



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 38

17 – 18 September 2011

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:



In today's Gospel, in which the first labourers are paid the same wage as the afternoon workers, what the early birds didn't reckon on was that they could have come much later and got the same deal. We would cynically call the afternoon workers, 'Johnny-come-latelies' and chances are if we were confronted with the same situation we would be with the complainers.

This story was important to the early Church because generations of Jews waited and longed for the Messiah and, like the first workers, they were the first to respond to the call of Jesus and to work in the field of his Kingdom. For some of the early Jewish-Christians, including St Peter, it came as a surprise that the Lord was calling Gentiles to the life and work of Jesus' Kingdom as well.

We can imagine that it rankled some of the early birds to see these Johnny-come-latelies taking charge of the Christian mission. This wasn't how it was supposed to be! This story, then, is a wonderful commentary on how fickle we are and, luckily for us, how extraordinarily generous God is. What we see in ourselves and others is only a glimpse of what God is like. God is so much more: more loving; more forgiving; more compassionate; and more just.

And because God is so much greater than anything we could ask or imagine, we are constantly surprised at how he turns our expectations, our fears and predictions upside down. We constantly look for God in the big and spectacular and he comes to us poor, naked, sick, in prison and hungry. God speaks through the most surprising people at the most surprising times.

That's why those people who have decided that God can only work in certain ways, places, people, institutions and times so often end up at the end of the line when it comes to religious wisdom. Michael McGirr in his excellent book, *Things You Get for Free* argues that there is a crisis of belief today, but that it's not the way we often think. In a brilliant turning of the tables, McGirr says that the crisis of belief is that people inside the Church sometimes cannot believe that people outside its traditional structures can experience the love of Jesus. God loves and guides the Church, but is not bound by it. God is busy about making sure those who might be last have a chance to come in first.

Rather than resent this, however, let's thank God for being bigger than we are and for being just to all of us, no matter when, or how, we get the Word. © Richard Leonard SJ, *Liturgical Commission, Brisbane 2011*

Please note: Collectors needed for Leaving Collections at Masses in each church of the parish

As advised by the Archdiocese, there will be Leaving Collections in each church this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea. Please see notice in newsletter

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is near to all who call him.

V. 1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

V. 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Just and loving God: **Hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

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 Betty Ward, Horrie Ward, Maria Lien Tran and Maria Trang Ha who have died recently. We also remember Norman Robb, Vincenza Calvisi, Alfio Nibali, Alfred and Margaret Cattanach, Francesco Lellanti and Annuziata Cincotta 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 18 th Sept	Michael Di Carlo & Joseph Wignall	First Eucharist - MOG School
Sunday 25 th Sept	School Holidays	School Holidays

This Week's Readings: 25th 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 19th September: St Theodore of Canterbury

Tues 20th September: St Eustace

Wed 21st September: St Matthew the Apostle

Thurs 22nd September: St Maurice

Fri. 23rd September: St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Sat. 24th September: Our Lady of Walsingham

Next Week's Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm 24:4-9 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 17 Sept	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 18 Sept	10.30am	Mass & First Eucharist 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	9.15am Mass	Mass & End of Term Mass - MOG School	Mother of God Church
		End of School Term 3	
Saturday 24 Sept	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church

INFORMATION

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.

Yarra Theological Union Open Day:

Looking for meaning? Come to the Open Day at Yarra Theological Union on Sunday 15th 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. Enrolment dates for 2012: Mon 14th Nov – Frid 9th Dec; & Mon 23rd Jan – Wed 15th Feb. Phone: 9890 3771 or email: admin@ytu.edu.au

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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 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.

18 September 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church - Mother of God School children

Sea Sunday 2011 – The Apostleship of the Sea:

This year, the Australian Apostleship of the Sea highlights the issue of ‘Piracy’. Seafarers have always suffered at the hands of pirates, but piracy has grown to such an alarming level that some professional seafarers no longer go to sea. Seafarers who come from the third world are choosing extreme poverty over the chance of a sustainable income; and those seafarers who do sign up are fearful for their lives.

