

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE



St Bernadette's Church
89 Bond St, Ivanhoe

Mother of God Church
56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East

Mary Immaculate Church
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe



Inclusiveness

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BOOKINGS:	<i>Please contact Parish Office: 9499 1515 for Sacramental enrolments or appointments for Marriage</i>		
<i>Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing & dignity of all children. If you have any concerns or wish to report any issues please contact one of our Parish Child Safety Officers: Clare Bellio (9499 4984) or Lucy Dal Pozzo (0402 192 889)</i>			

END OF AN ERA: Sadly, after many years of faithful voluntary service our parish book-keeper, Helen O'Brien, has hung up her abacus and resigned. Helen has served the Parish for nearly nineteen years looking after the parish finances since her brother, Fr. John Rogan, conscripted her to assist in the administration of the parish. Our parish owes Helen a great debt of gratitude for the gifts she has brought to the Parish Office and we wish her every blessing as she enters a new stage of retirement.



**POPE FRANCIS' NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION:
- GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE - ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN
TODAY'S WORLD (SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 1: THE CALL TO HOLINESS)**

I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly Religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them "the middle class of holiness". (7)

The "genius of woman" is seen in feminine styles of holiness, which are an essential means of reflecting God's holiness in this world. (12) This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. (16) It is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others, to want peace and quiet while avoiding activity, to seek prayer while disdaining service. (26)

This does not mean ignoring the need for moments of quiet, solitude and silence before God. Quite the contrary ... How can we fail to realize the need to stop this rat race and to recover the personal space needed to carry on a heartfelt dialogue with God? (29)

Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. (32)

You can read the document in full via a link on our parish website or go to: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html

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 by appointment.*

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 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
 10.15am Confirmation class at Mother of God
 10.30am Mass

Monday 7 May (Easter feria)

Ruth (our parish secretary) on holidays till 18th May.
 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Session at Parish Office

Tuesday 8 May (Easter feria)

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

Wednesday 9 May (Easter feria)

9.15am Mass at Mary Immaculate with Prep, 1 & 2

Thursday 12 May (Easter feria)

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

Friday 11 May (Easter feria)

9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's with Years 1 & 2U

Saturday 12 May (Vigil of the Ascension)

10.00am MOG Maintenance Group
 5.00pm Reconciliation at Mary Immaculate
 5.30pm Reconciliation at St. Bernadette's
 6.00pm Mass at St Bernadette's

Sunday 13 May (Ascension of the Lord)

9.00am Mass & Baptisms 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

NEW COUNTERS

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to join our new counting team. A great team of 20 volunteers will work in teams of four on a five week roster cycle. Rosters will be out this week and commence 1st week of June.

PARISH SECRETARY ON HOLIDAYS

Ruth will be on holidays from 7th - 18th May. Please be aware that the Parish Office may not be open at normal hours during this period. All material for the Parish Newsletter **must be in by 5.00pm on Wednesday** otherwise it may not get into print.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

1st Collection	Envelopes:	\$1,042	2nd Collection	Envelopes:	\$552
	Direct Debit & Credit Cards:	\$1,007		Direct Debit & Credit Cards:	\$169
	Loose cash:	\$558		Loose cash:	\$569
Total 1st Collection (Parish)		\$2,607	Total 2nd Collection (Presbytery)		\$1,290

MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 5 - 6 May	NEXT WEEKEND 12 - 13 May
6pm St Bernadette's Sacristan Reader Counters	J. Gray C. Dixon Parish Office	J. Gray J. Murphy Parish Office
9am Mary Immaculate Leader Reader Co-ordinator Counters	M. Napolitano M-R. Auguste E. Craven J. Pidutti H. Pidutti	Wignall family Wignall family E. Ballao T. McKinley E. Ballao
10.30am Mother of God Choir Altar Society Sacristan Reader Special Ministers Counters	P. Caddy E. Mount T. Barker M. Pollard G. Reardon F. Tosolini J. Curry D. Carey	A. Moloney P. Verrocchi I. Chiera T. Barker C. Bellio R. Beltrame D. Carey T. Barker

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

SICK & IN NEED: Robert Fisher, Barney Cooney, Ian Claric, Stefan Dabrowski, Rob McKerey, Merle Lewis, 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: Onorina Renzella, Thelma Edebohls

RECENT DEATHS: Giuseppina Rizzo

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.

