

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 43

22 – 23 October 2011

## 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

### Reflection:

Nguyen Van Mah is one of eight sons. In 1978 his poor farming parents had to decide which one of their twelve children would be sent on a boat from Vietnam. They knew there was a great risk that they would be sending their son to his death on the South China Sea. At 4.00am a knock on the door of the family home came and Mah said his goodbyes. He has not seen his parents since. Mah was blindfolded and travelled in the back of a truck for eight hours. He was led through the jungle to a beach where the blindfold was removed. Mah told me that sometimes at this moment people are shot by evil traders who collect the money without any intention of dispatching a boat. That families never hear from their children is no surprise. Mah told me, 'We were lucky, we made it off the beach.'

There were 29 adults in a boat built for 10. Inadequately prepared for the two week trip, all the boat people were sick, hungry and exposed. Thai pirates attacked their boat, executed three men and raped all the women on board. They were to bury another six people at sea who died from the effects of the journey. On sighting land, the remaining 20 people in Mah's boat thought hope had arrived. But the Malaysian Navy, under orders to fire on all Vietnamese boats, forced it to return to international waters. Mah told me, 'At this point I almost lost my faith in God and human beings. I was going to die.' The boat began to take water and was noticed by a Dutch trading ship which rescued them and deposited them in the Philippines. Mah migrated to Australia 12 months later and is now the local doctor in an outback community that could not get a doctor for two years.

Isaiah tells us today 'You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.' Jesus tells us in the Gospel that the love of God is fulfilled precisely in as much as we love our neighbour. No pressing issue in the Western World, it seems to me, invites such hysteria as does immigration. Until recently, most western countries have been good in offering hospitality to people who have chosen to leave, or have had to flee their country of birth. Given our comparative wealth this hospitality is entirely appropriate. And it is also appropriate for our countries to have a threshold number for the sake of the common good.



In today's Gospel, however, Jesus does not promise us that the love of God and neighbour is going to cost us nothing. Jesus' law of love involves sacrifice for us individually and as a nation. Through the acceptance of this teaching we are committing ourselves to being our neighbour's keeper. In another part of the same Gospel, Jesus tells us that 'those to whom much has been given, much will be required.' Sadly, many of us want the good life for ourselves, while doing very little to help other countries become more liveable, and then we can reject people who want to share in the blessings we have worked for and inherited.

The Gospel of Matthew gives us the story of Mary, Joseph and Jesus being forced to flee Israel for Egypt as refugees. If the Holy Family were coming our way these days, they might be sent back to King Herod. May this Eucharist see in us a change of heart that enables our faith to act justly toward all people everywhere. May our goodness and hospitality mirror on earth the welcome we hope to enjoy from Jesus, Mary and Joseph in the kingdom which is promised to all, irrespective of where any of us has been born.

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### **Please note:**

### **Collectors needed to take Leaving Collections at Masses in each church**

There will be Leaving Collections in each church this weekend for Catholic Missions: World Mission Day Appeal. Please see notice in newsletter.

### **THE WORD**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Give the Lord glory and honour.

V. 1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge: my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

V. 2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me.

He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!**

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering to God.**

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Carmela Magrin, Beryl O'Keefe, Clementina Chiodo, 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 Fr Roger Ryan, Margaret Dixon, Bernadette Shepherdson, Val Newman and Dorothy McKay who have died recently. We also remember Carlo Bello, Amanda Daley, Mariette Antar Bains, Luigi Danza, Amelia Grisotto, Vittorio Bertoli, Marie Godfrey and Antonino Marino whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



**Baptisms in our Parish Community:**

We welcome Isabelle Gowers and Adelle Dunne 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 23 October	Jake Van Der Veecken & Timothy Vouk	Perdisci & Petteffrezza families
Sunday 30 October		Ruggiero & Tosolini families

**This Week's Readings: 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Saint and Feast Days:**

*Mon 24<sup>th</sup> October: St Anthony Claret*

*Tues 25<sup>th</sup> October: Six Welsh Martyrs*

*Wed 26<sup>th</sup> October: Ss Chad & Cedd*

*Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> October: St Otteran*

*Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> October: Ss Simon & Jude*

*Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> October: St Colman*

**Next Week's Readings: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A**

**Malachi 1:14-2: 2, 8-10      Psalm 130      1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13      Matthew 23:1-12**

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## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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Saturday 22 October	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	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	<b>Catechist Session:</b> 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	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 1 November	9.15am	Mass: All Saints Day	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 1 November	7.30pm	Mass: All Saints' Day	Mother of God Church
Wed. 2 November	9.15am	Mass: All Souls' Day	Mary Immaculate Church
Wed. 2 November	7.30pm	Mass: All Souls' Day	Mother of God Church
Friday 4 November	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School Year 2	Mother of God Church
Friday 4 November	10am & 4pm	First Friday Devotions	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 5 November	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church

