

THE SORROWFUL AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

ST MARY'S, RYDE & ST MICHAEL'S, BEMBRIDGE

REFLECTION

Last April the Holy Father Pope Francis released the Apostolic Exhortation 'Gaudete et Exsultate' on the call to holiness in today's world.

The call to holiness is one that cries out to all of us in our daily lives. Gaudete et Exsultate encourages us to take inspiration from the 'Saints next door' - people who may not be officially canonised but can be decisive in bringing about change. Pope Francis quotes Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross:

"The greatest figures of prophecy and sanctity step forth out of the darkest night. But for the most part, the formative stream of the mystical life remains invisible. Certainly, the most decisive turning points in world history are substantially co-determined by souls whom no history book ever mentions. And we will only find out about those souls to whom we owe the decisive turning points in our personal lives on the day when all that is hidden is revealed."

Holiness is described as the "most attractive face of the Church" and is attainable despite the challenges of everyday life. Pope Francis wants people to know that they don't need special education or qualifications, nor to have taken religious vows to be holy - just an open heart and a desire to spend some time with the Lord in prayer and by reading the Gospel. He also wants people to know that the Church makes available everything they need to become holy.

A far reaching and accessible document, 'Gaudete et Exsultate' examines many subjects tied in to our relationship with Christ - prayer, reading scripture, helping others, maintaining and upholding human dignity not to mention challenges to holiness such as the danger of gossip.

[Taken from www.catholicnews.org.uk where the Apostolic Exhortation can be read or downloaded].

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY – YEAR B

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Josh 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Dt 4:1-2.6-8; Jam 1:17-18.21-22.27;

Mk 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

WELCOME

If you are visiting the Isle of Wight on holiday, we welcome you and hope that you will have a happy and pleasant stay on our Island.

COFFEE TIME

Coffee is served after every 1100 Sunday Mass in St Thérèse Hall. Please come along and share in the conversation.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – ST MARY’S

It is with sadness that Richard Bengler the director of music at St Mary’s has had to withdraw from his work at the church and tender his resignation. I would like to thank Richard for his 3 years of service to the church, the encouragement he has offered to both choirs, and his continued support and enrichment of the Liturgy. We wish him well for the future.

SUNDAY MASS MUSIC – ST MARY’S

Mass setting: Plainsong including Gloria from the Missa de Angelis (English version).

Choir Communion song: There is a Balm in Gilead (African-American spiritual).

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AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

*The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary’s Assumption (15 August) and her Coronation or Queenship (22 August), we also give honour to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is one short enough to memorise and pray every day during this special month: **O Immaculate Heart of the Blessèd Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart.***

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish community and all those in need of our prayers especially: Elizabeth Bain, Marie Bartlett, Mary Belston, Michael Brien, Harry Carter, Joan Chapman, Rose Duddigan, Philomena Echlin, Mavis Fisher, Mary Gilbert, May Gregory, Natalie Johnston, Lucie Le Cheminant, Jean Lobb, Sue McHale, Tony Obeysekere, Julia Morley, Mary Porter, Olive Roch, Peggy Ryan, Mo Sansom, Pat Sinclair, Peter Trafford and Liz Watling.

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For those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

In his prayer intention for the month of August 2018, Pope Francis says: "Together, let us ask Jesus that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity."

When speaking of families, often the image of a treasure comes to my mind.

Today's rhythm of life, stress, pressure at work, and also the little attention paid by institutions, could put them in danger.

It's not enough to talk about their importance: it's necessary to promote concrete means and to develop their role in society with a good family policy.

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BOOK OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

In each of our churches, near the Lady Altar, is placed a book in which we are invited to write any intentions we may have. Each week the parish will pray for the intentions recorded in these books.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £1,052.20 incl DD/SO

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 29 Aug Reunion of young Confirmed Catholics, Olivo's, Newport, 1930.

Thursday 30 Aug Latin (EF) Mass at St David's, East Cowes, 1200.

Friday 31 Aug St Vincent de Paul Society meeting, St Thérèse Hall, 1800.

Thursday 6 Sep Latin (EF) Mass at St David's, East Cowes, 1200.

“ “ Pilgrimage to St Mary's, Ryde, by the Confraternity of the Rosary - Holy Hour with Rosary and Devotions at 1600.

Saturday 8 Sept Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Patronal Feast at Quarr Abbey - Mass at 1000.

“ “ Barn Dance at Lake Lions Hall (from 1830). Proceeds are for the renovation of St Patrick's Church Hall. Tickets £8.00. Please contact 01983 865894 or 01983 638311 for tickets.

Sunday 9 Sept Annual walk from Ryde to Quarr Abbey. Please meet outside Ryde Esplanade Station at 1400.

Advance Notice The Island's Annual Rosary Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady will be on Rosary Sunday (7 October) at St Wilfrid's Church, Ventnor, 1500.

NEWSLETTER

Items for the newsletter should be received by 1200 Tuesday.

Please email: stmarysryde.newsletter@gmail.com,

or you may put a note through the letter box of Presentation House.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 25 August – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1800 St Mary's For the intentions of the Downs family in Ireland

Sunday 26 August – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

0915 St Michael's Pro Pop

1100 St Mary's In Thanksgiving

Monday 27 August – ST MONICA, MEMORIAL

1200 St Mary's No Mass today

Tuesday 28 August – ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, BISHOP, MEMORIAL

1000 St Michael's Father John Baptist (P)

Wednesday 29 August – THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MEMORIAL

1200 St Mary's Emma Baker (P)

Friday 31 August – FERIA (21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)

1200 St Mary's M J Read (P)

Saturday 1 September – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1800 St Mary's John Murphy RIP

Sunday 2 September – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

0915 St Michael's

1100 St Mary's Pro Pop

OTHER MASS TIMES

Quarr Abbey	Sundays and Holy Days	1000
	Weekdays	0900
St Cecilia's Abbey	Sundays and Holy Days	1000
	Weekdays	0930

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSÈD SACRAMENT

St Michael's Tuesdays 0900-1000

St Mary's Fridays 1000-1200

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Saturdays 1730-1800

St Michael's By Request