

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 45

5 – 6 November 2011

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:



In one sense the parable of the wise and foolish virgins could be considered the first known oil crisis in the east. It is, however, about planning for the future and pacing oneself to see that one has a future to enjoy.

In Christian theology this is called 'discernment'. St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, wrote a lot about discernment and one of his teachings is that the Holy Spirit allows us to prepare for our future without living it.

Think for a moment of the times when we are going to have a difficult interview or a conversation we would rather not have. We play out in our mind how the interaction will run. It rarely happens how we imagine and we find that our anxiety and fear has often been misplaced. What is curious is that on the next occasion we go through this same process of trying to live the future all over again. Tragically, some people are so anxious about their future that they try and control it and everyone associated with it. It's always a disaster.

St Ignatius was suspicious of this process. Ignatius seems to have understood today's Gospel very well. The early church thought Jesus would return quickly. There was a crisis of faith when he didn't. Some Christians lived as though this imminent return was a fact. We are still waiting. Matthew tells us then, that the Christian life is about wisdom, right judgment and reading the signs of the times.

St Ignatius tells us the best way to prepare for the future is to let go of the unhealed past, as best as we can, and live in the here and now. The Holy Spirit helps us see what needs to be done today and what preparation is necessary for tomorrow. This is such simple and sound advice and yet many of us don't heed it. For some of us it takes nothing to feel the hurt and pain of our past or to be consumed by the future.

Alcoholics Anonymous sums it up neatly when it tells us to take life 'one day at a time' which is another way of saying what Matthew's community came to see, 'keep awake because you know not the time or place'.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come before you, Lord; listen, and answer me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

V. 1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

V. 2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

V. 3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

V. 4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Frank Rocco, 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 John Russell and Hazel Robertson who died recently. We also remember the anniversaries of Patricia Disney, Marion Sharp, Marcelo Bacarissas, Mariette Antar Bains, Jack Duffy, Sam Talarico, Concetta Marcisano, Salvatore Talarico, Vince Deni, Francesco Deni, Angelica Della Torre and Arnesto Giovinazzo. May they rest in peace.



Baptism in our Parish Community:

We welcome Natalie Darcy who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her family, 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 6 November	Dominic Kennedy	Truong family
Sunday 13 November	Olivia & Jack Egan	Turco family

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 7th November: St Willibrord

Tues 8th November: All Saints of Wales

Wed 9th November: Dedication of Lateran Basilica

Thurs 10th November: St Leo the Great

Fri. 11th November: St Martin of Tours

Sat. 12th November: St Josaphat

Next Week's Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Psalm 127:1-5 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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
Friday 11 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
Monday 14 Nov	7.30pm	<u>Music Practice</u> for Mass 26 th November	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 15 Nov	9.15am	Communion Service & St B School Year 2	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 15 Nov	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Advent Lecture	E. Ivanhoe Uniting Church
Wednesday 16 Nov	9.15am	Communion Service & MI School 3/4, 5/6	Mary Immaculate Church
Friday 18 November	9.15am	Communion Service & MOG School SS	Mother of God Church
Saturday 19 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church

INFORMATION

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

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

Anima Christi: *This prayer from around 14th century is still widely used after receiving Holy Communion.*

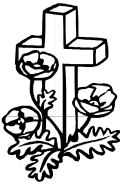
Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, heal me.
Blood of Christ, fill me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
Good Jesus, hear me.
In your wounds shelter me.
From turning away keep me.
From the evil one protect me.
At the hour of my death call me.
Into your presence lead me
To praise you with all my saints for ever and ever. Amen

From Father Thang:

Fr Thang will be on a week's leave from Monday 7 - Friday 11 November and the following week on Retreat from Monday 14 – Friday 18 November. Fr Thang will celebrate Masses each weekend at each church. Communion Services will be held on weekdays in each church during these weeks. I sincerely thank those lead the Communion Services for our parishioners and provide this ministry in our parish. – **Fr Thang**

Memorial Mass – Sunday, 13th November at 10.30am at Mother of God Church:

Next Sunday the parish will celebrate 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.



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!!

Working Bee Saturday 12th 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, useful gardening / pruning / cleaning equipment... Morning Tea will be provided.

Spit-roast Dinner at Mother of God Church Centre 12th November:

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

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

Mass for You at Home is broadcast on the Network 10 at 6am 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>. Mass will be available for Apple products soon

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Ways you may be able to help the MI community.?

- Two parishioners have looked after the flowers in the church for the last couple of years, each doing two weekends. They are willing to continue but maybe **you** (alone or with a friend or family member) would be able to take a turn so we could go back to the old system of a turn once a month.
- Another need is for the counting of the money. After doing this task for 'ages', one parishioner cannot, for family reasons, continue. Is that something you could do, alone or with a friend or family member? The usual time is after the 9am Mass and you would get a turn every five or six weeks.

To talk about either of these 'possibilities', catch me when you see me, contact 9497 1691 or email: merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au - Merle

Keen gardeners required to invigorate Mother of God Church Gardens:

The church grounds, the gardens, trees and lawns surrounding Mother of God Church 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. (*The Gardening Subcommittee will be reconvened and led by Andrew Tosolini in conjunction with the MOG Maintenance Subcommittee.*)

Final Outreach Update for 2011:

Please note the following events for November/December:

- 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.

Exodus Community Film & Luncheon:

We are having a morning film-fund-raiser "Ides of March" on Thursday 24th November at 11am at Balwyn Cinema followed by a Basket Lunch. **Where:** Palace Balwyn Cinema 231 Whitehorse Road Balwyn

Cost: \$20

A **Basket luncheon** is served at the conclusion of the film in the foyer of the theatre.

This is to raise funds for our annual Family Holiday Camp in January 2012

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

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 12 – 13 November 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector

K. Gillespie

Special Ministers

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader**

Sunday 9.00am

M. Sibillin

Reader

L. Zambelli

A. Powell

Coordinators

E. Kehoe

Counters

L. McInerney, M. Rocco

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan

P. Verrocchi

Lector

C. Bellio

Special Ministers

C. Bellio, R. Katerelos, I. Chiera

Altar Society:

T. McCarthy

Choir Coordinators: A. Pollard

First Collection – Thanksgiving: Envelopes: \$2,676.00 Loose cash: \$374.30 **Total: \$3,050.30**
Second Collection – Presbytery: **\$ 774.15**

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