

# 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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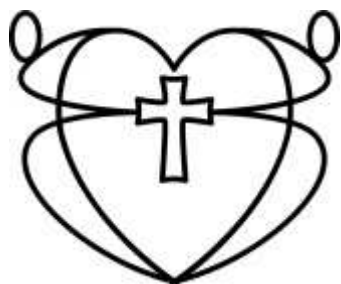
## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

### Reflection:

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us we should forgive each other seventy-seven times. Numbers are not randomly used in the Bible. 1, 3, 7, 12 and 40 all have specific meanings. To number something as seven is to describe it as being perfect. When we hear Jesus use this phrase we recall the story in the Book of Genesis of the seven days of creation where, on the seventh day, God looks at the result of his creative love and sees that it is very good. Jesus, using some shorthand, says that not only is forgiveness good, but that it is a creative act that gives life to the world and gives glory to those who exercise it.

In the 5th Century St Augustine said that forgiveness was like a mother who has two wonderful daughters named justice and compassion. In using such a metaphor Augustine knew that forgiveness was not a once-off event, it was a process that involved other virtues as well. Jesus teaches a similar lesson in today's Gospel, where he uses the image of the King settling his debts. Because the King is just, compassionate and forgiving, he rightly expects that, in turn, his steward will be so as well.

It's easy to be forgiving in the big picture. We can preach strongly about war, peace and reconciliation. It's quite another to forgive those closest to us. Sometimes the hardest place to be compassionate and just is our own home. If we are not speaking to a husband, wife, child, parent, sibling or friend then today's Gospel has a strong challenge right where we live. Part of the problem is that we could have accepted the film *Love Story's* motto, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry'. This idea is many things, but it's not Christian. For followers of Jesus the exact opposite is true. We seek opportunities to forgive and ask for forgiveness.



Jesus doesn't tell us that forgiveness is easy, just necessary. To forgive someone in our family, our workplace, our circle of friends or in our Church is not to pretend that a sinful situation did not occur, but to face it head on and demand justice with compassion. For when we stand before God with the weakness and sinfulness of our own life, God will not settle old scores, take revenge and exact retribution. Rather God will be perfectly just and completely compassionate. When we choose forgiveness over revenge, and love over hate we begin to glimpse God's creative goodness coming to perfection in us, because forgiveness is a participation in the very heart of God.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

V. 1. My soul give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

V. 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,

Who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

V. 3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

V. 4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** Lord, hear us: Lord, hear our prayer.

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**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of the Lord.**

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember Jerome Santamaria & Andrew McCarter who were ordained in to the Diaconate this weekend.

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Raie Neal, Vito Micucci, Peg Healy, 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 Monsignor Francis Lyon, Michael McGuirk and Sister Marie Céline Ellis who have died recently. We also remember Rita Owen, Bonnie Wise, Nell Ryan and Jim Ryan whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**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 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am First Eucharist - MI School	Mancini & Marian families
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Michael Di Carlo & Joseph Wignall	First Eucharist - MOG School

**This Week's Readings: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A**

**Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7      Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12      Romans 14:7-9      Matthew 18:21-35**

*Saint and Feast Days:*

*Mon 12<sup>th</sup> September: Most Holy Name of Mary*

*Tues 13<sup>th</sup> September: St John Chrysostom*

*Wed 14<sup>th</sup> September: The Triumph of the Cross*

*Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> September: Our Lady of Sorrows*

*Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> September: Ss Cornelius and Cyprian*

*Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> September: St Robert Bellarmine*

**Next Week's Readings: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A**

**Isaiah 55:6-9      Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18      Philippians 1:20-24, 27      Matthew 20:1-16**

**HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH**

Saturday 10 September		<b>No Reconciliation</b> at Mother of God Church	
Sunday 11 September	10.00am	<b>Mass &amp; First Eucharist</b> M. I. School	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 13 Sept	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Prep	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 13 Sept	6.30-7.30pm	Breaking of the Bread Dinner – Grade 3	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 13 Sept	7.30pm	Mother of God School Parents Rep. Council	Mother of God School
Wednesday 14 Sept	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Saturday 17 Sept	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 18 Sept	10.30am	<b>Mass &amp; First Eucharist</b> MOG School	Mother of God Church
Monday 19 Sept	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 20 Sept	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Grade 3	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 20 Sept	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 21 Sept	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immaculate School Prep, 5 & 6	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 21 Sept	12 – 3pm	Outreach Afternoon – Morning Melodies	See newsletter item
Wednesday 21 Sept		Eucharist Dinner	Mother of God Church
Friday 23 September	9.14am Mass	Mass & End of Term Mass MOG School	Mother of God Church
		End of School Term 3	
Saturday 24 Sept	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette's Church

**INFORMATION**

Kairos Catholic Journal was awarded the coveted **Bishop Phillip Kennedy Memorial Prize (Magazines)** at the Australian Catholic Press Association *2011 Awards for Excellence in Catholic Press* 8<sup>th</sup> September. In making the award, the Association said Kairos Catholic Journal was the standout winner. Kairos was awarded the prestigious **Best Original Photograph**, for the photo 'In the Father's Hands' by Fiona Basile and was also highly commended in the **Best Advertising Feature/Supplement** for its Vocations Supplement.



**First Eucharist:** The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe congratulates the children who celebrate their First Eucharist at Mary Immaculate 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 liturgy, and prepared children at school and 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.

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

**Morning Melodies Update – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September:**

Bookings close on Monday. Jane has authorised a second 12 seater bus which means that we can accommodate all of the 25 people who have booked. The buses will depart from Mary Immaculate at 10.15am, Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

**Senior's Week bus trip to the Goulbourn Valley – 5<sup>th</sup> October:**

Bookings now open for October 5<sup>th</sup>. \$40 pp represents excellent value for visits to 2 wineries, BBQ lunch and river cruise. We have been able to reduce the price per ticket as a result of obtaining a grant from Banyule Council. There is a limit of 49 passengers and the bus must depart Waverley Avenue by 9am in order to allow for traffic conditions and meet an 11am appointment. Bookings: Contact Sue 9499 1485 or Eileen 9499 7120.

**N.I.C.K. Foundation – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September:** On Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm, an evening on **SELF BELIEF** hosted by Camberwell Girls Grammar School, 2 Torrington St. Canterbury. Presenters: Alisa Camplin - Gold Medallist & Darryl Marchant - Sports Psychologist. Tickets: <http://trybooking.com/VAA>

**Parish Youth Group goes into "Indefinite Hibernation":**

As website photos illustrate Ivanhoe Parish and its young people have had five busy years of much enjoyed activity as a Catholic Youth Group. It has been well supported by young people, parish organisers and youth leaders, and the Parish Priest and Pastoral Leadership Team. It has also brought much needed new life and energy into the Parish. The Young Peoples' Group was set up to offer greater support for our young people as they leave our Primary Schools, and at the same time to help strengthen the body of the Church within our Parish amidst an otherwise ageing Church population. All that is now quite suddenly coming to a close as younger young people appear progressively less interested in joining the group; and older young people are drawn to other activities. What we are now seeing amongst most of these young people appears to replicate what we are similarly observing in the wider Church. No one is blamed, but the reality needs to be accepted, as well as its future implications. Further comments on website: [www.ivanhoecatholics.com](http://www.ivanhoecatholics.com) - John Costa

**Mass for Mental Health:**

St Pius X, West Heidelberg will celebrate a Mass for those who suffer from mental illness, relatives, friends and carers of those with a mental health condition on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm. Mass will be followed by afternoon tea. Details: Fr Wayne Edwards on 9457 5794 or email: [stpiusvic@bigpond.com](mailto:stpiusvic@bigpond.com).

