



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 44

29 – 30 October 2011

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

As we come to the end of the Church's year it's good for us to do some soul-searching. It has been a tough year for the Church and today's Gospel does not let us off the hook. In fact, it names one of the challenges before us. The last line of today's Gospel sums up what it has been like for many of us to hear about how some priests betrayed our trust, many victims were disbelieved and a few of our bishops have tried to cover up criminal actions. The exalted have been humbled and the humble exalted.



Jesus tells the crowds to listen to what the Pharisees teach, but not to follow their appalling example. The behaviour of the Pharisees has a name: hypocrisy, and it's one of the reasons we have received such a public pasting in recent years. Some of it has been justified. We have been seen to be a community more interested in our good name and public standing than in the damage done to those brothers and sisters of ours who were given into our care and became victims of physical and sexual abuse. We have been exposed as not practising what we preach.

The Church is in a bind here. We are not like other groups who can simply expel their worst members and move on. If we are going to be faithful to all of Jesus' teaching and the entire Christian tradition, then we have to comfort and heal the victims of abuse and call the perpetrators to the demands of the law, treatment and reconciliation. St Augustine summed this up in the 5th century when he said that forgiveness has two daughters: justice and compassion. We believe that the only way to healing is through forgiveness. True forgiveness never runs from the truth or minimises our sinfulness. It confronts the human condition with justice and compassion for all concerned.

The media may not like it, the public may be baying for blood and we might want an instant fix, so we put this tragic chapter behind us quickly, but forgiveness which is just and compassionate is the only way we can practise what we preach. It's going to take time. On the other hand while some in our Catholic community have been exposed as hypocrites, some other truths remain consoling, or at least provide a context within which we can confront the sins of our fathers and mothers. For example, though there should never have been one case of child abuse in the Church, less than two percent of all Catholic priests have been convicted of this dreadful crime. An accusation is not a conviction and even priests and religious deserve the presumption and rights of innocence before they are proven guilty. Even though the public perception may be otherwise, nearly all Catholic priests are faithful servants of the Gospel, doing what they can to practise what they preach. Against a prevailing misconception, Church-run institutions are not the places where children are most at risk. Tragically, it's the family home. Over 80 percent of all child abuse occurs there. This does not excuse one case of abuse in the Church but it does suggest that, if our wider society really wants to tackle this problem, we are all going to have to start by looking in our own backyards.

Furthermore, against those who claim that the Church is hypocritical, they cannot take away from us the fact that our community, in the name of Christ, remains the largest provider of education, healthcare and welfare both here and overseas. This often-heroic work will rarely make it to the front pages of newspapers, but it's the backdrop against which we face up to the criminal actions of a few and those who try to protect them from public scrutiny. Let's pray in this Eucharist that, as hard as this year has been for us all, we are converted again by the forgiving, just and compassionate example of Jesus who calls us to leave behind any trace of triumphalism and arrogance and recommit ourselves to what we should do best: the self-sacrificing love of one another and the world.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Do not abandon me, Lord. My God, do not go away from me! Hurry to help me, Lord, my Saviour.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

V. 1. O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

V. 2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**

V. 3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: We pray to the Lord: **Help us to serve one another.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lord, you will show me the path of life and fill me with joy in your presence.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Sheila Ryan, Carmela Magrin, Beryl O'Keefe, 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 Francis O'Loughlin PE and Luigia Pennacchia who have died recently. We also remember Ken Hamilton, Norah Healy, Bryan McEvey, Win Overton, Amanda Daley, Francesco and Anna Marta Calvisi, Gianbattista and Maria Di Marco and Vincenzo Di Marco whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

St Bernadette's First Friday Devotions – Friday 4th November:

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.

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 30 October		Ruggiero & Tosolini families
Sunday 6 November	Dominic Kennedy	Truong family

This Week's Readings: 31st 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 31st October: St Lucille

Tues 1st November: All Saints

Wed 2nd November: All Souls

Thurs 3rd November: St Martin de Porres

Fri. 4th November: St Charles Borromeo

Sat. 5th November: Ss Elizabeth & Zechariah

Next Week's Readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 62:2-8 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 29 October	10.00am	Reconciliation	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	12 – 3pm	Outreach Social Afternoon	St B Community Centre
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	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Tuesday 8 Nov	9.15am	Communion Service & St B School Year 3	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 8 Nov	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Session	
Wednesday 9 Nov	9.15am	Communion Service & MI School P, 1/2H, 1/2R	Mary Immac. Church
Thursday 10 Nov	9.15am	Communion Service & MOG School SS	Mother of God Church
Saturday 12 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Sunday 13 Nov	10.30am	Annual Memorial Mass	Mother of God Church



MASS TIMES FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

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

ALL SOULS' DAY

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

Memorial Mass – Sunday, 13th 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 13th November at 10.30am in Mother of God Church**. All are invited to attend. Names of others who have died during the past year can be included in the booklet, but need to be given to the Parish Office no later than 5.00pm Friday 4 November.



