



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 40

1 – 2 October 2011

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan had a major impact on philosophy and theology last century. Sometimes his language was so complex we had to buy a companion book to help us read the original work! Surprisingly, however, his most important insights were very simple and expressed in very simple language. One of them was that we regularly have 'ah-ha' moments, where we get an insight into God, the world or ourselves. These moments make sense of things we have previously only seen as problems.

Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the 'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on his life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense.

The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. In Psalm 118 and, more generally, in the Book of Psalms, the trials and defeats of Israel are seen to be tests of strength, love and endurance. Despite everything Israel has gone through, the people continue to sing of God's fidelity to them and what marvels God has done before their eyes, making them into a more faith-filled people. Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives as well. There are often facets of our personality or character of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is. Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

V. 1. You brought a vine out of Egypt, to plant it you drove out the nations.

It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

V. 2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

V. 3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

V. 4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from the Father. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray in Jesus' name: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to those who are searching for his love.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Margaret Dixon, Pat Fleming, 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 Raie Neal, Diane Iapozzuto and Miguel Peña who have died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Offertory Gifts: Children who celebrated their First Eucharist and their families will bring the gifts.

Date	Mary Immaculate 9am	Mother of God 10.30am
Sunday 2 October	School Holidays	School Holidays
Sunday 9 October		

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions – Friday 7th October:

Mass will be celebrated at 10am, and followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Devotions will conclude with Benediction at 4.00pm. All are welcome to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

<u>This Week's Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A</u>			
Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalms 79:9, 12-16, 19-20	Philippians 4:6-9	Matthew 21:33-43
<i>Saint and Feast Days:</i>			
<i>Mon 3rd October: Ss Cosmos & Damian</i>	<i>Tues 4th October: St Francis of Assisi</i>		
<i>Wed 5th October: St Maurus</i>	<i>Thurs 6th October: St Bruno</i>		
<i>Fri. 7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<i>Sat. 8th October: St Pelagia</i>		
<u>Next Week's Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A</u>			
Isaiah 25:6-10	Psalms 22	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20	
Matthew 22:1-14			

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 1 October	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 2 October		Daylight Saving	
Monday 3 October	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	Parish Office
Tuesday 4 October	9.00am	Liturgy Planning (NB – not Thursday)	Parish Office
Wednesday 5 October		Outreach trip to Nagambie	See newsletter notice
Friday 7 October		First Friday Mass & Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 8 October	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 11 October	7.30pm	MOG School representative Council	Mother of God School
Wednesday 12 Oct	7.30pm	Yarra Deanery Meeting	St Pius X, W. Heidelberg
Saturday 15 October	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 17 Oct	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 18 October	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Yrs 4, 5, 6L	St Bernadette's Church
Wednesday 19 Oct	10.30am	Mass of Anointing and Blessing	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 19 Oct	8.00pm	Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting	Parish Office
Thursday 20 October	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Board	Mary Immaculate School

INFORMATION

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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Mass of Anointing and Blessing - Wednesday 19th October at Mary Immaculate Church:

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to a Mass of Anointing and Blessing on Wednesday 19th October at 10.30am at Mary Immaculate Church.

Mass will be followed Morning Tea. If you require assistance with transport please contact Eileen 9499 7120 or Sue 9499 1485.

Please note: There will be no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 19th October at Mary Immaculate

Now that we are more familiar with the new liturgy, these thoughts might be helpful:

'Under my roof' - Older parishioners will/may remember these were the words we used when the vernacular was introduced in the 60s. They are a direct quotation from the Gospel of St. Matthew (Chapter 8) when a centurion approached Jesus and pleaded for help for his paralysed servant. Jesus offered to come to visit the master's home but the centurion, in humility, replied: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

Outreach Notice, October 2011 - Please note changes:

- Our bus trip to Nagambie is now booked out. We look forward to fine weather next Wednesday and an excellent day out.
- On October 19 we will combine the Mass of Anointing and Blessing at Mary Immaculate Church at 10.30am, followed by morning tea, with our monthly lunch/games day. Everyone is welcome to stay for a light lunch and cards/scrabble. The afternoon will conclude at 3.00pm. If you need assistance with transport please contact Sue 9499 1485 or Eileen 9499 7120.