90% of the world’s food, fuel, raw materials and manufactured goods are delivered by sea. Nearly half of the world’s seaborne oil supply passes through western and northern Indian Ocean. Today, over 800 seafarers are being held for ransom as hostages. They are subject to physical and psychological abuse for up to eight months and some even lose their lives. Piracy costs the global economy 7- 12 billion US dollars per year. There were over 800 piracy attacks last year, and in the first four months of this year, 400 attacks were recorded on shipping. Piracy occurs in areas such as, Malaysia, Singapore, South China Sea, Vietnam, Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, Gulf of Aden/Red Sea, Somalia and Bangladesh. The Apostolate works with other international organisations to bring about changes in government policy and better security for shipping; as well as working with those who have suffered at the hands of pirates and their families.

Morning Melodies Update – Wednesday 21st September:

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 car park at 10.15am, Wednesday 21st September.

Senior’s Week bus trip to the Goulbourn Valley – 5th October:

Bookings now open for October 5th. \$40 pp represents excellent value: Morning Tea at Mitchelton, wine tasting at Tahbilk Winery and lunch at Valley Entertainment Centre which overlooks the lake at Nagambie. 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 from Waverley Avenue by **9am** in order to allow for traffic conditions and to meet an 11am appointment. Bookings: Contact Sue 9499 1485 or Eileen 9499 7120.

Morning Coffee at Ryder Cheshire - Friday 23rd September:

10 am at 10 Donaldson St. Elizabeth Banham will talk about: ‘The History of Hankies’. If you are able to come, be sure to look at the trading table. It has a wonderful range of lovely items - at very reasonable prices!!

Mass for Mental Health - Wed 28th Sept 2.00pm: St Pius X, West Heidelberg will celebrate a Mass for those who suffer from mental illness with relatives, friends and carers of those with a mental health condition. Mass will be followed by Afternoon Tea. Fr Wayne Edwards 9457 5794 or email: stpiusvic@bigpond.com.

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 - John Costa

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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

St Joseph's Technical College, Abbotsford Reunion Sunday 2 October:

Past students and teachers are invited to a school reunion on 2nd October from 1.00 – 5.00pm. The school will be demolished shortly for apartments. We have arranged permission to view all old classrooms. View a big screen slideshow of old class photos, sporting events, cadets, etc. Photos can be purchased on the day. BBQ lunch & drinks available. Contact: John Taglieri (1970) 0432 242 981; Frank Hargraves (1955) 0417 041 777

St Peter Claver's Mission Fair – 8th October:

The Mission Fair will be held on Saturday 8th October from 9am – 3.30pm in the Convent Grounds, 154 Cotham Rd, Kew. All proceeds for the African Missions.

Office for Justice and Peace: Seeking Asylum - is there a just solution?:

Rerum Novarum Oration 2011: Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFMConv & Hon Malcolm Fraser AC, CH, CGL, PC. Tuesday 11th October 7pm for 7.30pm start, Central Hall, 20-22 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Information: Mark Clarke 9926 5727 RSVP Friday 7th Oct. Email: justice@cam.org.au; Website: www.cam.org.au/justice

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 14th October at Leonda by the Yarra, 2 Wallen Rd, Hawthorn. Luncheon will feature a Fashion Parade by Andiamo. Donation: \$80. Contact: Merle 9497 1691

Ageing Well – A workshop on making the most out of life:

Speaker: Professor Rhonda Nay, Aged Care expert, Latrobe University, Sunday 16th October, 10-11.30am at Rosanna Baptist Church Hall, corner Waiora Rd & Churchill St, Heidelberg Heights. Morning Tea is available after workshop. This initiative of Rosanna Baptist Church coincides with 2011 Banyule Seniors' Festival. Contact: David Enticott 9455 2632

FOCCUS Facilitator Training:

FOCCUS is a facilitative instrument for use with couples preparing for marriage and is conducted over 4 one hour sessions. Training: Thursday 3 November from 7.30-10.00pm and Saturday 9.15am – 5.00pm at Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne. Cost \$230 per person, or \$370 per couple which includes FOCCUS kit, one year registration, handouts, and lunch, morning and afternoon teas. If interested please call CatholicCare and speak to Karin 9287 5516

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 24 – 25 September 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Murphy

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, A. Pellizzari

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Costa family

Reader

Costa family

Coordinators

Costa family

Counters

T. McKinley, E. Ballao

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

I. Chiera

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Choir Coordinators: School holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,763.00	Loose cash: \$831.35	Total: \$2,594.35
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 895.40