



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 46

12 – 13 November 2011

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Reflection:

As Catholics we have no problem with the time-bound nature of the Bible. In fact we appreciate it, believing that the scriptures deserve to be read within their context, and also need careful interpretation. And while the Catholic Feminist Association may not choose to have today's first reading as the opening text at their next convention, we would be mistaken to hear it only in terms of our world today.

The Book of Proverbs is a distillation of sayings and teachings which had grown up over hundreds of years, most probably from Rabbis and Scribes. Its world is a vastly different one to ours. This is clearly seen in the tasks of the 'capable wife'. She is praised for her work with wool, flax, in the vineyard and in real estate. It's only in the context of an agrarian society that the power of this text makes sense.

Until quite recently, women in Palestinian society, and in wider society for that matter, were considered the 'possessions' of their husbands. They could be bought, sold, divorced, or killed without any appeal to the law. Wives in this society had no legally recognised human rights. They were expected to serve and shut-up.

By contrast, then, this text from the Book of Proverbs, which can seem so old-fashioned to us, was a liberating text in its day. A woman's right to work is not only defended, but also extolled. She is praised for her creativity, wisdom, goodness, strength, sense of justice, generosity, joy and faith. In any age and for either gender this is not a bad list of virtues toward which we should all aspire.

And these days of course, through the ongoing revelation of the Spirit, we believe that what the Book of Proverbs expects and praises in a capable wife, we should equally look for in a capable husband.

It is almost possible that Jesus had women in mind when he shared the parable of the talents in today's Gospel. What can often get lost in the debates about who should be ordained in today's Church, is that women have always and still 'lead' the Church in powerful and long-lasting ways. From the extraordinary abilities of religious and lay women in Catholic welfare, education, healthcare, overseas missions and theological reflections, to wives and mothers whose daily witness to the fidelity and goodness of God, this all reveals in innumerable ways the power of the parable of the talents. The reality is that if it were not for women's leadership, commitment and faith, it would be hard to see how the Church could survive. We would not be able to continue almost all of our ministries.

None of this minimises the pain and hurt some women have experienced at the hands of the Church. Some feel as though their particular contribution to the life of the Church has not been fully realised. All we can hope and pray for is that we may find ways to use everyone's talents for the building up of the Kingdom of God, and that we may see that everyone's contribution, irrespective of gender, is precious and worthy of praise.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

V. 1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

V. 2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;

Your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

V. 3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Lord hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: It is good for me to be with the Lord and to put my hope in him.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Patricia Robb, Frank Rocco, Sheila Ryan, Carmela Magrin, Beryl O'Keefe, Vito Micucci, Bev Horne, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Dominic Sung Van Nguyen who died recently. We also remember the anniversaries of Jack Biviano, Giovanni Rombai, Maria Martino, Biaggio Martino, Biaggio Ciliberti and Vinicio Ciliberti. 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 13 November	Olivia & Jack Egan	Turco family
Sunday 20 November	Patrick Lavery	

This 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

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 14th November: St Dyfrid

Tues 15th November: St Albert the Great

Wed 16th November: St Margaret of Scotland

Thurs 17th November: St Hilda

Fri. 18th November: Dedication of Ss Peter & Paul

Sat. 19th November: St Nerses I

Next Week's Readings: Christ the King: Year A

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-36

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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
Monday 21 Nov	7.30pm	<u>Music Practice</u> for Mass 26 th November	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 21 Nov	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Tuesday 22 Nov	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Year 1	St Bernadette's Church
Tuesday 22 Nov	8.00pm	Richard McKinney Advent Lecture	St George's Anglican
Tuesday 22 Nov	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Education Board	St Bernadette's School
Wednesday 23 Nov	9.15am	Mass & MI School Prep, Years 1/2H & 1/2R	Mary Immaculate Church
Wednesday 23 Nov	7.00pm	Reconciliation Gathering – Catechists	Mary Immaculate Church
Thursday 24 Nov	7.00pm	Mary Immaculate School Advisory Board	Mary Immaculate School
Saturday 26 Nov	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 26 Nov	6.30pm	Installation Mass: Fr Thang as Parish Priest	St Bernadette's Church

