



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 35

28 – 29 August 2010

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

Reflection:

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.



Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility as recommended in the First Reading. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

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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: God in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

V. 1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

V. 2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

V. 3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Jesus, bread for life: 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 all in need of prayer at this time including Erin Toomey, Ted Gannan, Ken Owen and Barbara Remedios. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember all who have died recently. We also remember Elsie West, Rita Wain and Francesco Loschiavo whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Kaiden Higgins and Jocelyn MacFarlane 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 lifelong journey of faith.

Mother of God School:

Children making their First Eucharist and their families have been invited to take up the Offertory Gifts as part of the Sunday Mass at Mother of God Church: 5th September – Jessica Casonato and Eva Cerra

Family Mass:

There will be a Family Mass at **St. Bernadette's** on **Saturday 4th September** at **6.30 pm** to further celebrate with the families and all Parish children who made their First Eucharist this year. All welcome! For more information or to help please contact: Sue Moorhen 0418 595 249 or Amanda at the Parish Office. 9499 1515

Children's Liturgy:

Children's Liturgy will resume in the Parish, once a month at each church. Please help publicise this by telling people who might be interested. The first Children's Liturgy sessions will be on:

Sunday 5th September at **Mary Immaculate 9 am** and **Sunday 5th September** at **Mother of God 10.30 am**

For more information please contact Amanda at the Parish Office 9499 1515.

This Week's Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29 **Psalm 67:4-7, 10-11** **Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24** **Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 30th August: St Margaret Clitherow

Wed 1st September: St Giles

Fri. 3rd September: St Gregory the Great

Tues 31st August: St Aiden of Lindisfarne

Thurs 2nd September: St William of Roskilde

Sat. 4th September: St Cuthbert

Next Week's Readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Wisdom 9:13-18 **Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17** **Philemon 9-10, 12-17** **Luke 14:25-33**

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Sunday 29 August	10.30am	First Eucharist – Catechist Students	Mother of God Church
Monday 30 August	9.15am	Communion Service & St B Grades 4/5	St Bernadette's Church
Wednesday 1 Sept	9.15am	Communion Service	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 1 Sept	12 – 3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	St B Community Centre
Thursday 2 Sept	11 – 12.30	Travelling with Paul Book Club	Parish Office
Friday 3 September	9.15am	Communion Service & MOG School SSG	Mother of God Church
Saturday 4 September	6.30pm	Family Mass	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 6 September	9.15am	Communion Service & St B Grades 2 & 3	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 6 September	8.00pm	Parish Leadership Meeting	Parish Office
Tuesday 7 September		Mother of God Grade 3 Parents & Families	Mother of God Church
Thursday 9 Sept	11 – 12.30	Travelling with Paul Book Club	Parish Office
Friday 10 September	9.15am	Communion Service & MOG School SSA	Mother of God Church
Sunday 12 September	10.30am	First Eucharist – Mother of God Students	Mother of God Church

INFORMATION



Lunch and Games Day - Wednesday, 1 September:

The next Social Afternoon will be on Wednesday 1st September 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

Outreach notice: We are now accepting bookings for **Morning Melodies** on September 21st. Because we hope to be a group of about 50 people we have to contact Watsonia RSL the first week of September. To date we have 25 bookings with more than half interested in taking the bus. **Don't miss out!**

The featured artist for **Morning Melodies** is Elizabeth Ryan. We will be informed soon whether the 2 course lunch will be from the winter or summer menu. The RSL has allowed us to devote two fifths of the booking fee directly to our Ryder Cheshire Homes Appeal. Ryder Cheshire Homes are our traditional month of September commitment. For Bookings please call: Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793.



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

29 August 10.30am Mass at Mother of God - Catechist children from the parish
 12 September 10.30am Mass at Mother of God - Mother of God School children

Thank you: We sincerely thank Fr Dave Ryan SJ, Fr Burns Huggan, Fr Rom Murphy and Fr Jim Scannell who celebrate Masses at the various churches in our parish community. We are very grateful for their ongoing support and generous assistance especially since they themselves are in retirement. – **Fr John**

From Father John: Fr Len and Fr John will be absent for a few weeks holiday in Ireland. We both sincerely thank all parishioners for their generosity and support over many years. The Parish Leadership Group and the PLT Executive will guide and be responsible for the running of the Parish. – **Fr John**

5.00pm Masses at Mary Immaculate

There will be **no 5.00pm Masses** at Mary Immaculate from 29 August - end of September

Other Possibilities:

5.00pm	St. Gregory's	Manningham Rd, Doncaster
5.00pm	St. John's	Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill
6.00pm	St. John's	Cape St, Heidelberg
6.00pm	Ss. Peter and Paul	Leeds St. East Doncaster

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is not available in our parish for Saturdays September 4th, 11th & 18th
 Reconciliation is available at: Alphington, St Anthony's: Saturday after 9.30am Mass
 Heidelberg, St John's: Saturday after 9.15am Mass; and 5.30pm
 Heidelberg West, St Pius X: Saturday after 9.30am (after 9am Mass)

Weekday Masses: Whilst Fr John is on holidays, Communion Services will be held at each church at 9.15am on Monday at St Bernadette's, Wednesday at Mary Immaculate and Friday at Mother of God.

