



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 35

27 – 28 August 2011

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.



The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

V. 1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

V. 2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

V. 3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

V. 4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray for a just and peaceful world: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Lord, how great is the depth of the kindness which you have shown to those who love you.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Jerome Santamaria and Andrew Mc Carter who will soon be ordained in to the diaconate.

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 Doreen Ward who died recently. We also remember Alberico Calvisi, James Simpson, Francis Simpson and Elsie West whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptism in our Parish Community:

We welcome Dane Attard 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.

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 28 th August	Natasha Bambino	Eucharist for Catechist children
Sunday 4 th Sept	Georgina O’Sullivan & Ella Janz	Lewis & Mallia families

St Bernadette’s First Friday Devotions – Friday 2nd September:

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.

<u>This Week’s Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A</u>			
Jeremiah 20: 7-9	Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9	Romans 12:1-2	Matthew 16:21-27
<i>Saint and Feast Days:</i>			
<i>Mon 29th August: Beheading of John the Baptist</i>		<i>Tues 30th August: St Margaret Clitherow</i>	
<i>Wed 31st August: St Aidan of Lindisfarne</i>		<i>Thurs 1st September: St Giles</i>	
<i>Fri. 2nd September: St William of Roskilde</i>		<i>Sat. 3rd September: St Gregory the Great</i>	
<u>Next Week’s Readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A</u>			
Ezekiel 33: 7-9	Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9	Romans 13:8-40	Matthew 18:15-20

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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 1	Mother of God Church
Friday 2 September	10am-4pm	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette’s Church
Tuesday 6 Sept	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette’s School Prep T	St Bernadette’s Church
Tuesday 6 Sept	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	
Thursday 8 Sept	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Board	Mary Immaculate School
Friday 9 September	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year Prep	Mother of God Church
Saturday 10 September		<u>No Reconciliation</u> at Mother of God Church	
Sunday 11 September	10.00am	Mass & First Eucharist M. I. School	Mary Immaculate Church

INFORMATION

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 year?’



First Eucharist: The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe congratulates the Parish catechist children who celebrate their First Eucharist at Mother of God 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 in the parish and at home.



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.

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

Reconciliation at Mother of God 10th September:

Reconciliation will not be available Saturday 10th September due to Fr Thang's attendance at Ordination to the Diaconate for Jerome Santamaria and Andrew Mc Carter at St Patrick's Cathedral. Appointments for Reconciliation can be made at any time via Mother of God House 9499 5440 or Parish Office 9499 1515.

Fathers' Day Priests' Retirement Fund Collection 2011:

Next weekend, 3 - 4th September, there will be special Leaving Collections at the end of each Mass for the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Envelopes will be available for contributions to the Foundation.

- ✦ Although priests generally retire at 75 years of age (according to Canon Law), there are many priests still working in active service in Melbourne Parishes: 10 priests over 75 years and 56 priests 65-75.
- ✦ There are 97 Melbourne priests currently retired who have ministered in most Melbourne parishes, and are still serving parishes, which include Fr Burns Huggan, Fr Rom Murphy, Fr Jim Scannell, Fr Len Thomas and Fr John Cunningham: 8 in their 90's, 39 in their 80's, 27 aged 75-80, 16 aged 66-75 years, as well as 7 under 65 years who have retired due to ill-health. Most have served 50 years in Parish ministry before retiring (at age 75).
- ✦ There will be an average of 6 retirements per year for the next six years.
- ✦ There have been 4 priests (on average) ordained per year for the last 40 years.

The Priests' Retirement Foundation is grateful for your ongoing support in the past, present and future. Please consider giving generously for the many retired or sick priests that have served us well over many years. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Receipts \$10 or more will be issued at end of July 2012.



Outreach Social Afternoon: The next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 7 Sept 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 Melodies – Wednesday 21st September:

Bookings will be accepted until September 12. At present the 12 seater bus has 9 seats available. The bus will depart from Mary Immaculate car park at 10.15 am and we expect to return to Ivanhoe between 2 and 3pm. A fun day is expected at the Celtic Club, 316 Queen St Melbourne Cost: \$20 per person which includes music, singing and a light lunch.

The bus trip to Nagambie which includes lunch and a river cruise has been confirmed by Mee's Bus Company for Wednesday October 5. Bookings will open mid-September. Make sure you book early as the Banyule Council will advertise this activity in their literature for Senior's week. Bookings: Eileen 9499 7120 or Sue 9499 1485

RACV Road Safety for Seniors Information Session:

A one hour awareness session will be delivered by RACV presenters which will include information and advice on driving safety – tips for drivers, passengers and pedestrians, importance of being fit to drive, impact of health and medication on driving, alternative transport options and planning for future mobility.

Friday 16th September at Livingstone Community Centre, 1 Livingstone St, Ivanhoe

12.30pm – a free light lunch will be provided.

1.30pm – RACV Information Session Cost: Free

Bookings are essential for lunch and attendance at this session 9497 2014 by Tuesday 13th September

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Australian Catholics magazine is available at each church this weekend. Articles include: A Faith that does Justice – Andrew Hamilton SJ, A day in the Life of a child in Africa & Australia and Youth 4 Justice.

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

Exodus Community – Ministry Support Team: Volunteers needed – Can you help out?

The Exodus Community have contacted the parish to sincerely thank all concerned for a wonderful response to their previous request for assistance. 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 needs volunteers to join its **Ministry Support Team**. This Team raises funds, organises social gatherings and promotes the life and outreach work of the Community. For further information or to offer assistance please call Sister Sally 9457 7593.

Bishop Joseph Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration:

You are invited 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

Day of Reflection - Lady of Sorrows:

Thursday 15th September from 10am – 3.15pm at Carmelite Monastery, 94 Stevenson St, Kew with Spiritual Director, Bishop Timothy Costelloe SDB. Please contact Donna 9850 2549 or Margaret 9853 1107

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 3 – 4 September 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector	Special Ministers
Sister Frances	A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: Leader

Sunday 9.00am

J. Pidutti

Reader	Coordinators	Counters
A. Gibbs	E. Kehoe	S. & P. Kelly
J. Bowers-Bone		

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

J. Curry

Altar Society:

Lector	Special Ministers	Choir Coordinators:
J. Curry	E. Brownstein, M A Darcy, J. Ellis	P. Verocchi
P. Caddy		

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,185.05	Loose cash: \$705.00	Total: \$1,890.05
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 827.90

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