INFORMATION

Mass for Deceased Students of Marcellin College:

Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chris Monaghan in Marcellin College Chapel on Wednesday 23rd November at 7.30pm. Mass will be followed by supper in the College Function Room adjacent to the Chapel. Parents, family and friends of deceased students are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Enquiries: Mary Norden 9842 3080

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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



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

We welcome all those who have gathered together as part of the Memorial Mass to remember loved ones, family and friends who may no longer be with us as part of our parish, as well as those outside our parish community. Morning Tea is available in the Church foyer after Mass.

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.



From Father Thang:

Fr Thang will be on Retreat this coming week Monday 14 – Friday 18 November. Fr Thang will celebrate Masses on the weekend at each church. Communion Services will be held during the week. I sincerely thank those who lead Communion Services for our parishioners and provide this ministry in our parish. – **Fr Thang**

Installation Mass of Fr Thang Vu as Parish Priest:

The Parish Community extends an invitation to all parishioners to attend the Installation Mass of Fr Thang Vu as Parish Priest which will be celebrated in the presence of Archbishop Hart next Saturday 26th November, 6.30pm in St Bernadette's Church. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the Cunningham Centre. For catering purposes it would be helpful to advise the Office of your attendance. Office hours: 9499 1515.

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!!

Communion under both kinds:

Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds; for in this form, the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident, affirming that the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord.

Working Bee at Mother of God Church:

Mother of God Church Gardens Working Bee will take place on Saturday 26th November. For registration and further details please telephone Andrew Tosolini 0421 639 501.

From our Parish Schools:

- Sincere thanks to all parishioners and families for their donations of Coles and Woolworths vouchers to Mary Immaculate Primary School. The promotions are now finished and we are looking forward to receiving teaching resources and sports equipment for our students. Many thanks for your generosity.
- By mentioning that you are a family from Mother of God School before your items go through the checkout, the school will benefit from the generous people at Foodworks, East Ivanhoe - the more families who support Foodworks, the higher contributions to the school; as well as supporting our local shopkeepers. (Foodworks East Ivanhoe has also offered support to other local community groups)

Christmas Cards and Calendars:

Cards and calendars are available in each church. Containers are provided for purchase **costs**.

- Christmas Cards are from St Vincent de Paul. Cost: **\$6** for a packet of 10 cards
- Columban Calendars 2012 Cost: **\$7** each.



Ways you may be able to help Mary Immaculate 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

Final Outreach Update for 2011:

- 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. Please contact Helen 9499 7793, Sue 9499 1485, or Eileen 9499 7120 for booking and transport assistance.

Exodus Community – House for Rent:

Two bedroom house for rent available till March 2012 in Southern Rd, Heidelberg West. All enquiries welcome. For further information please phone Brother Harry or Sister Sally 9457 7593.

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. 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

Exodus Community Film & Luncheon: We are having a morning film-fund-raiser "Ides of March" on Thursday 24th November at 11am at Balwyn Cinema, 231 Whitehorse Road Balwyn followed by a Basket Lunch. **Cost:** \$20. The **Basket luncheon** will be served at the conclusion of the film in the foyer of theatre. This is to raise funds for our annual Family Holiday Camp in January 2012

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 19 – 20 November 2011

ST. BERNADETTE'S:

Saturday 6.30pm

Lector
C. Dixon

Special Ministers
J. Gray, T. Nibali

MARY IMMACULATE:

Sunday 9.00am

Leader
J. Pidutti

Reader
C. Presutti
E. Shearer

Coordinators
M. Gilbo

Counters
P. Fanning

MOTHER OF GOD:

Sunday 10.30am

Sacristan
J. Taylor

Lector
I. Chiera

Special Ministers
T. Barker, A. Gaffey, R. Beltrame

Altar Society: I. Chiera

Choir Coordinators: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,906.50	Loose cash: \$431.50	Total: \$2,338.00
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 699.25

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