop	9.15am Mary Immaculate & 7.30pm Mother of God
Monday 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption	9.15am Mary Immaculate & 7.30pm St Bernadette's

Another step in introducing the New Liturgy: We are doing very well learning the new words! Don't let us be discouraged by those lapses from time to time. This week we will begin to make use of the laminated sheets which have been provided by the Archdiocese. The power point presentations have given us a great start but the sheets will be more convenient for example for week day Masses.

Please look for the sheets as you enter the church and leave them at the end of Mass.

CatholicCare Collection 6-7 August:

CatholicCare's Annual Church Appeal will be held next weekend 6-7 August which provides a significant part of the financial support required to conduct programs and services designed to provide preventative and support to families and individuals. A particular focus this year has been new and developing work with people seeking asylum and CatholicCare's continuing work with refugees settling into local communities. CatholicCare is providing a speaker from Genazzano College at the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.



Outreach Social Afternoon: The next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 3 August 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

Morning Tea at Mother of God Church: After 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church, Sun 7th August. Everyone is welcome. A donation of a plate of food would be appreciated.



Mass of Anointing and Blessing - Tuesday 16th August at St Bernadette's:

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Tuesday 16th August at 10.30am at St Bernadette's Church. Families from St Bernadette's School have kindly offered to provide Morning Tea after Mass. If you require assistance with transport please contact Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793.

Please note: There will be no 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 16th August at St Bernadette's

MI rosters are available today: Please take yours from the table at the back of the church

FCJ Fundraiser, High Tea: You are invited to a Fundraiser at Genazzano FCJ College Cotham Road Kew on Sunday August 14, 2 -5pm in support of the work of the FCJ Sisters in Romania and The Philippines. Entry Donation \$30, includes champagne, speakers, music, raffles and a delicious afternoon tea. MC Phillip Brady. A special welcome to members of the Filipino Community. Bookings: Julie Chamberlin 9853 6527

A fundraiser for the Exodus community - Jane Eyre: A great opportunity to see this classic and support the work of Exodus. Place: The Palace Cinema, 233 Whitehorse Rd. Balwyn. Cost \$20
Date: Sunday, 14th August. Time: Film commences about 4-4.30pm. Afternoon tea - half an hour before.
Tickets from Cheryl (9459 8397 - after hours) Anne 9497 5153 or Jo 9850 2100

St Vincent de Paul Northern Central Council Festival Meeting and Mass:

You are cordially invited to attend this Annual Festival Mass which is an opportunity to join with fellow members and volunteers to celebrate the work done during the year. The Festival Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Wayne Edwards on Thursday 25th August, 7.30pm at St Pius X Parish, 419 Waterdale Rd, Heidelberg West. There will also be Commissioning of Conference Presidents and Members and a guest speaker, Roslyn Hiser. Light Supper will be provided. RSVP: John Bohan 9435 4758 or jbohan1@bigpond.net.au

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Thanksgiving Statements 2011 are available for collection in each church.

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**: Contact details: **Phone:** 9499 1515; **mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079, **fax:** 9499 9959; or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com - Ruth

Exodus Community – Volunteers needed – Can you help out?

The Exodus Community lives and works within the parish of St Pius X West Heidelberg, and especially focuses on the Old Olympic Village area, which is still a place of poverty and disadvantage. The Exodus Community requests volunteers for:

1. **Language support** - Adult (preferably female) to support an African mother with spoken English and building confidence. Introductions and connections would be made by a member of Exodus Community.
2. **After-school program with children** – An adult volunteer is needed to work with a Team of volunteers who run the after-school program for primary school age children on Tuesdays (and Thursdays) during term from 3.45pm till 5pm in a well equipped community shed. Activities include – literacy and homework support, art, games, computer and cooking.
3. **Art and Craft group for adults** - Adult volunteer needed to work with Exodus Community members to help start an art and craft group for adults. Good communication skills and creativity needed.

More leaders needed. Working with Children card required. Phone” Patricia 9457 4433; Sr Sally 9457 7593

Free e-Book: Fr Ted Tyler, Diocese of Parramatta, has written a book with the Gospel and reflection of each day of this liturgical year A-1 (Dec’10 to Nov’11). The title of the book is ***Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1*** and carries the Imprimatur of the Bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP.

The e-book (in PDF or DNL format) may be downloaded onto your computer, e-reader or i-phone, free of charge, from this URL source: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/ - Fr Fred Tyler (frejtyler@live.com)

Light the Night: The Leukaemia Foundation invites you to illuminate the lives of people facing the challenges of blood cancer and related disorders and be an ‘angel’ and register a group for a Light the Night event in your local community – to shine lanterns of love, life and hope. Registered participants can light illuminating lanterns with colours of special meaning: **gold** – to remember a loved one; **white** – to reflect on your life with blood cancer and **blue** – to give hope and support to others. Major events will be held in capital cities, as well as asking people to consider hosting Light the Night events in their community, or collect donations. For further information and registration: 1800 500 088 or website: www.lightthenight.org.au

Marriage Encounter Weekends: Marriage Encounter weekends are presented by couples and a priest to help remember why you married and give skills to maintain your love for each other. The next weekends are: 19-21 August and 11-13 November. They are based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing. For further information and bookings contact Peter & Erika Smith (03) 9899 0824 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au. More information on website: www.wwme.org.au

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Secretary:	Mrs. Ruth Villani	Office hours 9.00am – 5.00pm	9499 1515

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 6 – 7 August 2011

<u>ST. BERNADETTE’S:</u> Saturday 6.30pm	Lector Sister Frances	Special Ministers B. Jowett, T. Nibali	
<u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u> Sunday 9.00am	Leader M. Sibillin	Reader H. Adams-Jones A. Barclay	Coordinators M. Gilbo
			Counters H. & P. Nguyen
<u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u> Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan P. Verrocchi	Lector B. Brownstein	Special Ministers M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. / P. De Silva
	Altar Society:	P. Caddy	Choir Coordinators: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,367.50	Loose cash: \$372.35	Total: \$1,739.50
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 626.90