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. Feel free to add names of those who have died during the past year.



Mass for You at Home – Online: <http://www.mfyah.com.au/video.html>

This Mass is broadcast on the Network 10 on Sunday across Australia and repeated on Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. Mass is available every day using this website: <http://www.mfyah.com.au/video.html>
If you have any feedback please send it to the Webmaster. Mass will be available for Apple products soon.

More thoughts on the new Liturgy:

Maybe you have found the plastic cards a bit confusing. Have you wondered why some words seem to be missing? That is quite right, but the words are not actually missing. They are the ones that we know well and remain the same. The texts that are printed on the cards are the ones where there have been changes.

Music for the Mass of installation of Fr. Thang:

Saturday, 26th November, 6.30pm Mass at St. Bernadette's - Please take this as an open invitation to be part of a group to lead our singing on that very special occasion. Just **two practices**: Monday 14th November and Monday 21st November at 7.30pm at St. Bernadette's. The only qualification is willingness!!

Final Outreach Update for 2011:

Please note the following events for November/December:

- Wednesday, 2 Nov, our first Wednesday lunch and games day at the Community Centre in Bond Street. Bring a small plate to share for lunch, come and enjoy the company and competition. 12 noon – 3pm.
- Sunday, 13 November, Memorial Mass at Mother of God Church at 10.30am.
- Wednesday, December 14 at 12.30pm Christmas lunch at the Yarra Valley Country Club. \$17 for a 3 course lunch. Don't forget to bring a Kris Kringle gift to the value of \$5. Pay on the day but you must book with one of the following people by Wednesday 30 November. Helen 9499 7793, Sue 9499 1485, or Eileen 9499 7120 for booking and transport assistance.

Garage Sale:

Request from Mother of God School in support of Sidney Delaney, a seriously ill student at Mother of God School. Carmel Delaney (Sidney Delaney's Nan) is raising funds to support the Leukaemia Foundation. Carmel is having a Garage Sale on Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 1st November at 9 Mabel St., Ivanhoe, from 10.00am - 3.00pm. Also refer to article in Heidelberg Leader: 'A Gran Plan for Kids'

Working Bee Saturday 12 November at 4 Waverley Ave from 8am - 12 Noon:

Parish Office & Mary Immaculate Church - Working bees are wonderful communal events: the cuppa and chat afterwards alone make it worthwhile. Hope to see you there. As well as weeding, pruning and filling skip with garden waste, we hope to have volunteers this time for spring cleaning of the Parish Office. BYO: gloves, suitable clothing for the conditions, useful gardening / pruning / cleaning equipment... Morning Tea will be provided.

Spit-roast Dinner at Mother of God Church Centre:

We are having a spit-roast dinner at Mother of God Church Centre on Saturday 12th November at 7.30 pm. Three course meal with entertainment. Everyone is invited and welcome. Fliers are 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 builders have vacated the church grounds, the gardens, trees and lawns of Mother of God Church will need well-earned care. Any interested parties for either a one-off working bee or as part of a monthly rotating roster, please register with Andrew Tosolini 0421 639 501. (After discussion with Terry Barker, MOG Maintenance Subcommittee, the Gardening Subcommittee will be reconvened and led by Andrew Tosolini.)

Yarra News Spring Edition:

The newsletter of the Yarra Deanery is available this weekend. Good reading and it's **free!!** Have you wondered about what WYD is like? - read Claudia's reflection. Another interesting article is: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. What is it? You can read about these and more in this latest edition of Yarra News. Take a copy and read it and share it around.

PS: If you've got something to say, send something to: deanery@charles.balnaves.org

Mercy Place Apartments:

Mercy Health has recently opened their premier retirement complex in Parkville. Mercy Place Apartments are secure, disability friendly, high quality 2 & 3 bedroom apartments for those aged 65 and over. There are now only **3 brand new apartments still available**. For further information or to book a personal tour please phone Bernadette: 9261 2006

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

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 5 – 6 November 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

Sister Frances

Special Ministers

B. Jowett, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader

J. McCormack

Reader

N. Vouk
K. Tucitto

Coordinators

S. & P. Kelly

Counters

E. Ballao, T. McKinley

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

M. Hoban

Lector

P. Mendes

Special Ministers

A. Moloney, G. Crawford, R. Matovinovic

Altar Society:

Choir Coordinators: I. Chiera

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,711.00	Loose cash: \$481.30	Total: \$2,192.30
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 679.20

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