



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 37

11 - 12 September 2010

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

Reflection:



The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to re-establish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well-being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.

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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: I will rise and go to my father.

V. 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

V. 2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

V. 3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

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

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 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 John Toohey and Steven Wilson who have died recently. We remember Rita Owen, Bonnie Wise, Nell Ryan, Virjeana Masters and Norman Robb Sr whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



First Eucharist: The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe congratulates the children who celebrate their First Eucharist this weekend at Mother of God Church. 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 at school and at home.

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: 19th September – Felipe and Joao Coelho.

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

❖ **Family Mass** at St Bernadette's at 6.30pm on Saturday 9th October.

❖ **9.00am at Mary Immaculate Church** and **10.30am at Mother of God Church** on Sunday 10th October.

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

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 13th September: St John Chrysostom

Tues 14th September: Triumph of the Cross

Wed 15th September: Our Lady of Sorrows

Thurs 16th September: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

Fri. 17th September: St Robert Bellarmine

Sat. 18th September: St Joseph of Copertino

Next Week's Readings: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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 9.15am	MOG School Mass	Mother of God School
Friday 17 September	End of School Term 3	
Tuesday 21 September	Outreach Group – Morning Melodies	Watsonia RSL
Sunday 26 September 11.00am	Confirmation - Korean Community	St Bernadette's Church

INFORMATION

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 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.

'The Bible's Buried Secrets':

2 part Television Documentary on SBS One 7.30 pm on Sundays 12th & 19th September

This comprehensive archaeological and literary investigation traces the origins of the ancient Israelites, explores the evolution of their belief in one God and reveals how the manifestation of their faith, the Hebrew Bible (also known as the Old Testament), was written.

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Thank you: We sincerely thank Fr Jim Scannell, Fr Rom Murphy and Fr Burns Huggan who celebrate Masses with us 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.



Confirmation – Korean Community:

On Sunday 26th September the Sacrament of Confirmation for candidates from the Korean Community will be celebrated by Bishop Peter Elliott at the 11am Mass at St Bernadette's Church. All are invited and welcome to attend. We remember all concerned in our prayers.

From the Parish Leadership Team meeting 6th September:

Items on the agenda included:

- The Ford St Development
- Welcome to the new leader of the Korean Community – John Choi
- Maintenance matters – completed, in progress and being planned
- First Eucharist, Family Masses, Children's Liturgy
- Supporting Caritas, launching a CD
- Planning to celebrate the canonization of Mary MacKillop
- Our membership of the Yarra deanery and working with other Christian churches

Next meeting: Monday, 4th October.

Morning Melodies:

Tuesday September 21st at Watsonia RSL with 2 course lunch. RSL has allowed us to devote two fifths of the booking fee directly to our Ryder Cheshire Homes Appeal. Our traditional month of September commitment is to Ryder Cheshire Homes. Bookings please call: Eileen 9499 7120, Sue 9499 1485 or Helen 9499 7793.



“Travelling with Paul” study group: Athens, Corinth and a riot in Ephesus as we journey through the *Acts of the Apostles* Chapter numbers are 17-19 [3 chapters this time].

Thursday 11-12.30 at the **Parish Office**. *All welcome*. More information: 9499 1515.

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.

Watch the Grand Final on the big screen. Games during half-time break with prizes!!

Date: 25th September

Venue: Mary Immaculate Hall

Time: 1.30pm

Cost: \$15 includes 'footy lunch' of party pies, hot dogs and 1 free soft drink. To purchase soft drink cans: \$1
BYO own refreshments. **Everyone welcome**. Contacts: Sue Kelly 9499 1485; Eileen Mount 9499 7120

From Amanda:

The Sisters of Mercy have been in Melbourne for over 150 years since Sr. Ursula Frayne first arrived in 1857 and set up a convent in Nicholson Street, Fitzroy. The Melbourne-based multimedia company **Fraynetwork** is part of the Australian Sisters of Mercy. **Fraynetwork** was selected from a world-wide field to produce the interactive DVDs '*Become One Body One Spirit in Christ*' which explore the meaning of the English texts of the Roman Missal. These DVDs will be distributed through all the eleven countries whose Parishes celebrate the Mass in English. - **Amanda Smith, Pastoral Associate**

For Your Diary – Afternoon Concert & CD Launch:

Highlights of Alan Pollard's new CD *If You Listen*, featuring the music of Irish priest / composer Liam Lawton, will be presented live at 2.00pm on Sunday 3rd October at Mother of God Church and will be followed by Afternoon Tea. \$10 and \$5 concession. All proceeds from concert and sale of CDs to **Caritas**.