## **Catholic Missions: World Mission Day Appeal 23<sup>rd</sup> October:**

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

Join with Catholic Missions this weekend and hear the voices of our Indigenous brothers and sisters in Australia, Guatemala and across the world. You can help raise leaders, enable them to reach out and serve their communities in the name of Christ, and bring new hope to Indigenous communities and future generations. Phone: 9639 1344; email: catholicmission@cam.org.au or www.catholicmission.org.au



### **MASS TIMES FOR ALL SAINTS DAY**

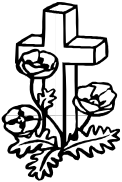
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| • Tuesday 1 November | 9.15am | St Bernadette's Church |
| • Tuesday 1 November | 7.30pm | Mother of God Church   |

### **ALL SOULS DAY**

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| • Wednesday 2 November | 9.15am | Mary Immaculate Church |
| • Wednesday 2 November | 7.30pm | Mother of God Church   |

### **Memorial Mass – Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am at Mother of God Church:**

Each year the parish celebrates a Memorial Mass to remember loved ones, family and friends whose funerals have taken place in our parish within the past year, as well as remembering those relatives and friends who have died outside our parish. The Memorial Mass will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am in Mother of God Church. All are invited to attend. Names of others who have died this year can be included in the booklet, but need to be given to the Parish Office no later than Friday 4 November. ***Please note change of date and place.***



### **Memorial Books:**

Memorial books, with the names of those who have gone before us, are available in each of our churches for the month of November. The pages from all previous years are still there with past names and anniversaries, but do feel free to add names of those who have died during this year.



### **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 which 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.

### **Spit-roast Dinner at Mother of God Church Centre:**

We are having a spit-roast dinner at Mother of God Church Centre on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. (After discussion with Terry Barker, the Gardening Subcommittee of MOG Maintenance Subcommittee will be reconvened and led by Andrew Tosolini.)

### **Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee:**

10 Donaldson St, 10am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. The speaker will be Michelle whose topic will be ‘Ruby Tuesday’. And be sure and look over that wonderfully varied trading table.

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**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

**Seek an answer’:**

The Northern Interfaith and Intercultural Network (NIIN) and the Banyule Interfaith Network (BIN) are offering a Community Question and Answer Forum based on the Victorian Charter of Human Rights. Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, from 6.30-9pm at Ivanhoe Art Space, 14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe  
RSVP. By 25<sup>th</sup> October Niin.contact@g mail.com

**‘Foundations in Advent’ - Youth Advent preparation with Bishop Tim Costelloe:**

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth (AOY) is running a 2- week course to help young people prepare for Christmas. Bishop Tim will present on “Mary and her ‘yes’ to God” (Session 1) and “The birth of Jesus” (Session 2). Thursday 10 & 17 November, 7:45pm -9:30pm, Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Registrations: aoy@cam.org.au or call: 9412 3300 Website: www.cam.org.au/youth

**Advent Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2011:**

Theme: ‘Angels Dancing on the Head of a Pin’ – the integrity of Christian Belief in a Post-modern World  
Speaker: Rev. Rodney Horsfield, recently retired minister of the Uniting Church, with an active interest in the Banyule Network. Lectures begin: 8pm. Supper will follow each presentation at 9.15pm. Donation: Gold coin

- Tuesday 15 Nov: **An Incomprehensibly Human God – The Word Became Flesh**  
- East Ivanhoe Uniting Church, corner Maltravers & Lower Heidelberg Rds, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 22 Nov: **The Impossible Possibility – A Crucified God**  
- St George’s Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 29 Nov: **More than a Happy Ending – Jesus is raised from the Dead**  
- Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

**Marian Mission of Our Lady of Tears:**

Fr Bill Jordan and the Committee of Madonna Delle Lacrime of Siracusa in Melbourne invite everyone to the Marian Mission to led by Archbishop Salvatore Pappalardo, Archbishop of Siracusa, Sicily and Monsignor Alfio Inserra. The Mission will be held from 13 – 20 November at variety of Churches: St Brendan’s, Flemington; St Joseph the Worker, Reservoir; St Matthew’s, Fawkner; St Martin’s; Avondale Heights and will conclude at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Timetable in Italian and English are on fliers available in each church

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**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 29 – 30 October 2011**

**ST. BERNADETTE’S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

<b>Lector</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
J. Murphy	E. Crawley, Sister Carmel

**MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

<b>Leader</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Coordinators</b>	<b>Counters</b>
Ballao Family	Ballao Family	Ballao Family	P & H. Nguyen
	E. Doyle		

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
A. Patterson	V. O’Kane	M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. / P. De Silva
<b>Altar Society:</b>	P. Caddy	<b>Choir Coordinators:</b> P. Verocchi

<b>First Collection – Thanksgiving:</b>	Envelopes: \$1,345.50	Loose cash: \$514.85	<b>Total: \$1,860.35</b>
<b>Second Collection – Presbytery:</b>			<b>\$ 755.80</b>

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