



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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09 July 2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PSALM RESPONSE:

I will bless your name forever, my king and my God.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES & FEASTS

SUNDAY

07h30 Fr Kevin RIP

09h30 Blessed Virgin Mary

18h00 Pro Populo

Zec 9:9-10 / Ps 145

Rom 8:9,11-13 / Mt 11:25-30

MONDAY

Maggie and Seamees

Gen 28:10-22 / Ps 91

Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY

ST BENEDICT, ABBOT

Tilly Michaels

Gen 32:23-33 / Ps 17

Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY

Candice da Matta

Gen 41:55-57;42:5-7,17-24 / Ps 33

Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY

Daphne Miller RIP

Gen 44:18-21,23-29;45:1-5/Ps 105

Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY

Maria & George da Matta RIP

Gen 46:1-7,28-30 / Ps 37

Mt 10:16-23

Proclaimers

07h30

Nonthando Radebe

Paul Mina

** Italics indicate Mass intention*

09h30

Alban Rolando

Sr Judy Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

07h30

Roly Adams

Mark Morgan

Anne Dormehl

Estelle Earl

Paul Mina

09h30

Sabie Makgothi

Cathy Setlogelo

Hilary Masenda

Mike Fiore

Hospitals

Mike Fiore

Mary Salmon

Flowers

Holy Trinity Church

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

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Acc No: 002294192

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Acc No: 202 648 532

PARISH NOTICES

Holy Trinity Dance Crew

Dance your sweat out. A dancing initiative for our fellow Catholics to keep our minds and bodies healthy. Come join, text Tsholo on 0769763858 or Siyo on 0733190744.

Walk the Talk

The 702 *Walk the Talk* will be taking place on Sunday, 23 July 2017. This will effect both the 07h30 Mass as well as the 09h30 Mass.

Women's Day

Women's Day Brunch Celebration at Trinity. This our day! Come and be inspired by stories of women from our parish and also our fore-mothers from the bible and history of the Church. Date: 9 August. Time: after the 09:00 mass. Venue: Trinity hall. Cost R100. Dress code: any outfit that tells your story. Let's make the day truly about us!

SVP Blanket Drive

SVP is seeking support from parishioners for us to be able to do a blanket distribution for winter as soon as possible. We need to raise aprox R18,000 so if you can spare R75 for a blanket we would be very grateful for every contribution. We are also seeking new volunteers, as the nights get colder we have up to 300 people coming for soup each Monday night and our volunteer numbers are down especially during the varsity holidays. You are welcome to join us any Monday night from 5:30pm at the Church.

Alpha

Alpha Course starting on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 @ 18:00 in Trinity Hall. Join us for an Introductory Dinner and Talk: "*Is there more to life than this?*" Invite someone, come and see! Please sign up on the forms at the back or online: goo.gl/forms/Vve9LIRd2GVfFe113

RCIA

RCIA classes will begin again on Sunday, 6 August 2017.

Mandela Day

If any parishioner or company would like to do anything for Mandela Day, please would you kindly be in touch with Kelsey , prior to Mandela Day on 18 July 2017. Thank you.

The Young Adult Family

They will run a 'Life in the Spirit Formation Course' from 02 July 2017 to 30 July 2017. All parishioners who are interested in understanding and encountering the Holy Spirit should join us downstairs from 11h00-12h00 on Sunday for the formation course. For details contact Valentine on 0833729163. or email youngadultfamily@trinityjhb.co.za.

Ngome

Our parish has arranged a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine in Ngome. This will take place on 15-17 December 2017. We would like to encourage you to join this journey of prayer. The cost is R1500.00 per person. For further information please contact Oswald on 0820861334.

Sick List

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish, especially Valerie Adami, Fr Michael Austin, Meagan Petersen, Seignon Zinsou and Daniël Enslin. Please pray for all those who have died, especially Maria da Matt. May they rest in peace.

