

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

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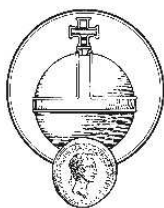
15 – 16 October 2011

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

There are people inside and outside the Church who think that Christ did not give the Church a mandate to speak about political matters. They regularly quote the Gospel we have just heard to support their case. But if one knows and understands the context and meaning within which this text was written it provides no ammunition for those who want the Church to stay indoors, reflect on things 'spiritual', preach the eternal verities, and sing hymns more ancient than modern.

In Jesus' day, we know that some people thought he was a Zealot. Zealots were a well-organised group who agitated for the end of the Roman occupation of Israel. One of the things Zealots did was withhold paying the Roman taxes. We can see why some people thought Jesus may have been a Zealot. He took the part of the poor, the sick, women and those who lived on the fringes of society. He attacked the religious authorities of his day and certainly stirred up trouble in many places he went. On the other hand he rejected violence, taught his followers to pray for their enemies and to return good for evil. Jesus showed us that the justice and equality God longs to see in the world comes from a community which is converted by love, not by weapons, fear or revenge. Jesus was no Zealot.



Rather than undermine civil authority, however, Jesus, in this passage, supports it. But he does more. 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's' is followed by 'And give to God, what is God's', which encompasses all the Caesars of this world, all civil authorities and states. The sense that we as the People of God can split off our obligations to the Gospel from the State is as false as it's dangerous. We only have to think of some of the darkest chapters last century to see what happens when good, church-going people, like us, do not put their Sunday devotion in touch with their Monday politics. Evil can reign.

Christian leaders, who are charged to proclaim and defend the Gospel, are obliged to use whatever forum necessary to declare that God's personal love encompasses everyone and everything under heaven. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us today, God calls each one of us by name. At times we may not agree with our religious leaders; we may think them ill informed; we may even think they have overstepped the mark. If this is the case we should tell them, enable them to consider other perspectives and to broaden the basis upon which they make their judgments. But we should never be seduced by those who want the Church sidelined from the mainstream of the debates that shape the way we live, the values we share, the laws we draft and the priorities we draw up for our human community.

If the Church shows disinterest in any of this, it is untrue to the very things for which Jesus lived, died and was raised from the dead. By all means we should give to Caesar all that Caesar is justly entitled to have for the sake of the common good. A higher allegiance, however, goes to God, who will call all Caesars to account for what they have done and what they failed to do. And we might be asked to explain how we let them get away with it in the first place.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer. Guard me as the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shade of your wings.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give the Lord glory and honour.

V. 1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.

Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

V. 2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods;

The gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

V. 3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power,

Give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

V. 4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king'. He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Beryl O'Keefe, Clementina Chiodo, Margaret Dixon, Vito Micucci, Peg Healy, Bev Horne, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember John Quinane, Dorothy McKay, Concetta Stramandinoli and Marcel Toussaint who died recently. We also remember Olive Crowe, Ted Gannan, Anne Tosolini, Carmelo Nastasi and Eileen Duffy whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

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 16 October	Alexander Romano	McInerney & Moshopoulos families
Sunday 23 October	Jake Van Der Veecken & Timothy Vouk	Perdisci & Petteofrezza families

This Week's Readings: 29th 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 17th October: St Ignatius of Antioch

Tues 18th October: St Luke the Evangelist

Wed 19th October: St Paul of the Cross

Thurs 20th October: St Irene

Fri. 21st October: St Ursula

Sat. 22nd October: St Mary Salome

Next Week's Readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Exodus 22:20-26 Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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
Tuesday 25 October	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Yrs 4, 5, 6W	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 25 October	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 26 Oct	9.15am	Mass & Mary Immac. School Yrs 3/4, 5 & 6	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 26 Oct	7.00pm	Catechist Session: Sacrament of Reconciliation	Mary Immac. Church
Friday 28 October	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 3	Mother of God Church
Saturday 29 October	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

INFORMATION

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.

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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 by Morning Tea in the Parish Office. 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



Morning Tea at Mother of God:

Sunday, 16th October, 2011.

There will be Morning Tea after the 10.30 a.m. Mass this Sunday. The donation of a plate of food would be appreciated.

Wedding Anniversary:

Congratulations to Oswald and Sylvie Berthelot on the special occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary – a celebration for all concerned.



