



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

St Bernadette's Church, West Ivanhoe

Mary Immaculate Church, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church, East Ivanhoe

No. 25

19 – 20 June 2010

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

Fr Len Thomas – A Reflection

Last Monday morning I arrived at St Bernadette's Church around 8.00am as I usually do. I was very much aware that on June 20 we would be celebrating the retirement of Fr. Len Thomas. The readings for this Sunday express much about Len and his life as a priest in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

My mind began to think of all the priests I have had the privilege of working with over the years. Like myself, many of us have struggled with the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune and the human condition. I know that Len has a great concern for fellow priests and has been a source of encouragement and strength for many priests in times of struggle.

In the past Len was involved in the areas of Propagation of the Faith for many years, and his outreach in the area of Ecumenism is legendary. Len has been a source of hope for many people – people of all faiths, and no faith. Many people in our parish have been encouraged and strengthened by Len's gentle and caring presence, and supported by his very practical wisdom.

Len's acceptance, welcome and respect to all people gives hope to our world. Len has been hospitable to all who call upon him and has maintained regular contact with those in need. So many people in our society – even young people – suffer from mental illness, and I know that Len has been a beacon of hope to them, their families and friends. Len's work in the area of Mental Health has been significant not only in our parish, but in many areas of our country – especially through Centacare. Len has been most significant in the life of the parish since 1999 at a variety of levels.

Len, too, has been involved in Rotary, and that work will continue well beyond his retirement. Once again, many people will benefit from his kindness, practical wisdom and outreach to others.

When I arrived in Ivanhoe ten or eleven years ago, I was a little lost. Len through his wisdom and understanding enabled me to survive. Len was most helpful and supportive to me in so many ways – by attending meetings and celebrating Masses, as well as offering advice and encouragement.

Len, on behalf of all here today, and on behalf of all who are no longer with us, we thank you for so much:

- Your great faith
 - Your generosity and kindness
 - Your willingness to listen
 - Your great wisdom and humanity
- (But Len, why don't you barrack for Collingwood!)

These words from Paul Gardner SJ in regard to Mary MacKillop's biography remind me of Fr Len Thomas: *'Love did not depend on performance. She looked at beyond what she could see, hear or smell – and attended to what her faith told her of the dignity of every human person.'*

– Fr John

THE WORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is the strength of his people. In him, we his chosen live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing; be our shepherd for ever.

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

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: With thanks we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the Good Shepherd; I give my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember all in need of prayer at this time including Ken Owen, Barbara Remedios, Erin Toomey and Bernadette Stevens. We remember all who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Mary Michael who died recently. We remember the anniversaries of Esther Robb, Maria Dri and Terence Daws. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Readings: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1 Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9 Galatians 3:26-29 Luke 9:18 - 24

Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 21st June: St Aloysius Gonzaga

Tues 22nd June: Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

Wed 23rd June: St Etheldreda

Thurs 24th June: Birth of St John the Baptist

Fri. 25th June: St William of Vercelli

Sat. 26th June: St Salvius

Next Week's Readings: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11 Galatians 5:1, 13-18 Luke 9:51-62

HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

Saturday 19 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	Mary Immaculate Church
Sunday 20 June	2.00pm	Concelebrated Mass & Afternoon Tea – Fr Len	St Bernadette's Church
Sunday 20 June		Please note: No 5pm Mass at Mary Immaculate	
Monday 21 June	9.15am	Mass & St Bernadette's School Yr 3	St Bernadette's Church
Monday 21 June	7.30pm	St Bernadette's School Parents & Friends	St Bernadette's School
Thursday 24 June	9.00am	Liturgy Planning (each week)	Parish Office
Friday 25 June	9.15am	Mass & Mother of God School – Year 4	Mother of God Church
		End of School Term 2	
Saturday 26 June	10.00am	Reconciliation	St Bernadette's Church
26 – 27 June		St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal	

INFORMATION

From the Parish Office - Thanksgiving Envelopes 4 July – 26 Dec 2010:

Thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection in each church. Please feel free to deliver envelopes to those who are nearby or unable to collect them personally.