Mary MacKillop Snippet:

Whilst working as a governess in Penola, Mary MacKillop met Julian Tenison Woods, the priest of that vast district of South Australia. He was an idealist, an Englishman and also a scholar and a scientist. Vitally interested in education he opened a school. He knew of Mary's vocation and four years later he wrote to Mary (by now governessing in Portland) that it "cannot be properly conducted until you come up yourself." In 1866, therefore Mary travelled with her younger sister Lexie by horse-drawn coach to Penola.



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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.

Sports Night at Our Lady of the Pines:

Our Lady of the Pines will be holding their annual sport night on the 15th September at 7pm at 77 Carbine St, Donvale. Special guests this year are Wayne Carey, Barry Hall and Terry Wallace. Cost: \$65 per head which includes 2 course meal. Drinks will be at bar prices. Memorabilia will be on sale. For booking please contact: David Sowersby: 0419 311 775 or Chris Haswell: 0403 580 434. See notice on church noticeboards.

Parishes on Fire! Conference - St Clement's 8 - 10 October 2010:

With Bishop Julian Porteous (Sydney), Fr Michael Shadbolt (Doveton) and Anselmo Ruspicioni (Italy). Topics: Teachings, Eucharistic celebrations, meals, workshops and activities. Find out how the Church can evangelise effectively in today's world. Enquiries & register: St Clement's Parish Office 9850 3262 or Adrian Ph/fax: 9337 2051; email: acommade@bigpond.net.au. Suggested donation: \$20 per day. Special *Fired Up!* Youth event on Sunday 10 October evening at 5.30 pm Mass and after Young people's Pizza and Kerygma.

Caritas Australia Assists an Additional 100,000 People in Pakistan

Caritas Australia would like to extend our gratitude for your continued generosity to the Caritas Australia South Asia Flood Appeal – Pakistan. Australians have contributed more than \$1.5 million to help Caritas rebuild so many lives devastated by the worst floods Pakistan has ever seen. Our local community partners continue to provide much needed shelter, warmth and hygiene and infrastructure to the families uprooted by the floods; involving those hardest hit as we plan to rebuild. Thanks to your steadfast support the Caritas network has expanded the reach of our response and will now provide assistance to an additional 100,000 people across 11 regions in the KPK, Balochistan and Sindh Provinces. As this humanitarian crisis continues to evolve, we look forward to your ongoing partnership as we work to restore hope, dignity and opportunity in Pakistan for the long-term. To contribute to Caritas Australia South Asia Floods Appeal – Pakistan: Call 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.

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.

Saints Offer a Vision of Hope:

'In opening up a new vision of possibility, the saints offer us a vision of hope, which is the one thing ultimately that the human being can't live without. There are plenty of false or cosmetic hopes around, but they can never satisfy the human heart. We need a genuine hope, a hope that doesn't deceive or fade; that's what the Bible is about, and it's also what the saints are about. The Bible rubs our nose in the seeming hopelessness of things, but only to say that if we go to the heart of all that seems hopeless and meet God there – just as the Marys met Christ at the tomb – then we will find the true hope that doesn't deceive or fade, the hope that nothing and no-one can take away.' - Excerpt from 'The Marian Lecture' by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Bendigo 11 Aug 2010. Full text at: http://www.cg.catholic.org.au/_uploads/rsfil/02514.pdf

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 18 – 19 September 2010

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

E. Crawley, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

K. Bator

Reader

C. Nguyen

Mass Coordinators

E. Kehoe

Counters

E. Ballao, T. McKinley

Sunday 5.00pm

No 5.00pm Mass

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

R. White

Special Ministers

B. / S. Janus, D. Ervin, M. Chin

Altar Society: P. Caddy

Choir Coordinator: School holidays

COLLECTIONS:

Thanksgiving - \$1,246.00

Presbytery – \$843.25