



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 6

4 – 5 February 2012

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

Reflection:

In the time of Jesus almost everything they couldn't understand was put down to a demon or an evil spirit. In the Talmud, (a large book dating from around the time of Jesus that contains the collected teachings of the Rabbis), several pages are devoted to the healing of 'fevers'. Even though we have become more advanced in our medical knowledge, it's surprising how this thinking still persists. While most people don't blame evil for their ailments, they can think God has a direct hand in sending an illness or an injury. Such faulty theology cannot be reconciled with the New Testament.



There is not a single instance where Jesus inflicts pain and suffering on others. He regularly tells us we have to carry our cross and bear our burdens, but this is vastly different from personally laying a cross on our shoulders or giving us the burdens in the first place. By contrast, every time that Jesus encounters suffering and pain he works to heal it and restore the person to new life.

The differences between the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the other healing stories in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel are striking. Rather than in a public space and in front of crowds this personal healing occurs in the privacy of Peter's house. By contrast to the command for the demons to be gone, in his bedside ministry Jesus never mentions a demon and uses no words. Instead he gently takes her by the hand and helps her to her feet. Unlike the others Jesus heals, of whom we never hear about their response, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law leads her to an act of service. Given all the details Mark give us of this encounter it's a pity he never tells us her name.

Sometimes we can think of Jesus' miracles, then and now, as acts of dazzling power. The problem with this idea is that if we see Jesus as going around 'zapping' people it's hard to figure out why there were times when he could not perform any miracles at all, or that they happened in stages. Whatever else miracles are, they are deeply personal encounters of faith. As Catholics we believe in the power of miracles and that the source of them is always the grace of God. But we do not have to see them as something done to us from without. Rather, we can see them as unlocking something from within. For some people Jesus' word or touch set free the healing power God had placed in them. For others it came through another person's intercession. The same holds true for us today.

Furthermore, being anointed, celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist, going to a place of pilgrimage, fasting, being prayed over or meditating can have a similar effect. Looked at in this way we can see why some people are healed and others are not. If a personal encounter with Jesus did not always lead to healing, then why should it surprise us that some other encounters these days do not always unlock God's healing within us.

Small and large-scale miracles are happening everyday. Today's Gospel reminds us that they do not happen for show or for the sake of the crowd. They are realisations of faith. Taking Peter's mother-in-law as our model we are healed and strengthened so that we can witness to God's saving power, serve the Kingdom of God in any way we can, and continue to wait on the Lord.

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THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

V. 1 Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving; to him our praise is due. **R.**

V. 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, He binds up all their wounds. He fixes the numbers of stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**

V. 3 Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sicknesses, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: In your goodness: **Lord, hear our prayer**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Bill Dowling, Joy Meacham, Sheila Ryan, Bev Horne, Sidney Delaney, Cathy Lengyel and Jill Brophy. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Patricia Tonkin, Kathleen Owen and Kent Schaefer who have died recently. We remember Gloria Caleo, John Caleo, Tommaso and Teresa Mercuri whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Baptism in our Parish Community:

We welcome James Black who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome his family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps taken in the lifelong journey of faith.

This Week's Readings: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 146:1-6 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 6 February: St Paul Miki & Companions

Tues 7 February: St Mel

Wed 8 February: St Josephine Bakhita

Thurs 9 February: St Teilo

Fri. 10 February: St Scholastica

Sat. 11 February: Our Lady of Lourdes

Next Week's Readings: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Psalm 31:1-2, 5, 11 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 4 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Monday 6 Feb	7.30pm	Baptism Information Session	Parish Office
Saturday 11 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mother of God Church
Thursday 16 Feb	10.00am	Mass & Opening of MOG School Year	Mother of God Church
Sunday 19 Feb	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God School Community	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 22 Feb		Ash Wednesday	
Saturday 25 Feb	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 26 Feb		1st Sunday of Lent	

INFORMATION

February theology@thepub:

Called & Gifted: Discovering Your Mission. Monday 6 February, 6:30pm dinner/drinks, 7:30pm talk begins
Talk by guest speaker, Clara Geoghegan, will cover questions such as: How can you discern God's plan for your life? Where is your life headed? How can you figure out where God is calling you? What are your special spiritual gifts? What does it mean to be called and gifted?

theology@thepub is an event for 18-35 year olds (priests & religious of any age are welcome to attend)

Venue: The Pumphouse Hotel, 128 Nicholson St, Fitzroy www.theologyatthepub.com.au

Picnic Race Meeting at Yea:

Sacred Heart Parish in Yea invites you to attend a Picnic Race Meeting on Sunday 26th February. This is their only fundraiser for the year with a fun day organised. Flyers are available in each church. For further information please phone 0417 041 777.

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

Anima Christi:

*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 your saints for ever and ever. Amen.*

WEEKDAY MASSES 2012 - CHANGES OF LOCATION:

Please note: As from Tuesday 3 January 2012, weekday Masses will change location:

TUESDAY: 9.15am at **MOTHER OF GOD**

FRIDAY: Mass 9.15am at **ST. BERNADETTE'S**

First Friday Masses: 9.15am at St. Bernadette's starting Friday 3 February 2012

Parish of Ivanhoe Playgroup:



The Parish of Ivanhoe Playgroup offers a welcoming and supportive environment where parents and children can play, learn and have fun together.

Ages: The playgroup suits children aged between 0- 4 years

Venue: Mary Immaculate Church Hall, 4 Waverley Ave. Ivanhoe

Session Times: Wednesday 9 - 11am **or** Thursday 9 - 11am

Activities: Coordinated weekly art / craft activities, educational toys to explore, books, shared singing time, large sandpit and bikes for outdoor play and so much more.