If you are new to the parish and wish to contribute to the Parish via Thanksgiving envelopes, Credit Cards or Direct Debit please refer to contact details below. **Financial Statements** will be made available as soon as possible when June bank statements have been received.

If circumstances have changed, you are either unable or no longer wish to contribute please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible**. The Parish Office **needs personal contact made** using one of the options below so that we can respond to and respect your wishes; and thus not mail envelopes that are no longer required. Contact details: **Phone:** 9499 1515; **fax:** 9499 9959; **mail:** 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079 or **email:** catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com – Ruth

Accommodation required:

The parish has received a request for shared accommodation within the Ivanhoe area. Further information is available from the Parish Office. The person concerned may be contacted by mobile no: 0449 964 879

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Catholic Mission Appeal: Sincere thanks to all concerned for generous contributions to the recent special collection for Catholic Missions – Propagation of the Faith Appeal which came to a total of \$1,707.80.

From Amanda: Calling all armchair travellers, book club enthusiasts and those who are interested in history and / or the Bible. It has been suggested we have a reading group to read and discuss *The Acts of the Apostles*, an exciting account of the 30 years after Jesus' crucifixion that follows the journeys of the women and men, including the apostle Paul, who spread the Christian faith - often in dangerous and difficult circumstances. The reading group would start in mid July. Are you interested? These times have been suggested – Tuesday 7.30 - 9pm or Thursday 11am - 12.30pm. Can you come along on either of those times on a regular basis? It's free. Please let me know: 9499 1515, email: cpipastoralassoc@bigpond.com or leave a note in the sealed letterbox outside the Parish Office. - **Amanda Smith, Pastoral Associate**

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2010: 26 – 27 June: The Ivanhoe Conference of St Vincent de Paul is conducting their Winter Appeal for non-perishable items - tinned foods, clothing, bedding, doonas, furniture and financial assistance at Masses in each church for the weekend of 26th - 27th June. St Vincent de Paul Society is active in many areas assisting those in need. Any help provided is greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the churches for collection. Heavier items can be picked up if required.



Parish Dinner Dance. Book now – time is running out!:

The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe Annual Dinner Dance will be held on **Saturday 24 July** at The Centre Ivanhoe (7pm until midnight). Cost is \$95 per head. If you haven't already, booked, time is running out. **RSVP date is 30 June.** Booking forms are available in each church or at the Parish Office. If you have booked, please forward your payment to the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Avenue, Ivanhoe. Cheques are to be made payable to 'Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe'. Enquiries to Paul McEvey 0438 509 995 or paul.mcevey@gmail.com

Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffee:

10 am on Friday 25th June at 14 Donaldson St. Ivanhoe. Topic: Road Safety for Seniors.

A Great Initiative in the West:

Did you see the front page of Kairos this week? The smiling cook is a trainee at the newly opened Trade Training Centre of the Catholic Regional College at Sydenham.

Fully functioning businesses allow students to study formal VET qualifications in trades such as baking, hospitality, framing, sign writing, and music and theatre production. Why are we specially interested?

The Principal, Leo McInerney, and his family, have belonged to the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe for many years. What a wonderful response to the need for trades people. Our best wishes for a successful future.

Youth Leaders Day at Keysborough:

All youth communities and supporters are invited to celebrate **Youth Leaders Day** on **Sunday, 4 July**. The theme is 'Healing from Depression & Anxiety'. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2:30pm, Hour of Mercy 3pm, and Mass for healing at 4pm. If attending, please register: mobile: 0412 035 685. Divine Mercy Shrine, 337 Greens Road, Keysborough Vic 3173 MEL 94F1 Rector: Fr Grzegorz Gawel SChr, Phone 9701 6071

Yarra Deanery Newsletter: The winter edition of **Yarra News**, the newsletter of the Yarra Deanery, is available this weekend. Among the articles, perhaps the most interesting is "Answering Scandal with Personal Holiness". It is a thoughtful response to the subject about which the media have been having a field day. The writers would welcome your comments. Contact Fr. Bill at Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish 23 Leeds St. East Doncaster 3109 or Charles c/o St. Kevin's Parish 26-44 Herlihy's Rd. Lower Templestowe 3107

School Text Books Wanted (Primary & Secondary):

Danny Jumong, Austin Hospital Catholic Pastoral Care Coordinator, is looking for any school textbooks which are no longer required. Books are being collected for an impoverished school in the Philippines. Book donations can be left in the back room of St John's Presbytery, Heidelberg or you could contact Danny on 9496 5000 and he will collect them.