Mass for Mental Health - Wednesday 28th September:

'Could we have a mental health Mass?' "Don" (not his real name) of West Heidelberg asked his parish priest Fr. Wayne Edwards, two months ago. On Wednesday September 28 at 2 pm, 11 days before Mental Health Week, Don's wish came true. Sixty carers, and people who have had mental ill-health, prayed, sang, and met at St. Pius X church with prayerful good humour. They were led by Monsignor Tony Ireland Episcopal Vicar for Health and Aged Care, Fr. Gerry Dowling family counsellor Catholic Social Services, Fr. Jim Scannell retired chaplain Kew Cottages, Fr. Len Thomas retired psychiatric chaplain, Fr. Wayne who welcomed all and preached, and Ivanhoe parish priest Fr. Thang Vu. Don had composed the very telling Prayers of the Faithful, read by Sr. Frances Baum, MSC. Ivanhoe parishioner Michael Kempton read the first reading, Fr. Dowling the Gospel. Community carers and local parishioners brought people from church, government and private group homes, as far away as Dandenong. Catholic Social Services advertised throughout agencies in Melbourne Archdiocese. Don and Fathers Wayne and Len, spread the word to local group homes and clinics. Parish bulletins and web sites, through the Yarra Deanery, publicised this Melbourne Mental Health Catholic Mass, the first for many years in the Archdiocese.

Apart from our Website the report on yesterday's Mental Health Mass at St Pius X in West Heidelberg is now also published with Fr Len's article and further photos on the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne www.cam.org.au – John Costa

Keen gardeners required to invigorate Mother of God Church Gardens:

Once the builders have vacated the church grounds next month, gardens, trees and lawns surrounding Mother of God Church will need well-earned care. Any interested parties for either a one-off working bee or to be a part of a monthly rotating roster, please register your fervour with Andrew Tosolini 0421 639 501 after 9 Oct.

October theology@thepub:

Topic: "God, Evolution & the Big Bang"

Speaker: Fr Robin Koning SJ

Monday 3 October, 6.30pm for dinner and drinks, 7.30pm talk begins, The Pumhouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy. Details: theologyatthepub.com.au.

theology@thepub is an event for 18-35 year olds (priests & religious of any age are welcome to attend).

St Joseph's Carmelite Auxiliary – Spring Luncheon: The Annual Spring Luncheon, in aid of the Carmelite Monastery, Kew, will be held 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

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50th Anniversary of St. Vincent Pallotti's canonization:

The Pallottine Family (Fathers, Brothers and lay people - UAC) are preparing for the 50th Anniversary of St. Vincent Pallotti's canonization, 50th Anniversary of Pallotti College & Pallottine Youth Camps Millgrove, in January 2013 and 75th Anniversary of Pallottine College, Kew in June 2012. We invite you to a Sausage Sizzle, Saturday October 15th at 12.30pm at Pallottine Community, 85 Studley Park Rd., Kew which will be followed by a 'Brainstorming Session' until 4.00pm. **RSVP** to Fr. Pat Jackson by 10th October Telephone: 9802 8538 or Email: frp.jackson@syndalcatholic.org.au

Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Upcoming Events:

* **Meditation & Healing** - Tuesday 11 October, 9am-1.30pm.

This session examines how meditation and contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition can assist in the healing process. Cost is \$20. This will be held at the Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville.

* **RCIA Regional Seminar: 'Bring The Children To Me'** Saturday 15 October, 9.45am-3pm, St Clement of Rome, Egan Drive, Bulleen. Cost is \$20 per person/maximum \$100 per parish. Registration is essential!

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

Conference - 'St Mary MacKillop's influence on Catholic social services: yesterday, today, tomorrow':

Thursday 13 October at Cardinal Knox Centre, East Melbourne. 6.30pm: Keynote address by Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO and Friday 14 October, Thomas Carr Centre, East Melbourne. A day-long program of lectures, discussions and workshops on Mary's heritage, her inspiration and influence; and its relevance for work of service and justice today, followed by evening refreshments at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, and a conference dinner. Noted author Michael McGirr will be the speaker at the closing dinner on Friday evening. Cost for full participation, including meals, is \$200. Flyer and registration: www.css.org.au/marymackillop. Details: Margaret Allen: margaret.allen@me.com or 0418 776 987.

ANZCO concert:

The newly-reformed Australian and New Zealand College of Organists (ANZCO) will hold a fundraising concert as part of a nationwide outreach program providing school students with the chance to experience Australia's unique pipe organ heritage. Friday 21 October, 7.30pm at Our Lady of Victories Basilica, Camberwell - Works by Guilmant with performers: Thomas Heywood, Jeremy Fletcher and Christopher Cook. Cost: Adults \$25/ concession \$20, school-aged children free.

Details: anzco.org or contact Christopher Cook on 0400 255 216 or email christopher.cook@yahoo.com.au

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 8 – 9 October 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

J. Gray

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, E. Crawley

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
K. Bator

Reader

C. Nguyen

Coordinators

E. Ballao

Counters

P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

V. O'Kane

Lector

B. Brownstein

Special Ministers

T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame

Altar Society:

P. Mendes

Choir Coordinators: School holidays

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,550.95 Loose cash: \$474.65 **Total: \$2,025.60**

Second Collection – Presbytery:

\$ 729.30