



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe*

*Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe*

*Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe*

No. 7

11 – 12 February 2012

## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

### Reflection:

Sometimes translators of the Bible get it wrong for all the best reasons. We are used to hearing in today's Gospel that Jesus was 'filled with pity' when he encountered the leper, but the Greek word Mark uses is more accurately translated 'anger', not 'pity'. With the exception of the cleansing of the temple in John's Gospel, generations of translators found it hard to imagine Jesus angry. Jesus' anger, however, provides a wonderful insight into him, and a strong challenge to us.

Anger tells us that something is wrong. It is an important and valuable emotion. Anger is value-neutral. It's what we do with it that defines its effect in our lives. Some of us sit on it and stew. Others gain energy from their anger to right the wrong.



People who had any type of skin disease in first century Palestine were called lepers. They were treated shamefully. They had to live outside the villages and towns, call out 'unclean, unclean' when they came near others, could never attend the temple and were considered cursed by God and so excluded from the Chosen People. No wonder Jesus was angry when he encountered a man with leprosy. Here he also confronts a social class system that robbed this man of his human dignity and religious laws that robbed him of hope.

There are two details in this story that are especially important. The man with leprosy feels comfortable enough to go straight up to Jesus, to put his case, and ask for healing. We are told that Jesus touched him. Social and religious laws were being broken in this encounter. But Jesus' healing of the man isn't just about challenging social laws and taboos. Jesus tells the man to fulfil his religious obligations so that he can attend the temple again and rejoin the community. Jesus was interested in converting all those he met to the higher laws of love and compassion.

We are challenged this Sunday to trust our anger. This is not only about fighting for our rights when we have been wronged, but more so, it's fighting for the dignity and rights of others. It can take many forms: taking the life of those yet to be born, or who are near natural death, fighting for future generations by calling for a just care of the earth. And it can be about standing up for those people in our home, parish, workplace, neighbourhood, country and world who are treated shamefully, excluded, derided, or declared unclean. Why should we bother? Because this Sunday Christ comes to us, again, and declares that despite what we might think about ourselves, or what we have been told, there is nothing in us which cannot be healed or is beyond hope.

May this Eucharist give us the love and compassion of Christ to fight for others' dignity because of the dignity we have received from Him. May we trust our anger and pray that it be like that of Jesus, and so turn us into agents of change for a more just church and for a more just world.

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### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

V. 1 Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

V. 2 But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord'. And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R.**

V. 3 Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** **They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:**

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Carmel Delaney, 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 Fr Peter Fulton, Lorna McInerney, Bill Dowling and Ada Archivio who died recently. We also remember Sheila Clancy, John Lalor and Bernardino Renzella whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



**Baptism in our Parish Community:**

We welcome Ethan Mak 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: 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Saint and Feast Days:*

*Mon 13 February: St Catherine de Ricci*

*Tues 14 February: Ss Cyril & Methodius*

*Wed 15 February: St Siegfried*

*Thurs 16 February: St Onesimus*

*Fri. 10 February: The Servite Founders*

*Sat. 18 February: St Simeon*

**Next Week's Readings: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B**

**Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25    Psalm 40:2-5, 13-14    2 Corinthians 1:18-22    Mark 2:1-12**

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## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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Saturday 11 Feb	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mother of God Church
Thursday 16 Feb	10.00am	Mass & Combined Parish Schools for 2012	Mother of God Church
Thursday 16 Feb	7.00pm	Mary Immac. School Advisory Council	Mary Immaculate School
Thursday 16 Feb	8.00pm	Ivanhoe Churches Together	St James Anglican, I'ho
Saturday 18 Feb	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 19 Feb	10.30am	Mass & Mother of God School Community	Mother of God Church
Tuesday 21 Feb	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God Middle School	Mother of God Church
Wednesday 22 Feb		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	See newsletter notice
Friday 24 Feb	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Year 3	St Bernadette's Church
Friday 24 Feb	7.00pm	<b>Stations of the Cross in Lent</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Saturday 25 Feb	10.00am	<b>Reconciliation</b>	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 26 Feb		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	

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## INFORMATION

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**Mass with Archbishop Hart celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> February:**

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

**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.*



### Ash Wednesday Masses: Wednesday 22 February 2012:

Mary Immaculate: 9.15am

St Bernadette's: 11.00am

Mother of God: 7.30pm

Korean at St Bernadette's: 7.30pm

### Stations of the Cross at St Bernadette's during Lent:

As part of the Lenten journey, there will be Stations of the Cross with Fr Thang at St Bernadette's at 7.00pm Friday evening for each week of Lent. All parishioners are invited to attend.