Book and Plant Sale Saturday 10 July 10am – 3pm for Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver:

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold a Book and Plant Sale, Saturday 10 July 10am-3pm at St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Rd, Kew. Proceeds directed to the needs of the missions. Phone: 9817 3715

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4th Annual Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture:

Topic: **Committed and Convinced: Lay People at the Heart of the Church for the World**
Speaker: Professor Donna Orsuto, Director, Lay Spirituality, Rome & Director of Spiritual Theology at Gregorian University, Rome
Tuesday 20th July, 6.30pm at Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.
Cost: Free. Refreshments from 6 - 6.20pm. Flyers are available in each church

MacYAC: MacKillop Young Adult Community - 2010 Retreat Weekends for 18 – 35's:
Weekend 1: Mary MacKillop – Inspired and Inspiring. Friday evening 9th July – Sunday 11 July (after lunch)
19 Ocean Boulevard, Jan Juc (Mel 237 C10). Close to beach & cliff-top walk. RSVP: 30th June
Weekend 2: Mary MacKillop – Towards Canonisation. Friday evening 27th Aug – Sunday 29 Aug (after lunch)
4 Weir St, Rye (Melways 168 G4). Close to beach & jetty. Twin share rooms. RSVP: 18th Aug
Cost: \$50 employed; Concessions for students and unwaged. BYO: Sheets, pillow slip, towel, toiletries
Contacts: Phone/Fax 9306 8903; email: macyac@sosj.org.au; Rita: 0419 299 065 or Janette: 0411 406 152

Tour: 11th Nov – 10th Dec 2011: “An Experience of Catholic Culture”.

The Catholic Theological College is organising a study tour which includes Dublin, London, Paris, Villers Bretonneux, Lourdes and Rome. **Tour Leaders** are Dr Frances Baker RSM & Rev Dr Austin Cooper OMI AM
Information Session: Thursday July 15. Further information: College 9412 3314 or email ctc@ctc.edu.au

Parish Notice boards:

- Disciples of Infant Jesus of Prague – Mass Friday 25 June, Church of the Good Shepherd, Gladstone Park
- Macleod YMCA June-July School Holiday Program Monday 28 June – Friday 9 July. Phone: 9459 9022
- Melbourne Singles Catholics event 25 June. Website: www.meetup.com/melbourne-single-catholics
- Book and Plant Sale Saturday 10 July 10am – 3pm for Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver

Job advertisements:

- Melbourne Young Christian Workers – Melbourne YCW Project Officer required Part-time / Full-time
- Centacare Catholic Family Services – Donor Relations Officer.

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Secretary: Mrs. Ruth Villani

Week-end Liturgies: St. Bernadette's: Saturday 6.30pm
Mary Immaculate: Sunday 9.00am. 5.00pm
Mother of God: Sunday 10.30am

Week-day Liturgies: St. Bernadette's: Monday 9.15am
Mary Immaculate: Wednesday 9.15am
Mother of God: Friday 9.15am

Week-day Communion Services: Mother of God: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.15am

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND 26 – 27 June 2010

ST. BERNADETTE'S: **Lector** **Special Ministers**
Saturday 6.30pm J. Murphy A. Pellizzari, J. Giansiracusa

MARY IMMACULATE: **Leader** **Reader** **Mass Coordinators** **Counters**
Sunday 9.00am J. Newell C. Nguyen E. Kehoe P. & H. Nguyen
Sunday 5.00pm C. McArdle M. McArdle L. Dal Pozzo

MOTHER OF GOD: **Sacristan** **Lector** **Special Ministers**
Sunday 10.30am T. McCarthy C. Bellio B. / S. Janus, D. Ervin, M. Chin
Altar Society: **Choir Coordinator:** School Holidays

COLLECTIONS: **Thanksgiving - \$1,919.50** **Presbytery – \$1,256.70**