



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 36

4 - 5 September 2010

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

Reflection:

Luke 2:41-52 invites us to consider family and family relationships.



*Why did you search for me?
Did you not know I had
to be in my father's house?*

'In the Gospel reading, Luke presents the young Jesus coming with his parents from Nazareth to Jerusalem 'as usual' for the great Feast of Passover. He is twelve years of age, capable in that culture of making quite serious decisions for himself. He does just that, much to the consternation of his parents, who only become aware 'after a day's journey' that he has remained in Jerusalem and not joined the extended family or synodia for the return journey to Nazareth. Mary and Joseph are not well pleased. They express their concern but fail to understand his response: he is primarily God's child and must follow God's call first and foremost. This does not preclude obedience to his parents, but it does foreshadow the pain involved in being parent to this young man whose mission will take him along paths they would never have chosen for him.

As Luke's story unfolds, Joseph fades from the picture. Mary lives as we are all called to live, 'storing all these things in her heart'.

Sometimes God's call to children is in tension with parents' wishes or hopes. Children are first of all 'children of God'. Much as we might want to, we cannot hold on to them. We try to understand their choices, we do everything we can to nurture their uniqueness, and we pray that they too will grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and with other members of the human community.

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Please note:

Collectors needed to take Leaving Collections at Masses in each church

As advised by the Archdiocese of Melbourne there are Leaving Collections in each church this weekend for the 'Fathers' Day Appeal' for the Priests Retirement Foundation. Notice in newsletter.

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

V. 1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

V. 2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

V. 3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

V. 4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Jesus, bread for life: Hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life.

INCLUSIVENESS

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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 Leonard Jordan who has died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Hugh Gathercole and Mary Colbert 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.



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.

12 September 10.30am Mass at Mother of God - Mother of God School children

Children's Liturgy will resume in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, once a month at each church.

- ❖ We welcome all who have come to celebrate the **Family Mass** at St Bernadette's at 6.30pm on Saturday 4 September.
- ❖ **9.00am at Mary Immaculate Church** and **10.30am at Mother of God Church** on Sunday 5 September. For more information please contact Amanda at the Parish Office 9499 1515.

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 6th September: St Cloud

Tues 7th September: St Regina

Wed 8th September: The Birth of the Virgin Mary

Thurs 9th September: St Peter Claver

Fri. 10th September: St Nicholas of Tolentino

Sat. 11th September: St Deiniol

Next Week's Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 Psalm 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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
Monday 13 Sept 8.00pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Thursday 16 Sept 11 – 12.30	Travelling with Paul Book Club	Parish Office
Friday 17 September	End of School Term 3	

INFORMATION



“Travelling with Paul” study group: A vision leads Paul from Turkey to Greece as we journey through *Acts of the Apostles*. This week: Chapters 15 & 16. **Thursday 11-12.30** at the **Parish Office**. *All welcome*. More information: 9499 1515.

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

Fathers' Day Priests' Retirement Fund Collection 2010:

This weekend, 4 - 5th September, there will be special Leaving Collections at the end of each Mass for the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Envelopes are 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

5.00pm Masses at Mary Immaculate

There will be **no 5.00pm Masses** at Mary Immaculate Church 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 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.

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. Bookings please call: Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793.

Advance Notice - Outreach Group:

Grand Final Day – on the Big Screen

A great time was had by all involved last year and look forward to your company this year.

Date: 25th September

Venue: Mary Immaculate Hall

Time: 1.00pm

Cost will include a 'footy lunch' and refreshments.

Further information at a later date.

Big Screen

Live Entertainment

Great Footy Atmosphere

Contacts: Sue Kelly 9499 1485; Eileen Mount 9499 7120; Helen Healy 9499 7796

From Amanda: The other day I was asked why I went to church, why I went to Mass. I answered but later thought about it again, trying to come up with a really clear answer that got to the heart of the matter. I ask each of you to think about how you would answer. I believe your answers are essential guide-points as we navigate as a parish into the future. - **Amanda Smith, Pastoral Associate**

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:

In 1862, Mary MacKillop returned to Melbourn but soon moved to Portland where she educated a family's young children, then taught in the Denominational School. As church sacristan, she had 'charge of the Altar and the Lamp' and was 'able to go into the chapel at any time, where the Blessed Sacrament always is.' Mary regarded this as 'a precious favour indeed' even when she was mistakenly locked in for a night. (1864).

Provided by Sister Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph – www.sosj.org.au

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School Holidays Program Monday 20 September – Friday 1st October:

The Macleod YMCA School Holiday Program has informed us that booking for the above program opens Monday 6th September. Programs offered are for children aged 5 – 12 years (Prep – Grade 6). Hours of operation are from 7.30am – 6.00pm Monday – Friday. Programs are in operation at The Macleod Recreation Centre (YMCA), 157 Wungan St, Macleod. Further information contact Macleod YMCA Centre 9459 9022. Please Note: East Ivanhoe Program will not operate until further notice.

Theology@thepub in September: Come along for a drink, a chat, a great talk and meet some other young Catholics! 6.30pm (for a 7.30 start) on Monday 6th September at The Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy. Topic: Catholicism and the Media Speaker: Angela and Dennis Shanahan (Journalists) Who for: Young adults 18-35 years old (age restriction doesn't apply to priests and religious) More info: theologyatthepub.com.au or John: john@theologyatthepub.com.au

Amnesty International – Ivanhoe:

Ivanhoe Local Group of Amnesty International warmly invites you to a special meeting on Indigenous Rights: **Sat, 11 Sept from 1.30 pm in the Meeting Room at Scots Uniting Church, 187 Burgundy St, Heidelberg** 'Reconciliation - Working Towards Treaty?' will feature speakers from Reconciliation Banyule and will be followed by a question and answer session and an opportunity for discussion. Afternoon tea will be served and there will be an opportunity later in the afternoon for anyone interested to write letters about indigenous and other human rights issues.

Entry: By donation. To assist us with catering, please RSVP to 9890 4203 or aiivanhoe@bigblue.net.au

Events: Refer to notice boards where possible for further information

- 12 September 'Nellie Melba, Queen of Song' 2pm Rosanna Uniting Church, Arden Crescent 9457 2595
- 17 September ACU launch: *A Friendly Guide to the NT*- Frank Moloney, 5pm Mercy Lecture Theatre ACU, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy RSVP 10 Sept 1300 650 878 or email rsvp@johngarratt.com.au
- 3 October Afternoon Concert & CD Launch – Alan Pollard, 2.00pm at Mother of God Church
- 3 October Centacare Concert in the Cathedral 2.30pm with Mark Vincent, Alana Conway, Robert Galea
- 5 October Public Launch: 'From Penola Plains' – Michael Herry. 7.30pm Holy Cross Retreat Centre
- 9 October Carmelites Wine Dinner, 6.00pm, Angliss Restaurant, 555 Lonsdale St, Melbourne 9690 8822
- 15 October Carmelites Annual Spring Luncheon 12 Noon, Leonda By the Yarra, 2 Wallen Rd, Hawthorn

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 11 – 12 September 2010

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm Lector C. Dixon Special Ministers B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am Leader Costa Family Reader Costa Family Mass Coordinators Costa Family Counters P. Fanning
Sunday 5.00pm **No 5.00pm Mass**

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am Sacristan V. O'Kane Lector B. Brownstein Special Ministers E. Brownstein, M A Darcy, J. Ellis
Altar Society: P. Mendes **Choir Coordinator:** I. Chiera

COLLECTIONS: Thanksgiving - \$1,487.00 Presbytery – \$2,034.10

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