

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE



St Bernadette's Church
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POPE FRANCIS' NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

Holiness has something of a bad name. It popularly means one of two things: either being so unworldly as to be hardly on the planet at all, or to have assumed an air of spiritual superiority that disdains lesser mortals more subject to the temptations of the flesh. In his new exhortation Pope Francis has embarked upon a definition of holiness that breaks through these blockages and turns these preconceptions upside down. Most Catholics would shy away from imagining holiness either as applying to themselves or as a serious aim in life, and are probably not comfortable with being thought of as "religious". Yet the call to holiness is universal, and the practice of it should be as natural and familiar as any good habit. The parent who cares lovingly for

a child, the carpenter who deftly repairs a damaged wardrobe, the owner of a business who behaves honourably and conscientiously towards their staff and their customers, indeed anyone who aspires to become the person God means them to be, is engaged in becoming more holy by virtue of it.

Holiness is not remote from everyday life. It is the very stuff daily life is made of. Anyone can be a saint. *Gaudete et Exsultate* is a remarkable document, and could be regarded as this Pope's spiritual masterpiece. But he does not shirk controversy. He identifies two skewed brands of Catholicism, which he calls Pelagianism and Gnosticism, which block the flow of grace and kill holiness dead even while claiming to be its defenders. These two ancient mindsets also happen to be apt descriptions of the ultra-conservative positions occupied by those who have been most hostile to his papacy. Francis is relentless in his criticism of rigidity, legalism, clericalism, conservatism and traditionalism. They result, he says, in "a self-centred and elitist complacency, bereft of true love..."

These tendencies either turn Catholicism into little more than a set of doctrinal rules that only an elite properly understands and obeys; or they promote the idea that salvation is to be gained by an act of will, to be had if only people would work hard enough at it. These two strands often appear together. They are distractions from holiness, yet somehow they have become lodged in the popular imagination as accurate descriptions. On the contrary, Francis insists, holiness does not imply never making mistakes or never falling short; it is living in the humble awareness that we are always in need of the mercy of God.

Just as striking is Francis' extension of the pro-life position beyond a narrow focus to every situation where human lives are threatened or diminished – "the poor, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection..." He insists that the Catholic attitude to migrants is not secondary to the Catholic attitude to the unborn, but part of a seamless whole. Working for social justice is a work of holiness. Like all good spiritual writing, there are lines on every page that will make all readers uncomfortable. But Pope Francis clearly regards his job not only as comforting the afflicted, but also as afflicting the comfortable. At which he undoubtedly will succeed.

(adapted from The Tablet editorial 14th April 2018)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm	St. Bernadette's
Sunday	9.00am	Mary Immaculate
	10.30am	Mother of God

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	9.15am	Mother of God
Wednesday	9.15am	Mary Immaculate
Thursday	9.15am	Mary Immaculate
Friday	9.15am	St. Bernadette's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday

- ◆ 5.00pm - 5.20pm at Mary Immaculate
 - ◆ 5.30pm - 5.50pm at St. Bernadette's
- or on weekdays at Mother of God*

IVANHOE PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Bernadette's Primary School
Principal: Kathryn Lowe
53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe West 3079
Phone: 9499 3914

Mary Immaculate Primary School
Principal: Veronica Antrim
9 Rockbears Grove, Ivanhoe 3079
Phone: 9497 1827

As a Catholic Community we respect the Wurrundjeri people, traditional custodians of the land upon which our parish resides, and commit ourselves to reconciliation and justice for all in our community and nation.



PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR 2018

Saturday 28 April (St. Peter Chanel)

5.00pm Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
 5.30pm Reconciliation at St. Bernadette's
 6.00pm Mass & Confirmation Rite of Enrolment at St Bernadette's

Sunday 29 April (5th Sunday of Easter)

9.00am Mass & Confirmation Rite of Enrolment at Mary Immaculate
 10.15am Confirmation class at Mother of God
 10.30am Mass & Confirmation Rite of Enrolment at Mother of God

Monday 30 April (Easter feria)

Tuesday 1 May (Easter feria)

9.15am Mass at Mother of God
 4.15pm Christian Meditation, Mary Immaculate Hall

Wednesday 2 May (St. Athanasius)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate
 12-3pm Outreach Social Afternoon in MOG foyer
 8.00pm Ivanhoe Churches Together, Ivanhoe Uniting

Thursday 3 May (Sts. Philip & James)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate
 10.00am Liturgy Group meeting in Parish Office

Friday 4 May (Easter feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's followed by Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
 7.30pm Men's Group, Mary Immaculate Hall

Saturday 5 May (Easter feria)

5.00pm Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
 5.30pm Reconciliation at St. Bernadette's
 6.00pm Mass at St Bernadette's

Sunday 6 May (6th Sunday of Easter)

9.00am Mass at Mary Immaculate
 10.00am Confirmation class at Mother of God
 10.30am Mass at Mother of God

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 19 May

9.30am Parish Retreat Day at Mother of God

Wednesday 23 May

7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council

A BIG THANK YOU to our generous and faithful Parish volunteers Elizabeth Craven, Robyn Edebohls, Sue & Pat Kelly, Sue Moorhen, Merle Gilbo and Pia Boutsakis who did more than their fair share at last Saturday's Autumn working bee around the Parish Office & Mary Immaculate Church. The weather was perfect too!

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 28 - 29 April	NEXT WEEKEND 5 - 6 May
6pm St Bernadette's Sacristan Reader Counters	J. Gray J. Gray Parish Office	J. Gray C. Dixon Parish Office
9am Mary Immaculate Leader Reader Co-ordinator Counters	Rite of Enrolment Rite of Enrolment M. Gilbo T. McKinley E. Ballao	M. Napolitano M-R. Auguste E. Craven J. Pidutti H. Pidutti
10.30am Mother of God Choir Altar Society Sacristan Reader Special Ministers Counters	A. Moloney A. Patterson C. Bellio B. / S. Janus A. Moloney A. Patterson T. Barker J. Curry	P. Caddy E. Mount T. Barker M. Pollard G. Reardon F. Tosolini J. Curry D. Carey

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK & IN NEED: Barney Cooney, Ian Claric, Stefan Dabrowski, Rob McKerec, Merle Lewis, Joe Manders, Peter Patti, Damian Pilla, Maria Costa, Oriana Formica, Patrick Brooks, Barry Townsin, Kathleen Dowling, Jill O'Neill, Lucy Cust, Dan McMahan, Joe Markham, Nazha Shamieh

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Elena Tomasoni, Frank Provers

RECENT DEATHS: Marcia Hocking

Names on sick list remain for nine weeks (a Novena) unless otherwise advised. Please submit any items for the newsletter, including names for the prayer list, by 5.00pm Wednesdays.

PARISH RETREAT DAY

'PEOPLE COME FIRST' A PARISH RETREAT DAY REFLECTING ON THE PASTORAL THEOLOGY OF POPE FRANCIS

Our Retreat Conductor: Br. Mark O'Connor FMS

Sat 19th May 2018

9.30am - 4.00pm

Mother of God Church

**Cost \$10 includes lunch
(Payable on the day)**

**Book using Registration Form
(see brochure available
from church foyer)**



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection	Envelopes:	\$1,569	2nd Collection	Envelopes:	\$997
	Direct Debit & Credit Cards:	\$936		Direct Debit & Credit Cards:	\$163
	Loose cash:	\$333		Loose cash:	\$437
Total 1st Collection (Parish)		\$2,838	Total 2nd Collection (Presbytery)		\$1,597

EASTER TO PENTECOST WITH OUTREACH

Following our Easter lunch and much lively discussion the following decisions have been made:

1. The Christmas in July bus trip to the Cuckoo on 25th July will remain open this month in the hope we can attract another 25 people to fill the bus. It would be a great disappointment if we had to cancel. You are assured of a lively, happy day. Cost: \$65 or \$45 (pensioner/student concession). Email or phone Ruth 9499 1515 to make your booking.
2. The lunch/games day in MOG foyer will continue at noon on Wednesday 2 May. All welcome
3. There was considerable interest in organising a CPI group for 'Morning Melodies' in the Ivanhoe Hotel at 10.30am on Wednesday, 20 June. Morning Tea plus show costs \$10. Add a 2 course lunch afterwards for \$15 total cost. RSVP is essential as Kitty told me these occasions are very popular. Bookings to Eileen 9499 7120 or Helen 9499 7793 by the end of May.