Congratulations:

Congratulations to Marjorie Sampson who celebrated her 101st birthday recently with family and friends. We wish her well on this momentous occasion.

More thoughts on the new Liturgy:

Now that we have become more familiar with the new words, we can probably agree that the changes are quite few. Not so for the priest and the words he prays on our behalf!

The Eucharist Prayers – at the heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist have been the subject of significant changes. Perhaps you have heard some different words without being able to pin down the difference.

Fr Thang often uses the new version of the First Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation.

It begins: “Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and eternal God” and continues with:

“Even now you set before your people a time of grace and reconciliation, and, as they turn back to you in spirit, you grant them hope in Jesus Christ and a desire to be of service to all.”

Simple and beautiful words that speak our language.

Nagambie Bus Trip:

A big thank you to all the people who supported us and enjoyed a lovely day out at Mitchelton, Nagambie and Tahbilk last week.

Don't forget next Wednesday 19th October there is a blessing Mass at Mary Immaculate Church at 10.30am which will be followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Office. You may choose to stay on at the MI Hall for lunch and games. There is no charge, just **bring a small contribution to the lunch** – we will accept your contribution before Mass and leave it in the kitchen. Hope to see you there, Eileen 9499 7120 Sue 9499 1485

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. Fliers available in each church. \$55.00 per person. BYO drink. Bookings: Helen Taylor 9499 3041 Adrienne Patterson 9499 8926

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:

Archbishop Denis Hart is encouraging Catholics to get involved in Anti-Poverty Week which starts this Sunday 16 October. The Melbourne Archdiocese is providing a number of resources to assist parishes, youth groups and Catholic organisations get involved, including a 2.5 minute video, presented by Fr Joe Caddy which can be seen on Parish Website "Videos" area on "Photos/Multimedia" page.

Catholic Missions: World Mission Day Appeal 23rd October:

Hear My Voice ... Believe: Next weekend there will be Leaving Collections at the end of Masses for the Annual Catholic Mission World Mission Day Appeal as advised by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This year we are invited to hear the voice of our Indigenous brothers and sisters in Guatemala and here in Australia as they face incredible challenges. Indigenous leaders are calling for reconciliation, forgiveness and hope as they reach out and serve their communities in the name of Christ and so that they can bring hope to future generations. Freecall: 1800 257 296 Website: www.catholicmission.org.au

Activity to Mark Anti-Poverty Week – Friday 21 October:

Friday 21 October - Human Rights and Poverty, The State of the Nation: Taking a human rights approach to challenging poverty and inequality in Australia – what can we do – today. Keynote address: Dr Cassandra Goldie, Australian Council of Social Services. Hosted by St Vincent de Paul Society, Gerard Ward House, 43 Prospect St, Box Hill. Start: 9.45am and finish at 11.30am.

Forum will be followed by Mass celebrated by Fr Bruce Duncan at Midday.

RSVP: Livia Caruso, Mission Integration Officer, St Vincent de Paul Society 9895 5859

Social Justice in the City – Wednesday 26 October:

St Francis Conference, Melbourne presents ‘Social Justice in the City’, 12 – 1.00pm Wednesday 26 October: ‘A Biblical Reflection, Mark 8:22-10:52: Jesus Message on Service’. Guest Speaker: Fr Frank Moloney SDB at St Francis Pastoral Centre, corner Lonsdale & Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne.

Further information: Paula, 9895 5800

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

Catholic Theological College Open Day - Wednesday 2 November:

Study your Faith; Study your Spirituality Programme One 4.00 – 6.00pm & Programme Two 6.00 – 7.45pm: Each programme includes tours of CTC, as well as Speakers: Rev Dr Austin Cooper, Lecturer in Spirituality & Church History, Rev Dr Brian Boyle, Academic Dean & Dr Rosemary Canavan, Post-graduate Work Coordinator. Light Refreshments will be available after Programme One.

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

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 22 – 23 October 2011

ST. BERNADETTE’S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector
K. Gillespie

Special Ministers
T. Nibali, J. Gray

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
J. Newell

Reader
E. Van Der Veeke
E. Doyle

Coordinators
J. & D. Jones

Counters
P. Gelsi, P. Black

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan
J. Curry

Lector
J. Curry
I. Chiera

Special Ministers
B. / S. Janus, D. Ervin, M. Chin
Choir Coordinators: J. O’Brien

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,769.00	Loose cash: \$382.10	Total: \$2,151.10
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 898.80

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