

## **50 Golden Years.**

The 14<sup>th</sup> June marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. John's ordination to the priesthood. Typically, he has said that he does not want any special event or celebration but the people of Ivanhoe do want to acknowledge the occasion in a suitable way.

Fortuitously, that day will be the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ---- focussing specially on the Mass and therefore on the contribution of the priest to a Christian community. Respecting Fr. John's wishes, we will not have a single 'special' Mass but will honour the occasion simply at the usual four weekend Masses---those which Fr. John celebrates (according to the usual roster) and those he does not. The Liturgy group will look into the possibilities, as it does every weekend, to make the Mass relevant to the readings and the spirit of the day.

On a tangible level, it has been enthusiastically agreed that we should give Fr. John a present from us all. What that will be is open to ideas and inspirations. Envelopes with red dots are available in all churches from now on. If you think you might not be about in the next couple of weeks and you wish to contribute, contact Merle on [merle.gilbo@blaze.net.au](mailto:merle.gilbo@blaze.net.au) or via the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave Ivanhoe 3079.