



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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19 March 2017

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

PSALM RESPONSE:

*O that today you would listen to his voice!*

*Harden not your hearts.*

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES & FEASTS

<b>SUNDAY</b> 07h30 <i>Cathy</i> 09h30 <i>Souls of Pugatory</i> 18h00 <i>Pro Populo</i>	Ex 17:3-7 / Ps 95 Rom 5:1-2,5-8 / Jn 4:5-42
<b>MONDAY</b> ST JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY <i>Anastasia Peter</i>	2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16 / Ps 89 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 / Lk 2:41-51
<b>TUESDAY</b> HUMAN RIGHTS DAY <i>Gideon Odupoi</i>	Dn 3:25,34-43 / Ps 25 Mt 18:21-35
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>	Deut 4: 1,5-9 / Ps 147 Mt 5: 17-19
<b>THURSDAY</b> ST TURIBIUS OF MONGROVEJO <i>Pro Populo</i>	Jer 7:23-28 / Ps 95 Lk 11:14-23
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>	Hos 7:23-28 / Ps 81 Mk 12:28-34

\* *Italics indicate Mass intention*

### Proclaimers

07h30  
Stephen Mina  
Paul Mina

09h30  
Victor Houliston  
Rob Herring

### Ministers of the Eucharist

07h30  
Jenny Howard  
Cyril Kobus  
Julia Moorman  
Mandy Jones  
Anne Dormehl

09h30  
Cuthbert Nyamupangedengu  
Caroline Modibane  
Jean-Paul Deltour  
Marcie Bello

### Hospitals

Sr Judy Coyle  
Moolisa Tlali

### Flowers

No flowers during Lent

### MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 13h15

Sunday: 07h30 | 09h30 (*Sung*)  
18h00

### MORNING PRAYER

Sunday: 09h00 (*before 09h30 Mass*)  
Join in the prayer of the Church  
led by our *Schola Cantorum*

### CONFESSIONS

Monday – Friday: after 13h15 Mass

### EXPOSITION

Monday – Friday: 12h00-13h00

### BENEDICTION

Friday: 13h00

### WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Please contact parish office

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Branch: Braamfontein (004805)  
Acc: Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Acc No: 002294192

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL ACCOUNT

Bank: Standard Bank  
Acc No: 202 648 532

# PARISH NOTICES

## **Theft in the church**

We urge all parishioners please to carry their bags with them when going up for communion as there has been theft. Thank you.

## **Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent – 19h00**

Will parish groups please sign up for Stations of the Cross. Thank you.

## **Rosary**

Come pray the rosary every Saturday morning during Lent. 09h00 in the church. All welcome.

## **Proclaimers**

There will be a proclaimers training on Sunday, 19 March 2017 after the 09h30 Mass from 11h00 until 12h30, all current proclaimers and anyone wishing to join the Readers' roster are to come for formation.

## **Human Rights Day**

As Tuesday, 21 March 2017 is a public holiday there will be no Mass at 06h00 but one Mass at 09h00 for of Human Rights Day. This will be a special Mass in commemoration of past and present-day victims of discrimination. After mass three speakers will talk from 10h30 to 13h00 in Trinity Hall on some of the Human Rights violations linked to discrimination. All Holy Trinity parish groups and parishioners are invited and encouraged to take this opportunity to learn more about the issues, and already existing initiatives against discrimination. We hope this will motivate us to play a part in working towards ending discrimination, exclusion and marginalisation in our families, our communities and institutions. Everyone attending is asked to bring along some eats and/or drinks for a 'bring and share' lunch.

## **Bible Study**

We are looking for some facilitators for our Come Home Bible study on a Monday evening, if anyone can help please contact Ike on Come Home Bible Study [comehomebibles-tudy@gmail.com](mailto:comehomebibles-tudy@gmail.com).

## **Baptism**

The next Baptism class will take place on the 08 April, 2017 at 10h00, followed by the Baptism after Easter on Sunday 23 April, 2017. Please try and hand in all forms before the class.