Our Parish Banner:

Whenever I look at this banner, I am grateful to the parishioners who, more than 10 years ago, conceived this 'work of art' and shared their skills to bring it to life. It's very possible to recognise each of our churches by their special features and the schools by the colours they proudly wear - burgundy for Mother of God, blue for St. Bernadette's and green for Mary Immaculate. Binding us all together, in this Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, is Mary, whom all three communities honour in a special way. – Merle Gilbo

Fathers' Day Priests' Retirement Fund Collection 2010:

Next weekend, 4 - 5th 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 (Fr John), and 56 priests 65-75.
- ✦ There are 97 Melbourne priests currently retired who have ministered in most Melbourne parishes, such as Fr Len: 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 2011.

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From Amanda:

It has been a joyful experience teaching the Parish class on their journey to their First Eucharist this Sunday. Children's Liturgy sessions will start in September at Masses once a month. If you would like to contact me about this or any other issue, my work days are usually Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as well as Sunday (or Saturday evening). As these days can vary with special meetings or events, it's worth giving a ring to check - 9499 1515. I look forward to talking to more parishioners. - **Amanda Smith, Pastoral Associate**



"Travelling with Paul": The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe study group gathers each **Thursday 11am – 12.30pm** at the **Parish Office** as we journey through *The Acts of the Apostles*. This coming Thursday we will focus on Chapters 13 - 14. Newcomers welcome.

Volunteers Needed for Counting at Mother of God Church:

Help is needed to count the collection after 10:30am Sunday Masses at Mother of God. Please contact John Curry on 9499 4978 if you can help.

Mary Immaculate Rosters: MI rosters are available for collection this weekend. - Merle Gilbo 9497 1691



Mary MacKillop Snippet:

Mary MacKillop felt called to a religious vocation from an early age but when her father was unable to support the family Mary, aged 16, went to work as a governess and then as an assistant in a stationers' firm. Viewed as 'just' a shop-girl by some of the more well-to-do customers in 1858 Melbourne, Mary abhorred the notion that people could be judged by their social status, race, religion, occupation or the size of their bank balance.

Image: Dorothy Woodward rsj

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Celebrating Australia's First Saint - 17 October 2010 in Melbourne:

Procession, Festival and Live Broadcast of Canonisation from Rome on Sunday 17 October, in Fitzroy and at Royal Exhibition Building. For more details visit: www.cam.org.au/mackillop

Centacare's Gala Parade of Wedding Gowns throughout the Century: - Thursday 2 September -

Centacare Catholic Family Services' Friends of the Mary of the Cross are holding a Gala Parade of Wedding Gowns throughout the Century as a fundraiser for their Alcohol & Other Drug Family Service at Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill at 7:30pm Thursday 2 September. A beautiful array of gowns will be displayed and to help commemorate Centacare's 75th Anniversary, they are featuring a dress worn by a bride in 1935. Come celebrate, enjoy and partake in a light champagne supper! Price: \$35 per head. To book tickets or for further information, contact Kathy Matthews at the Mary of the Cross Centre Ph 9495 6144.

'A Friendly Guide to the New Testament' by Francis J. Moloney:

We have received an invitation to hear **Dr Mary Coloe** pbvm Associate Professor, School of Theology Australian Catholic University launch: *A Friendly Guide to the New Testament* by Francis J Moloney sdb at the Mercy Lecture Theatre (enter via Young Street) Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy Friday 17 September, 2010 at 5pm. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP by 10 September, 2010 on telephone 1300 650 878 or email rsvp@johngarratt.com.au

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 4 – 5 September 2010

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

J. Pidutti

Reader

J. Fitzgerald

Mass Coordinators

J. & D. Jones

Counters

P. & H. Nguyen

Sunday 5.00pm

No 5.00pm Mass

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

A. Patterson

Lector

T. Barker

Special Ministers

T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame

Altar Society: T. McCarthy

Choir Coordinator: A. Pollard

COLLECTIONS:

Thanksgiving - \$1,371.00

Presbytery – \$1,061.25

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