



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 41

8 – 9 October 2011

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:



These days young couples ask for their children to be baptised for a variety of reasons. Initially, it's clear that for some, baptism is an elaborate naming ceremony, or the ritual preliminaries to having a 'we've had a baby party'. For others, while they don't quite know why they want baptism, they just know they do. And for some parents it's clear that they wish to pass on to their children the life of Christ that has nurtured them.

At the baptismal ceremony, I always begin by saying that for the first three centuries of the Church's history, this sacrament was celebrated at dawn on the Easter Vigil not only because the rising sun symbolised Christ's light dawning in our lives, but because baptism was always done in secret. For 300 years Christians who took the waters of baptism at dawn could be dead by lunchtime. For them, baptism was no social day out; it was a life and death commitment.

In the parable of the King's banquet, Jesus foreshadows the days when those whom one would expect to be Christian would reject the invitation to faith, and those thought least likely to respond to God's call would flock into the Church.

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the Wedding Banquet was seen as a metaphor for two things: the Eucharist and Eternal Life. Curiously, this parable, while using the imagery of the Banquet, is less concerned about the meal and more about who's in and who's out, and why!

We can see this through the tenants who turn down the opportunity to go to a Royal Wedding – still an almost unimaginable thing to do. It's seen in the poor who recognise the gift and the giver, get dressed up and have somewhere to go. And it's seen in the impostor who is not correctly dressed for the occasion and is speechless when called to account. This last character is clearly the one in the earliest Christian community who has taken the waters of baptism, but was betraying St Matthew's persecuted community. When discovered, people like this guest were thrown out. In Matthew's time, impostors cost lives.

So what does all this have to say to our own time? It's not about how one dresses for Mass or for Eternal life! It's not about the fear of being found wanting in being able to mouth the right words when called to account. It is about being poor enough to recognise the gift of God in the invitation to faith and about being generous enough to respond completely. For taking care about what we say and do, the values by which we live our lives at home, at work, at play and in the way we relate to each other is how we show that we mean what we profess. It is also how others legitimately judge whether we are really genuine about our faith or just another impostor.

Like the earliest Christians, when we were baptised we were clothed in a white garment – a wedding robe. Like theirs, our baptismal day was no naming ceremony and no social day out. It was the day we were issued with a standing invitation to the feast of life in Christ where people act as they profess, and where frauds are spotted a mile away.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

V. 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

V. 2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

V. 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

V. 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: When the Lord is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Margaret Dixon, Concetta Stramandinoli, Vito Micucci, Peg Healy, Bev Horne, Madeleine Pye, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Bernadette Gorman and Marcel Touissant who died recently. We also remember Fr John Rogan, Irene Rogan, Francesco Rocco and Nguyen Tuan Duc whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptisms in our Parish Community:

We welcome Quinn Rubbo and Keira Forde who are baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome their families, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the journey of faith.

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

Date	Mary Immaculate 9am	Mother of God 10.30am
Sunday 9 October		
Sunday 16 October	Alexander Romano	McInerney & Moshopoulos families

This Week's Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 22 Philipians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 10th October: St Paulinus of York

Wed 12th October: St Wilfrid

Fri. 14th October: St Callistus

Tues 11th October: St Canice

Thurs 13th October: St Edward the Confessor

Sat. 15th October: St Teresa of Avila

Next Week's Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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
Friday 21 October	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 4	Mother of God Church
Saturday 22 October	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church

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.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION



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 by 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

Further thoughts on the new Liturgy:

In a recent issue of Summit, the Liturgy Journal of our Archdiocese, Fr. Andrew Hamilton SJ writes:

“When we are exposed to new translations of familiar texts, it is important to do more than remember them and to recite them confidently. We should look carefully at the words we speak and reflect on them. This is particularly important in the case of liturgy because it does not reveal its full meaning at the first reading”.

Outreach Notice - Please note changes:

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 in the afternoon. 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.



Morning Tea at Mother of God:

Sunday, 16th October, 2011.

There will be Morning Tea after the 10.30 a.m. Mass next

The donation of a plate of food would be appreciated.

Spit-roast Dinner at Mother of God Church Centre:

We are having a spit-roast dinner at Mother of God Church Centre on Saturday the 12th November at 7.30 pm. Three course meal with entertainment. Everyone is invited and welcome.

