



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 34

20 – 21 August 2011

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.



When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Listen, Lord and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

V. 1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

V. 2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: With the whole Church we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lord, the earth is filled with your gift from heaven; man grows bread from earth, and wine to cheer his heart.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We keep Michelle Gough in our prayers as she continues her ongoing faith journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Bev Horne, Madeleine Pye, Erin Toomey, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Father Kevin Sweeney who died recently. We also remember Rose and Mio Tosolini, Irene Quinn, Lazarus, Agnes, Barbara and Collette Remedios, and Francesco Lo Schiovo whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

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Offertory Gifts: Children making their First Eucharist and their families will bring the Offertory Gifts.

Date	Mary Immaculate 9am	Mother of God 10.30am
Sunday 21 st August	Raymond Myrteza & Joshua Power	Kairouz and Lenzi families
Sunday 28 th August	Natasha Bambino	Eucharist for Catechist children

This Week's Readings: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 22nd August: The Queenship of Mary

Tues 23rd August: St Rose of Lima

Wed 24th August: St Bartholomew

Thurs 25th August: St Louis

Fri. 26th August: St Ninian

Sat. 27th August: St Monica

Next Week's Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 20 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Saturday 20 August	6.30pm	Mass & First Eucharist – St B School	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 21 August		National Day for Migrants and Refugees	
Monday 22 August	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 23 August	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grade 1	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 23 August	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 24 Aug	7.00pm	Eucharist Catechist Class	Mary Immaculate Hall
Friday 26 August	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 2	Mother of God Church
Saturday 27 August	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 28 August	10.30am	Mass & First Eucharist – Catechist children	Mother of God Church
Sunday 28 August	2- 3.30pm	Young Peoples Group Activity	
Tuesday 30 August	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Prep F	St Bernadette's Church
Wed 31 August	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate PS Grs 3/4F & M	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 2 September	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 2	Mother of God Church
Friday 2 September	10.00am	First Friday Devotions	

INFORMATION

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. Activities: literacy, 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

Glamour of the Gown Parade: CatholicCare will host a parade of after five and special occasion gowns dating back to the 1940's. 7.30pm on Thursday, 1 September at Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill. Tickets: \$35 includes light supper. Proceeds to CatholicCare's Alcohol and Other Drug Family Service which provides support for families affected by misuse of alcohol & other drugs Tickets: 8417 1200

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First Eucharist: The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe congratulates the children who celebrate their First Eucharist at St Bernadette's Church this weekend. We welcome their families, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion with them as part of their ongoing faith journeys. We thank all who have prepared the children at school and at home, and the liturgy.



First Eucharist Celebrations: We remember and pray for the children of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe who are preparing to receive and celebrate their First Eucharist.

20 August 6.30pm Masses at St Bernadette's Church - St Bernadette's School children

28 August 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church - Catechist children from the parish

11 September 10.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church - Mary Immaculate School children

18 September 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church - Mother of God School children

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday 11 September there is no 9am Mass at Mary Immaculate Church

Brief summary of Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting, Wednesday 3 August:

- Fr Thang was congratulated on his appointment as Parish Priest and promised the prayers and support of the whole Pastoral Leadership Group.
- Children in our schools and catechist group will receive their First Eucharist in the next few weeks.
- The buildings at our three schools are approaching completion.
- The Ford St. development site has been cleared and made secure.
- Parish finances are currently a little more stable, due in part to the fact that we are not at present employing a Pastoral Associate and have reduced our part-time youth leaders from four to two. The Finance Group is preparing an overview report for parishioners.
- The number of visits to the website is continuing to increase.
- A vote of thanks to Karen and Paul McEvey after the recent successful dinner dance was unanimously passed. An agenda item for the next meeting on 14th September will be: 'What do we do next?'

N.I.C.K. Foundation: Monday 22nd August, 7.00pm at Performing Arts Centre, Ivanhoe Girls Grammar The N.I.C.K. Foundation together with Ivanhoe G.G.S. & Ivanhoe Junior F.C. presents an evening on overcoming **Resilience and Adversity**. Speakers: Harry O'Brien, Collingwood player and Pippa Grange, Sports Psychologist. They will share stories about: Learning from successes and failures; Choosing your path Dealing with uncertainty Embracing opportunities and challenges and being responsible for one's actions Tickets: <http://trybooking.com/TGI>. Free entry IGGS parents & students. Donations accepted.

Australian Catholic University Music Students Final Concert:

Join us for a fantastic performance during the final year from our ACU music students. Conductor: Andrew Wailes & Accompanist: Janet Gibbs. The choir, three soloists and two pianists will be putting on a show for music lovers. Friday 26 August, Central Hall (Brunswick St, Fitzroy), 7:30 pm. Adults \$10, Concession \$5:00

Ryder Cheshire – Friday 26th August: The next gathering will be at 10am at 14 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe. Speaker: Megan Cooke whose topic will be: Gardening and Bunnings.

