



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 38

24 – 25 September 2011

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:



The preaching of Jesus attracted all sorts of people who lived at the fringes of, or were oppressed by, Palestinian society. Jesus' message was especially attractive to them. Tensions among the huge variety of Jesus' disciples, between the rich and the poor, men and women, the Jews and Gentiles, the socially respectable and those with outrageous backgrounds continued after his death throughout the next decades, during which the Gospels were written.

It's hard for us to imagine what a diverse and scandalous group in many respects, the first fathers and mothers of our faith were seen to be. Imagine, if you will, the fuss that would still be created if the local bishop was seen constantly dining with women in prostitution, drug dealers or known terrorists. People would be outraged, but the bishop would be doing nothing short of following Jesus' example. This situation gives us a little insight into how affronted the Chief Priests and Pharisees were by Jesus and, in turn, by his disciples' behaviour.

For Jesus there was never a lost case, or a person beyond help. He didn't just spend time with the poor and broken of his society, but offered them a new way of life, an opportunity to start again and redemption from their destructive behaviour. He went to where they were, as they were. And we do the same because this is precisely what God has done for us. God didn't wait for us to 'talk the talk' before we could 'walk his walk'. Jesus came to us when we were religiously dumb and immobile and showed us how to speak, what to say and where to walk.

The Christian walk and talk is meant to have a profound impact on our daily lives, our concerns, our priorities and compassion. So much so that if, over a period of time, what we celebrate here each Sunday makes no inroads into our family life and workplace, our professional life, our business practices and our relationships, then we should ask ourselves what we are doing here. And, what's worse, we could even miss the on-going revelation of Christ's presence in the poor, weak and vulnerable of our own society. We constantly look for Christ in the spectacular and the wonderful and he comes to us in the least of our brother and sisters.

May this Eucharist give us the strength to not only 'look good', but to 'be good', to start over if we need to, and do our best to live out the faith we profess. May it strengthen us to find the Lord where he is, and not keep looking in the places where we would prefer him to be.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, you had just cause to judge men as you did: because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will. But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

V. 1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

V. 2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

V. 3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: In your mercy: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Lord, remember the words you spoke to me, your servant, which made me live in hope and consoled me when I was downcast.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Pat Fleming, 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 Clem Cullinan who died recently. We also remember José Thornton, Emanuela Ciaverella, John Mulqueeny, Paul Stankiewicz and Johanna Margaret Curtain whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptism in our Parish Community:

We welcome Madeleine Vaughan who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the journey of faith.

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 25 th Sept	School Holidays	School Holidays
Sunday 2 October	School Holidays	School Holidays

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 26th September: Ss Cosmos & Damian

Tues 27th September: St Vincent de Paul

Wed 28th September: St Wenceslaus

Thurs 29th September: Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Fri. 30th September: St Jerome

Sat. 1st October: St Teresa of Lisieux

Next Week's Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 79:9, 12-16, 19-20 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 24 Sept	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 1 October	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 2 October		Daylight Saving	
Monday 3 October	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Wednesday 5 October		Outreach trip to Nagambie	
Friday 7 October		First Friday Mass & Devotions	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.

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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Social Justice Sunday:

The theme of this year's Australian Catholic Bishops' Statement is: **Building Bridges, Not Walls. Prisons and the justice system.** NSW Network of Catholic prison chaplains have provided a Prayer for Prisoners.

God, our Creator, we acknowledge the ancestors and original owners of this land, a land of wealth and freedom, far horizons, mountains, forest and shining sand. Maker and spirit of earth and all creation let your love possess our land and may we share in faith and friendship, the gifts unmeasured from your hand.

We pray for all the imprisoned, those on the inside, whose confinement is obvious and those on the outside, whose imprisonment is subtler.

We reach out in grace, knowing that human divisions are false, that we are not the innocent praying for the guilty or the right praying for the wrong but people praying for people, the hurt remembering the hurt, the failure reaching out in love to the failure in a single community.

We remember those who seek to change difficult life stories, midwives of hope and agents of grace.

We remember and pray for the victims of crime on the outside, knowing that we do not have the luxury of black and white, the simple answer or the easy question.

We remember and pray for the countless victims on the inside casualties of uneven playing fields and difficult starts, dreamless futures and nightmare pasts.

We remember the whole criminal justice system and its process, those caught up in it, those on every side and in every moment of it.

We pray a blessing on all those who enter prison. We pray a blessing on all those who wait on the outside.

We pray a blessing on the world community. Teach us to deal with each other with compassion.

Keep all of us ever mindful of your law of love so that we may temper justice with mercy, exercise control with compassion. May our motives and our actions conform to your will and fulfil your purposes all the days of this life so that we may share in the life to come. Amen.

Recent Collections:

Sincere thanks to all concerned for contributions to special collections over recent weeks.

- CatholicCare - \$932.30 (includes Leaving Collections and Credit card donations)
- Priests Retirement Foundation - \$1947.40 (includes Leaving Collections and Credit card donations)
- Apostleship of the Sea - \$250.30

September Outreach Notice:

Thank you to all the people who enjoyed lunch and Morning Melodies at the Celtic Club, and supported the Ryder Cheshire Home to the tune of \$400 at the same time.

Bookings for the bus trip to the wineries and Nagambie have been brisk. Approximately 10 seats are still available for October 5th which is great value at \$40 person. There will be 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. Come along for great company and a lovely day out. Bookings: Contact Sue 9499 1485 or Eileen 9499 7120.

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.

St Joseph's Technical College, Abbotsford Reunion Sunday 2nd 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.

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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

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 2012. Phone: 9890 3771 or email: admin@ytu.edu.au

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

Australian Young Christian Workers:

In 2011, the Australian Young Christian Workers (AYCW) acknowledged the concern of Mental well-being and Young People, which had a link to our 2011-12 National Campaign of *'Finding Meaning, Making a Difference: Work, Life, Faith, Action!'* Therefore the AYCW is endeavouring to help young people to find a balance in their Work, Life and Faith, to maintain a healthy mind-set. (See display board in each church)

To have a clear understanding of how Young People in Australia cope with their Mental Well-being, the AYCW conducted a series of Social Enquiries using the See, Judge, Act methodology. These concentrated on the stresses that Young People face in their daily lives, with the discussion focusing on how their faith and values play a vital role in their management of their Mental Well-being. Through these Social Enquiries and stories of Young People, the members of the AYCW have developed a Vision of Action for the Young People of the YCW and Australia, to obtain a healthy mind-set.

Through this Vision, the AYCW will be organising Collective Action through Dioceses across Australia in order to promote Mental Well-being during the month of October, to Educate, Represent and Serve Young People. To find out more, please visit: www.ycw.org.au. For more information or resources, do not hesitate to contact National President of the movement Miss Bridget Flood on bridget.flood@ycw.org.au or Melanie on melanie.boodhna@ycw.org.au. *"Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all." Nelson Mandela.*

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 1 – 2 October 2011

<u>ST. BERNADETTE'S:</u> Saturday 6.30pm	Lector E. Jowett	Special Ministers B. Jowett, Sister Carmel		
<u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u> Sunday 9.00am	Leader P. Callahan	Reader B. Fitt	Coordinators S. & P. Kelly	Counters L. McInerney, M. Rocco
<u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u> Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan J. Taylor	Lector I. Chiera	Special Ministers A. Moloney, G. Crawford, R. Matovinovic	Choir Coordinators: School holidays
	Altar Society:	P. Caddy		

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,358.50	Loose cash: \$696.80	Total: \$2,055.30
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 814.55