\$55.00 per person. BYO drink.

Bookings: Helen Taylor 9499 3041 Adrienne Patterson 9499 8926

St Joseph's Carmelite Auxiliary – Spring Luncheon:

The Annual Spring Luncheon, in aid of the Carmelite Monastery, Kew, 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

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.

Anti Poverty Week: Sunday 16 October - Saturday 22 October:

Archbishop Denis Hart is encouraging schools and parishes to get involved in Anti-Poverty Week. This is a national initiative to strengthen understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty locally and globally. For further information visit www.cam.org.au or call Kristen Toohey 9926 5778

Anima Women's network – October Conference 2011:

“Inspired by Teresa of Avila”: On the feast day of St Teresa of Avila we welcome women to this conference which will look at the role that St Teresa of Avila has in the interior prayer life and how a busy woman can draw on Carmelite spirituality in her daily life. Saturday 16 October from 9am – 1pm at Cardinal Knox Centre, corner Albert & Lansdowne Sts, E. Melbourne. Cost: \$20 (\$15 concession) includes morning tea. To register please email: annaswblog@bigpond.com or phone: 0487 683 050.

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-3.00pm, St Clement of Rome, Egan Drive, Bulleen. Cost: \$20 per person. Registration is essential!

Catholic Bible Study Course: The Great Adventure:

Discover God's plan for your life as you discover God's amazing story in A Quick Journey through the Bible - An eight-part DVD introduction to the Bible timeline study course to be held Monday evenings, 7.30pm in the James Kierce Centre, at St Mary's, Greensborough from 10 October - 28 November. Details and to register: Sam Giudice 9434 7282 or email sam.giudice@bigpond.com. Registration is essential. Cost for course: \$25 includes workbook and materials.

Society of Organists Twilight Recital – 19th October:

'French Fireworks', a twilight recital by Joseph Nolan (St George's Cathedral, Perth). Joseph Nolan recently completed recording the 10 Widor Symphonies at La Madeleine and Saint-Sulpice in Paris. This recital will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Wednesday 19 October 2011, at 6pm. Entrance fees: Society of Organists Victoria members \$20; non-members \$25. Details: www.sov.org.au

ANZCO concert – 21st October:

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

Getting it Rite Liturgical Ministry Formation – 22nd October:

Saturday 22 October from 9.30am to 2.45pm, Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ will give the keynote presentation at the Getting it Rite Liturgical Ministry Formation day that will focus on key theological images and spiritual themes that mark our entry into the new liturgical cycle and new year 2012, accompanied this Advent by the revised Missal texts. A variety of workshops will take place following this presentation on the day. Cost is \$25. Visit Archbishops Office for Evangelisation website at www.cam.org.au/evangelisation or call 9926 5761 for full details and registration.

Assisi in Melbourne:

Eminent faith leaders from around the world will join Pope Benedict XVI in Assisi, Italy this month, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the first Inter-religious gathering for Peace in Assisi. In cooperation with the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission, the Faith Communities Council of Victoria (FCCV) will present Assisi in Melbourne: Faith in Service for Peace on Sunday 23rd October, at 3pm, at the Chapter House of St Paul's Cathedral, 197 Flinders Lane. As in Assisi, the Melbourne event will comprise readings from a selection of sacred writings from various faith traditions, contemplation and a decision to work together for peace in our time. It will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet and enjoy each other's company. Details: eic@cam.org.au

Banksia Palliative Care:

Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th October from 7.30 – 9.00am at 472 Lower Heidelberg Rd, Heidelberg. Light breakfast will be provided (please advise of any dietary requirements). RSVP: 21 October to Kellie-Ann Blackman: kellie.annb@banksiapalliative.com.au

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Secretary:	Mrs. Ruth Villani	Office hours 9.00am – 5.00pm	9499 1515

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 8 – 9 October 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector
C. Dixon

Special Ministers
B. Jowett, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
J. Pidutti

Reader
P. Naish
E. O'Connell

Coordinators
M. Gilbo

Counters
S. & P. Kelly

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan
E. Mount

Lector
E. Mount
T. MCCarthy

Special Ministers
E. Brownstein, M A Darcy, J. Ellis

Choir Coordinators: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$1,546.00 Loose cash: \$372.30 **Total: \$1,918.30**

Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 589.95**

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