Bishop Joseph Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration:

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, in association with Australian Catholic University, extend an open invitation to the Inaugural Bishop Joseph Grech Memorial Colloquium to be held at ACU's Melbourne Campus on Thursday, 8 September from 7 - 9pm. Keynote speakers: Bishop Christopher Prowse, Bishop of Sale and The Honourable Chris Bowen, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship. Topic for discussion: "*One Human Family Across Borders*". Venue: Central Hall, Australian Catholic University, 24 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Please RSVP by Friday 2 September Email: adminassistant@acmro.catholic.org.au

Essential Facts about Asylum Seekers:

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Copies of sheets provided by the Edmund Rice Centre and CatholicCare are available in each church

- Asylum seekers are not illegal immigrants.
- A person does not require a passport or official papers to seek asylum.
- Australia's share of the world's asylum seekers is tiny in comparison to other industrialised nations.
- Other countries have far greater numbers of refugees than Australia.
- Asylum seekers and refugees do not receive more favourable treatment or higher benefits.
- Boat people are not 'queue jumpers' and there is no queue in Malaysia.
- Australia's deportation deal is not a regional solution.
- Mandatory detention systems need urgent reform. Bipartisan political leadership is needed.

Outreach Notice: Bookings have opened for Morning Melodies, 11am, at the Celtic Club on Wednesday 21st September. Song sheets will be handed out and a light lunch is included for \$20 pp. This event is our major fundraiser for Ryder Cheshire Homes, Ivanhoe. RCH provide accommodation and support for patients who come from rural and interstate areas in order to access specialist care in Melbourne. A bus will be available for people who need help with mobility, courtesy of the Brigidine Nuns, which will depart Ivanhoe by 10.15am. Everyone else will take the 10.04 train to Flagstaff station then walk down Latrobe Street, one block to 316 Queen Street. Please contact Eileen 9499 7120 or Sue 9499 1485

More information will soon be available in relation to the bus trip we have arranged to celebrate the Banyule Seniors Festival. We will travel to the Nagambie area on Wednesday October 5th to enjoy lunch, visits to wineries and outdoor activities. We are pleased to announce that Banyule Council has awarded us \$200 towards the cost of this event & will publish details in Council literature. Be ready when bookings open!

Yarra Deanery Newsletter: Copies of the Yarra Deanery Newsletter are available in each church. It's a way of connecting with life in the other deanery parishes and it's free! Please take a copy.

Spirituality in the Pub – 31st August: If you've noticed that things are changing – you are right. If you've noticed that things are in turmoil – you are right. Do we have a magic wand to fix all the problems? No, but we do have Sr. Catherine Brabender joining us to journey with us in an interactive session which helps us to understand a little of how we can respond constructively, even when the changes surrounding us and affecting us are beyond our control:

- Developing strategies for coping and growing through change
- Being aware of life's transitions
- Dealing with the emotional upheaval of change

Interested? Good! I am certainly interested! Change can be daunting even when I choose it / cause it. Dinner Bookings at the bistro: call (03) 9850 7111 (10 - 4 Mon – Fri): ask for the bistro and make a booking for about 6:30 pm for the SIP forum date you want. Forum (starts at 8:00 pm): Cover charge: \$5/person. No booking necessary, just turn up. Arrive a little after 7:30 pm for a coffee. Enquiries - Call Charles on 0417 319 556

Caritas - East Africa Crisis Appeal:

In Kenya: The network is providing food relief to 40,000 people in the worst affected areas in Eastern and Coastal Kenya ensuring children and new mothers are being reached first with aid. It is also instigating veterinary programs in the hope to keep 15,000 cattle healthy.

In Somalia: The network is reaching 7000 people, including 1400 children and the elderly, through Operation Lifeline with food aid. It is providing supplementary feeding to over 4000 people, targeting new mothers and children and the elderly. It is providing 70,000 semi-nomadic people with access to clean water in Eastern Somaliland

In Ethiopia: The network reaches over 80,000 people in Haraghe & Meki with food distributions. It supports livestock programs in south Borana region, helping 25,000 households maintain health of cattle. Through the East Africa Crisis Appeal, you can help provide food relief, clean water and basic necessities in this time of crisis. For more information or to donate please visit www.caritas.org.au/eastafricacrisis call: 1800 024 413; or post donations to GPO Box 9830 Melbourne VIC 3001.

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 27 – 28 August 2011

<u>ST. BERNADETTE'S:</u>	Lector	Special Ministers	
Saturday 6.30pm	J. Murphy	B. Jowett, E. Crawley	
<u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u>	Reader	Coordinators	Counters
Sunday 9.00am	P. McEvey	M. Gilbo	P. Fanning
	D. Bouras		
<u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u>	Lector	Special Ministers	
Sunday 10.30am	C. Bellio	T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame	
	Altar Society:	Choir Coordinators:	J. O'Brien
	I. Chiera		

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,371.40	Loose cash: \$427.95	Total: \$1,799.35
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 700.15