## **Sick List**

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish, especially Teddy de Almeida, Juliet Tende, Maria da Matta, Bill Brogan, Seignon Zinsou, Daniël Enslin, Meagan Petersen, Tshibuabua Marie and Iris Howes. Please pray for those who have died; may they rest in peace. Should you wish to add anyone to the sick list, please e-mail Kelsey ([parish@trinityjhb.co.za](mailto:parish@trinityjhb.co.za)). If you do not have access to e-mail, please add a note into the collection, with the name of the sick person and your own contact details.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Our Constitutional Court has spoken. The judges do not use phrases like 'absolute incompetence' lightly without careful consideration. It is a condemnation of the Minister, one cannot in conscience call her 'The Honourable Minister', and one doubts whether her name should be so much as mentioned among Christians, the Minister, ironically, of Social Development. It is a damning indictment.

It is, literally, a damning indictment. The old catechism used to list, among those 'sins crying out to heaven for vengeance', 'grinding the faces of the poor', and that is surely what this is. Whatever may be the reasons, whatever our fears, there can be no doubt that 17 million of the poorest South Africans are looking with apprehension, dread, terror, to the 1<sup>st</sup> April, and whether their grants will indeed be paid. What should rightly be one of the proudest achievements of our country, has been manipulated, despite all the warnings of civil society and the Constitutional Court itself, into a self-made and self-serving crisis at the expense of the poor, grinding, indeed, their faces. As the Rev Ian Paisley would have said, 'God is not pleased'.

As we celebrate the First Scrutiny with our catechumens and candidates preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation, we search our own consciences, more tender, I trust, than the Minister's, asking 'to look within ourselves to uncover and understand all that is weak, defective or sinful in our hearts, and also to strengthen all that is upright, strong and good in us.'

Fr Graham Pugin SJ

PS: What do I see in my own Scrutiny?'

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# No One is an Island

By Martin & Ursula van Nierop

Over the years we have been taught to read and put the scriptures into practice. Verses like, “love your neighbour as yourself” and “love each other as Christ loved the Church,” are important. We are encouraged to practice the spirit of Ubuntu, which exhorts: “You are who you are because of your interaction with the people and community around you”. We see this ancient wisdom slowly losing its impact as we reflect on the recent incidents of xenophobia in South Africa.

Cases of xenophobia have been reported in different parts of the country between May 2008 and February 2017. Many foreign nationals have been killed and many left homeless. The most recent xenophobic attacks took place in Gauteng. Communities alleged that some houses, owned by foreign nationals, had been turned into brothels. They alleged that drugs were found and other crimes – like human trafficking – uncovered. The assumption was made that foreigners were the cause of these crimes. Locals cited these reasons for the attacks.

It’s unfortunate that local people have turned a blind eye to the fact that just as some foreigners might be involved in criminal activity, there are also locals who facilitate crime. It is not foreigners alone who sell drugs in the townships, locals also do. Some local people turn to crime because of the unfavourable social and economic circumstances – such as the high rate of unemployment – that people find themselves in. It is our government that should take responsibility for failing its own people and allowing favourable circumstances for these kinds of problems.

South Africans should call to memory the fact that fighting apartheid was a collective effort. African countries such as Zambia, Malawi, Angola, Mozambique (and others) played a very important role when the African National Congress (ANC) and other political activists were banned in the country.

Pope Francis has condemned the growth of populist and xenophobic movements around the world saying that they pose a “grave danger for humanity”. He has also criticised leaders who rely on “fear, insecurity, quarrels, and even people’s justified indignation, in order to shift the responsibility for all these ills on to a ‘non-neighbour””.

Foreigners are our brothers and sisters. Just like us, they are someone’s mother, father, brother, or sister. We are impelled to practice hospitality, kindness, gentleness, patience, and most of all humanity, to our neighbours. Xenophobia is an evil human scourge, which continuously rears its ugly head in our country.

Christians are exhorted by Jesus to be “light to the world” and make right choices. It is not an exaggeration to say that the scriptures teach us that the way we treat strangers is, basically, an important test to salvation. Jesus said: “When I was hungry, you did not feed me... a stranger and you did not welcome me”.

Change begins with each of us. Let's restore our own individual and our country’s dignity by making it a safe and welcoming place for all.

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