**eConference technical trial "Following Jesus - Matthew":**

The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe has installed facilities in a hall and now a church as well to allow the broadcasting of live "eConferences" and other special events from time to time. The Hall facility at Mary Immaculate was previously used for the Mary MacKillop canonization last year, and the church facility was 'technically' trialled on 6 September for the live "Following Jesus - Matthew" event hosted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Broken Bay Institute. The technology proved itself well so we can look forward to similar events in future. Thanks to excellent presenters and a well structured program this interactive and very accessible event provided modern, highly enriching and deep insights into St Matthew's Gospel. It added greatly to what many people may already understand of St Matthew's writings, which we are presently following at weekly Masses. In a word: - Outstanding! Presenters included Fr Chris Monaghan CP, Rev Dorothy Lee and Fr Nicholas King SJ. Further details on Website - John Costa

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### **Building Bridges, not Walls – Prisons and the Justice System:**

Melbourne Archdiocesan Launch: Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Social Justice Statement 2011-2012 by *Fr Joe Caddy*, Chief Executive Officer, CatholicCare Melbourne and the respondent will be: *Sister Mary Ó Shannassy* sgs, Director Catholic Prison Ministry. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept - 11.30am for 12 noon. Tea/Coffee beforehand, light refreshments at 1.00pm at Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melb (enter via Lansdowne St car park). RSVP: justice@cam.org.au or 9926 5710 Monday 12 Sept.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> September at Livingstone Community Centre, 1 Livingstone St, Ivanhoe 12.30pm – a free light lunch will be provided. Cost: Free  
1.30pm – RACV Information Session. Bookings essential for lunch & attendance 9497 2014 Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Sept

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

The Exodus Community needs volunteers to join its **Ministry Support Team** which 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.

**Foster and respite carer information nights:** Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service is seeking people who can provide loving foster homes or occasional respite care for children and young people who cannot safely live at home. Find out more about becoming an occasional respite carer or foster carer at a community information evening on Wed 14 Sept 6.30–7.30pm, 273 Wellington St (cnr Keele St) Collingwood. Do you have something to offer a child in need? Learn about the training and support available. Chat to other carers. Refreshments provided, RSVP and enquiries to: 9270 9351 or email: fostercareenquiries@goodshepvic.org.au

### **Yarra Theological Union Open Day:**

Looking for meaning? Come to the Open Day at Yarra Theological Union on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2-5pm at 98 Albion Rd, Box Hill. Meet some of the faculty members and students and discover the undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities available including units of interest for audit.

**Singles Conference: In Pursuit of Passion:** A conference for young adults & singles of all ages with **some places still available!** Topics include: living passionately - being single & fulfilled, processing through disappointments, intimacy, relationships & sexuality. Keynote speaker: Anna Krohn, BTheol (MCD). Interactive, live music; fellowship and reflection on Weekend 24 & 25 Sept at St Clement of Rome, Clifton Centre, Bulleen. More information - email: pursuitofpassion2011@gmail.com; phone: 0413 398 528.

### **St Joseph's Carmelite Auxiliary – Spring Luncheon 2011:**

The St Joseph Carmelite Auxiliary invites those interested to their Annual Spring Luncheon, in aid of the Carmelite Monastery, Kew, at 11.30am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Leonda by the Yarra, 2 Wallen Rd, Hawthorn. Luncheon will feature a Fashion Parade by Andiamo. Donation: \$80. Contact: Merle 9497 1691

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### **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 17 – 18 September 2011**

#### **ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

#### **Lector**

K. Gillespie

#### **Special Ministers**

E. Crawley, J. Gray

#### **MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

Leader  
M. Sibillin

#### **Reader**

T. Bullen  
G. Murphy

#### **Coordinators**

J. & D. Jones

#### **Counters**

S. & P. Kelly

#### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

M. Hoban

#### **Lector**

M. Hoban

#### **Special Ministers**

M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. / P. De Silva

#### **Altar Society:**

T. McCarthy

#### **Choir Coordinators:**

A. Pollard

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<b>First Collection – Thanksgiving:</b>	Envelopes: \$1,800.65	Loose cash: \$415.95	<b>Total: \$2,216.60</b>
<b>Second Collection – Presbytery:</b>			<b>\$ 710.15</b>