EASTER TO PENTECOST WITH OUTREACH

- 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.
- 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 we have been told that these occasions are very popular. Bookings by end of May to Eileen 9499 7120 or Helen 9499 7793

2018 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE - MASS COUNTS

The 2018 National Count of Attendance (Mass Counts) will take place over four weekends commencing this weekend 5-6 May, 12-13 May, 19-20 May & 26-27 May. Mass Counts include people of all ages, children and babies present at Mass in each of our churches.

Many thanks to those who will count all people at Mass each week. Mass Count forms are available in each church for the use of counters each week.

Completed Mass count forms need to be returned to the Parish Office on Monday 28th May 2018.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL 5 - 6 MAY 2018

There are **Leaving Collections** in each of our churches this weekend for Chaplaincy Sunday. The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of a service of love and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Focus for 2018 is Prison Chaplaincy: The relationship and collaboration between prisoners and chaplains is vital in restoring prisoners whilst in prison as well as on the road to return and re-join society.

Donations will support Chaplains who work with:

- People in custody in prisons
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- People living with Mental Health and those with HIV/AIDS
- Seafarers

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 chance to register today



PART 3: COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY - MAKING OUR CHURCH WHAT CHRIST INTENDED IN TODAY'S WORLD

It's only two weeks now until the formal announcement at Pentecost of a **'2020 Plenary'**. What is even more important is the two year period before then during which you, I and all People of God have the opportunity, and more importantly the responsibility, to help make our Church what Christ intended in today's world. This short series of introductory articles will hopefully help prepare us for whatever lies ahead, uncomfortable as some of it is likely to be at first.

Those well conscious of need for renewal in today's declining Church in the Western world will already have thoughts on what Christ's teachings and example require us to do to address institutional failings and more adequately fulfil its God-given mission today. Many of the issues have been well canvassed openly and publicly, but now it is the time for collective action. If ever there was need in today's challenging world for goodness, honesty, social justice and integrity it is now and Pope Francis, among a few others, is boldly pursuing this around the world. As far as the 2020 Plenary is concerned the period immediately ahead is intended as a time of 'engaged reckoning' for the Catholic Church in Australia.

History shows it's far easier to talk about change than introduce it. However whilst of course there remains a very great deal of faithful goodness in the Church, where there is need let go of institutional constraints that have become un-Christ-like, harmful and contrary to God's loving and merciful inclusiveness there is urgent need now for honesty and humility together with prayerful discernment on how to renew. That is basically the essence of the two year period preceding the 2020 Plenary.

Whilst we may have already collected thoughts, there is much to be reminded of and be guided by during the period ahead. This includes statements from the Church, from the 2020 Plenary committee, from the Royal Commission into institutional response to Child Sexual abuse, from the Truth Justice and healing Commission, from an Open Letter to the bishops of Australia from 4,000 Catholics, comments from various Australian Catholic renewal groups, and exhortations from Pope Francis. These are being assembled for convenient reference. Meanwhile the website of the 2020 Plenary Committee is now operational and available at <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> Of all these resources the major resource will be our collective discernment over the period ahead, guided by the Holy Spirit. The 2020 Plenary Committee succinctly describes the process as **"Listening to God by listening to one another"**.

By the time the '2020 Plenary' is formally announced at Pentecost we should already be generally clear about what it is, confident of its potential, and individually prepared to respectfully contribute thoughts over the next two years, to an open, humble and honest process of discussion and discernment, forming conclusions for decision at the Plenary Assembly over the years 2020/2021, the first since 1937.

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all.'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *97:1-4*

(R) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

(R) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

(R) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

(R) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

2nd Reading *1 John 4:7-10*

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel *John 15: 9-17*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

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:

The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Resp. Psalm: 46:2-3, 6-9

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

HAVE YOU THOUGHT? - LOVE

There is a wonderful line from the musical, *Les Miserables*, when the hero, Jean Valjean, is told, '*To love another person is to see the face of God.*' As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!