CPI MEN'S GROUP: FRIDAY 4 MAY

7.30pm in Mary Immaculate Hall. Our Men's Group is a chance to gather in a social atmosphere to catch up and keep in contact with new and old friends. BYO drinks. Queries: Eugene 0407 869 582

KEEP CALM AND DON'T FORGET

- MEMORY LOSS, THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES...

Saturday 5th May, 9.30am - 1.00pm at Heidelberg Scots Church, Burgundy St, Heidelberg. Rev. Brace Bateman & Rev. Tom Rose discuss Alzheimer's and Spirituality. RSVP: Julie Giuliani by Tuesday 1st May Ph: 0407 501 298; email: pastoralcare@banyulec.org.au

FUNDRAISER SCREENING FOR THE ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Sunday 29 April, 2pm, Cinema Nova, 380 Lygon Street, Carlton. The life of the late Indigenous musician Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, died in Darwin 2017, aged 46, is profiled in a new documentary directed by Paul Damien Williams. Yunupingu was a multi-award winning, internationally recognised artist from Galiwin'ku, in remote north-east Arnhem Land, who started in the band Yothu Yindi before his solo career. Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu was one of the most important & acclaimed voices to come out of Australia. You are invited to attend this film afternoon in aid of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria. Cost: \$20 **Bookings:** ASAP Pat on 9878 7939 or email: jandpschmidt@bigpond.com

PART 2: COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY - MAKING OUR CHURCH WHAT CHRIST INTENDED IN TODAY'S WORLD

In last week's Newsletter we provided a background to what will be formally announced at Pentecost (20 May) concerning a vitally important process for renewing the Australian Catholic Church, a process recently approved by Pope Francis. We pointed out that while the Church has been renewing itself for over 2,000 years, in the world of today our Church is long overdue for further renewal since much that is very challenging has occurred in our world and lives since the last review over 80 years ago.

The soon-to-be-formally-announced renewal process will conclude with what is called a '2020 Plenary'. Most importantly we highlighted that whatever happens at that Plenary will be determined not just by a small isolated gathering of Bishops, religious and some lay people but also an open and honest extensive listening and consultative process before then which will effectively determine the Plenary Agenda and the issues the Australian Catholic Community collectively decide need to be addressed by the Plenary. This process seeks views from ALL of the 'People of God' in Australia, you and I, expressed openly and honestly, with respect and under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit. How do we see the Church today? What should the Church look like after the 2020 Plenary? How can we get there?

At the same time who are these People of God? They are Catholics of widely varying degrees of faith, including infrequently practising and lapsed Catholics. They are Catholics who expect more of our imperfect Church than simply endeavouring to serve yesterday's world and yesterday's faithful, but an inclusive Church that is also true and close to Christ's teachings and example in today's world.

Now is the time for us all to start thinking about these issues, before formal announcement of the '2020 Plenary' hits us in 3 weeks time. If you haven't yet read the introductory report in last week's Newsletter it is also published in a Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe website 'News 2018' report of 20 April. Subsequent '2020 Plenary' reports before Pentecost then will comment further on the likely process, and offer reading resources. However what has been said already, and our current thoughts, should be sufficient for us to prepare for the process ahead - even before we are formally invited and urged to act. We owe this not just to ourselves but in particular to those who hopefully follow us in our Church.

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1st Reading *Acts 9:26-31*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

21:26-28, 30-42

(R) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever!

(R) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

(R) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.'

(R) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

2nd Reading *1 John 3:18-24*

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel *John 15: 1-18*

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Prayers of the Faithful

Risen Christ hear us:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Next Week:

6th Sunday of Easter Year B

1st Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Resp. Psalm: 97:1-4

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17