PASTOR'S CORNER

I am away at the moment, not, I hasten to assure you, on holiday, but thoroughly enjoying myself preaching a retreat, which is hard work if you have never tried it. I am in Libode, on the Port St John's Road from Mthatha, with the Ursuline Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you don't know them, neither did I until a few years ago. They run a school here, St Nicholas, from pre-school to junior secondary. This is their main house in South Africa with a few more sisters in Mthatha and in Park Rynie. Their mother-house is in Switzerland, and they have many sisters in India.

Their Congregation was founded in 1606 by Venerable Anne de Xainctonge. (If she had been French she might have spelt it Saint Ange, but being Swiss had different ideas.) Influenced by Jesuits, Mother Anne wanted to found a congregation to teach poor women and servant girls, but the Church of the day said 'No New Women's Congregations' (and certainly not running around outside the cloister). Rather than doing battle and being imprisoned for her trouble, as Blessed Mary Ward did, Anne meekly accepted the blank charter the local bishop still had to found just one more Ursuline community in a loose federation, for they had exploited a canonical loophole, too. And that was the last the Ursulines seem to have heard of her, so that when they formed the Roman Union, these sisters were left out, possibly to everyone's relief.

The result is a congregation working wonderfully educating poor girls. Ignatius would have been proud of them. I try to visit them twice a year to supplement their Ignatian formation, and to support their great work, and always get far more from them than they from me.

Graham Pugin SJ

PS: How do I creatively serve those most in need?

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Are we seeker sensitive?

By Russell Pollitt SJ

What do you think the Church should be doing in South Africa today?" It's a question I often ponder and one that I often ask others. The responses are interesting and regularly rooted in two ideologies.

First, more conservative Catholics tend to think that the Church should be much more forceful in teaching Catholic doctrine and doing apologetics. Most times they suggest we should be enforcing the Church's sexual morality teaching much more vigorously.

Second, more progressive Catholics think that the Church is not doing enough about social justice issues – poverty, unemployment and gender-based violence, as examples. Someone said to me, in answer to my question recently, "I think that the Church is a sinking ship and that you live in a parallel universe!"

Both groups generally tend to agree that the Church in South Africa, and the world, is in a rather difficult or messy place. Interestingly, however, in more heated debates, both groups tend to blame each other for the place we find ourselves in. At times, I detect a sadness or desperation or even defeatist resignation – from both groups – about the current state of affairs.

The more I think about people's reactions to the question, the more I begin to wonder: Have both groups not missed the boat?

Should the Church not first and foremost be providing people with the space to be listened to, find comfort and accompaniment? Should the Church not be helping people to live in the midst of complexity, restlessness, anxiety, pain and fear without thinking it can offer all the answers? Should we not help people to see that when one door closes, even painfully, God opens another? Should we not be helping people to see that God is not put off by our weakness and sin, that God understands our complexity, our anger, our lusts and our despair?

What we fundamentally believe about God (not say or think) determines so much. Every Sunday we make a profession of faith when we recite the Creed. The Apostle's Creed has a powerful line which is seldom understood: "he descended into hell". Even when we go through hell or put ourselves into hell (sometimes by the choices we make, or others make that impact upon us), God descends into the hell we create. God can cope with our mess, our world, our church, our wounds, our guilt and our sin. Jesus "rises" we say, "on the third day". That's the key: Jesus rises on the third day.

Ideologies don't sustain us, relationships do. Good relationships are first and foremost places where we feel heard, understood, loved, comforted and accompanied. Everything else will flow from this foundation.

Maybe I should rephrase the question to "Are we seeker sensitive?" That suggests, like Jesus, that we would reach out to listen, comfort and accompany before we enforce doctrine or think we have the solution to complex human problems or the struggles of our world. If we are seeker sensitive then we will comfort and be comforted in the knowledge that God sees the heart with the eyes of the heart. This is challenging, but isn't that what faith *really* is?

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