### WEEKDAY MASSES 2012 - CHANGES OF LOCATION:

**Please note:** As from Tuesday 3 January 2012, weekday Masses have changed locations:

**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

### Bishop Les Tomlinson, Vicar General:

The Parish of Ivanhoe sincerely congratulates Bishop Tomlinson on his recent appointment as Bishop of Sandhurst which includes central Victoria and the Goulburn Valley and north-eastern Victoria to the Murray River in the north. Bishop Tomlinson said he was humbled by the confidence that the Pope has shown in him and that he was delighted to accept the appointment. We sincerely thank Bishop Tomlinson for his support to the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe at a variety of levels as Vicar General and as Secretary of the Roman Catholic Trusts Corporation, as well as his presence in the parish over recent years.

Bishop Tomlinson was born and raised in Mildura, just north of the Sandhurst diocese and thus no stranger to country life. Bishop Tomlinson said, "I am looking forward to moving to Bendigo, becoming part of the Church there and fulfilling my role of leadership as Bishop, Teacher and Pastor in the Diocese of Sandhurst." Bishop Tomlinson has been Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne since 2003, and was appointed as Titular Bishop of Siniti and Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne, and ordained Bishop at St Patrick's Cathedral, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop Tomlinson as Bishop of Sandhurst on 3 February 2012.

### Fr Gerald O'Collins:

**Thursday 15 March**

**8.00pm**

**Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March Fr Gerald O'Collins, a renowned theologian and author, will provide share his years of study, writing and lecturing to help us answer the fundamental questions:

**Did Jesus rise from the Dead?**

**Why does the Resurrection matter?**

We are fortunate that Fr Gerry has agreed to help us explore and answer these questions. Fliers are available in each church to put on fridge doors, and pass on to friends and family. - Liturgy Group

### World Day of Prayer:

This year, we, in the Ivanhoe area, will gather for the World Day of Prayer at Mary Immaculate Church on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10am. The prayer has been prepared by the Christian people of Malaysia, with the realistic and challenging theme - and universal prayer: "Let justice prevail". Do mark this date in your diary now and join with fellow residents of Ivanhoe who worship in other Christian communities.

Please note: This day is no longer the Women's World Day of Prayer. EVERYONE is most welcome.



### Parish of Ivanhoe Playgroup:

The 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. Enrolments available to join this group

Thursday 9 - 11am. **Enrolments unavailable during Term 1, 2012**

**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

### **Mother of God School – Sunday 19 February 2012:**

Staff, students and families have been invited to attend Mass at Mother of God on Sunday 19 February at 10.30am as part of the beginning of another school year. After Mass, the school will be open until 12.00pm to enable families to see its new facilities.

### **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.

**Next gathering: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** at 14 Donaldson St, Ivanhoe

### **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

### **N.I.C.K. Foundation Players Annual Production - 2012's Show "A Wizard in Aus":**

The N.I.C.K. Foundation Players warmly invite you to attend their 2012 production, "A Wizard in Aus", their third since the foundation's inception in 2009. The show which has been written by the cast, follows a young character named Max as he ventures around Australia where he meets some colourful characters. "A Wizard in Aus" is filled with energy, humour as well as many popular songs that you will be singing along to. Please come and support the N.I.C.K. Foundation as it supports our youth in developing belief and hope in their future. **Dates:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March -7:30pm and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - 2:00pm & 7:30pm **Venue:** University of Melbourne - Union House Theatre **Tickets:** Adults:\$27, Children: \$12, Concession: \$18 & Family (2xAdults & 2xChildren): \$65. **Tickets:** [www.trybooking.com/BBMY](http://www.trybooking.com/BBMY) or visit website: [www.nickfoundation.org.au](http://www.nickfoundation.org.au)

### **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](http://www.ivanhoecatholics.com)

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

## **ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 18 – 19 February 2012**

### **ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

#### **Lector**

C.Dixon

#### **Special Ministers**

J. Gray, T. Nibali

### **MARY IMMACULATE:**

Sunday 9.00am

#### **Leader**

Mc Evey family

#### **Reader**

#### **Mass Coordinators**

S. & P. Kelly

#### **Counters**

P. & H. Nguyen

### **MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

#### **Sacristan**

J. Curry

#### **Lector**

T. Barker

#### **Special Ministers**

M. Pollard, G. Reardon, M. / P. De Silva

**Altar Society:** P. Caddy

**Choir Coordinator:** A. Pollard

**First Collection – Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$1,641.00 Loose cash: \$395.80 **Total: \$2,036.80**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:** **\$ 719.25**

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