For more details, please contact Liz Shearer: Phone 0411 345 664 or Email: liz.shearer1@gmail.com

Outreach on the Move

We are happy with our new location in the Cunningham Centre and will meet again at noon for lunch / games on March 7. Bookings are now open for a bus excursion to the Ballarat Botanical gardens on March 21. We will depart at 9am from MI, stop for Morning Tea in Bacchus Marsh, enjoy a 2 course lunch in a hotel and visit the acclaimed WW2 POW Memorial as well as the beautiful gardens and Lake Wendouree all for \$42pp. Anticipated return is 5pm. Invite your friends as we need to find 45 people or the cost will rise. Bookings will close after the long weekend (10-12 March). Call Sue 9499 1485, Helen 9499 7793 or Eileen 9499 7120

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee & Tea:

On the **last Friday** of each month from February to November there will be a guest speaker, coffee, tea, cake and sandwiches from 10-11.30am at Ryder Cheshire, 14 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe. It is a great opportunity for a friendly gathering with chats and laughs, as well as supporting a local charity. All invited and all welcome.

Sacraments 2012:

2012 Sacramental Brochures are available in each church for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2012. Enrolments are only accepted from families **who live within the parish which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.**

Please note: Only children **who do not attend** Parish schools or **who have transferred out** of Catholic Primary schools need to enrol in the Parish Program. *Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program.*

It is recommended that preparation for sacraments takes place in the parish in which the catechist lives.

Enrolment forms available from Parish Office 9499 1515 and website: www.ivanhoecatholics.com

NB. Closing date is Friday 16 March 2012 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.

Items for the newsletter, notices of deaths and anniversaries need to be given to the Parish Office **no later than 5.00pm, Wednesday each week.** Notices received after this time will be placed in the following week's newsletter. Notices and items can be left in locked letterbox near front door of the Parish Office at 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe. Phone 9499 1515, fax 9499 9959; or email: catholicparisfofivanhoe@bigpond.com - Ruth

Mass with Archbishop Hart celebrating 20th World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2012:

Friday 10 February, 2pm - Archbishop Hart will celebrate in the chapel at Mercy Place Parkville for the celebration of 20th World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2012. Concelebrating will be Monsignor Ireland, Episcopal Vicar for Health and Aged Care, and priests who provide chaplaincy services to various Mercy health facilities. Sr. Helen Monkitch RSM, Director of Mission, says that invitations have been sent to all Catholic Health and Aged Care providers to join in this significant annual celebration.

Holy Cross Centre Retreat Day - Thursday 16th February:

'Come Away' Retreat Day at Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe on Thursday 16th February from 9.30am – 3.30pm. BYO Lunch All most welcome.

To Love To The End: An Evening To Discuss End Of Life Issues & Book Launch:

Thursday 16 February, 7:30pm – 9:00pm: Please join Prof Nicholas Tonti-Filippini of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family for an evening to discuss end of life issues, future care planning and advanced directives. The evening will involve taking an in-depth look at the questions and concerns that can arise when a person becomes unable to make decisions regarding his or her own health. Dr Nicholas' talk will be followed by the launch of his book, 'About Bioethics, Vol 2: Caring for People who are Sick and Dying'. Location: Sacred Heart Parish, 116 Cotham Rd, Kew. The discussion will be followed by a light supper. Further info: acoyte@jp2institute.org

Breakfast Briefing:

Health Inequality: A justice challenge for Catholic health & welfare providers

Wednesday 22 February 7:15am – 8.45am Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) in conjunction with Catholic Health Australia invites all Catholic health and welfare workers to come and hear keynote speaker, Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Professor Law, Public Policy Institute & Australian Catholic University (ACU). Briefing will be at the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne. Cost: \$20 (payable at door). RSVP: 17 February to lucia.brick@css.org.au or 9287 5566

St Vincent de Paul Society 2012 Ozanam Lecture Sunday 26 February, 2pm:

Guest speaker, Janet Buhagiar Vincentian and Director of Social Policy – NT Government, will deliver the lecture 'Frederic Ozanam; A contemporary leader and social reformist for our time'. A response from Teresa Wilson and refreshments will follow at the Cardinal Knox Centre Lecture Theatre, 383, Albert St, East Melbourne. Entry via the Lansdowne Street car park. Details: www.vinnies.org.au/2012-ozanam-lecture-vic RSVP: 17 February on 9895 5935

Anima Women's Lenten Retreat 2012: "Contemplating the face of Christ during the Year of Grace":

17 March, 2012, 9am – 3:30pm Nazareth House Conference Centre, Cornell Street, Camberwell. Retreat Director: Fr Paschal Corby OFM Conv. Cost: \$40 (includes refreshments & lunch). More information: Anna 0487 683 050, annascwblog@bigpond.com or www.cwl-vic-ww.org/Anima-Education

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ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 11 – 12 February 2012

<u>ST. BERNADETTE'S:</u> Saturday 6.30pm	Lector K. Gillespie	Special Ministers A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel	
<u>MARY IMMACULATE:</u> Sunday 9.00am	Leader J. Pidutti	Reader F. Tosolini	Mass Coordinators J. & D. Jones
			Counters S. & P. Kelly
<u>MOTHER OF GOD:</u> Sunday 10.30am	Sacristan E. Mount	Lector C. Bellio	Special Ministers B. Janus, D. Ervin, M. Chin
	Altar Society: I. Chiera		Choir Coordinator: M. De Silva

First Collection – Thanksgiving:	Envelopes: \$1,646.00	Loose cash: \$392.60	Total: \$2,038.60
Second Collection – Presbytery:			\$ 635.40

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