



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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13 August 2017

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

PSALM RESPONSE:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES & FEASTS

SUNDAY 07h30 <i>Maria da Matta RIP</i> 09h30 <i>Flora Ouensavi RIP</i> 18h00 <i>Pro Populo</i>	1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13 / Ps 85 Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33
MONDAY <i>Antonio Mauricio da Costa</i>	Deut 10:12-22 / Ps 147 Mt 17:22-27
TUESDAY <i>George da Matta RIP</i>	Deut 31:1-8 / Deut 32 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
WEDNESDAY <i>Jolie Bijoux C.B. Ade</i>	Deut 31:1-12 / Ps 66 Mt 18:15-20
THURSDAY <i>Michelle A. Ade</i>	Josh 3:7-10, 11, 13-17 / Ps 114 Mt 18:21-19:1
FRIDAY <i>Maria Jose RIP</i>	Josh 24:1-13 / Ps 136 Mt 19:3-12

* *Italics indicate Mass intention*

Proclaimers

07h30
Roly Adams
Sr Joy

09h30
Catherine Murohda
Paul Coombes

Ministers of the Eucharist

07h30
Jenny Howard
Cyril Kobus
Roly Adams
Mark Morgan
Anne Dormehl

09h30
Bertin Zinsou
Cuthbert Nyamupangedengu
Caroline Modibane
Jean-Paul Deltour

Hospitals

Laura Geretto

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

Please contact parish office

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

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Acc No: 202 648 532

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Mission

The Parish Mission will be 02 September to 10 September. Please invite everyone.

Sundays@11

On Sunday, 20 August, Dr. Fausto Ciccacci from Rome will talk about the Community of Sant'Egidio and their work throughout the world. Everybody is welcome.

Bible Study Facilitators

We are looking for new facilitators for our 'Come Home Bible Study', if anyone is interested, please contact Kelsey in the parish office.

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.

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on the 25 August -27 August. Contact us at joburg@retrouvaille.co.za OR call 0833397692 OR visit the web site at www.retrouvaillejhb.co.za

Baptism

The next Baptism class will be on 19 August at 10h00, followed by the Baptism on 27 August at the 07h30 Mass. Please collect a form prior to the class.

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 approximately 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.

Sick List

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish, especially Dimakatso Ntsotesti, Tawanda Madondo, Meagan Petersen, Seignon Zinsou and Daniël Enslin. Please pray for all those who have died, especially Alan Plastow, Paddy Brennan and Wally McAdam. May they rest in peace.

**Join the
adventure**

*Alpha starts 16 August @
18:00 Come and See!!!
Register at trinityjhb.co.za*



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PASTOR'S CORNER

With Gopolang Modise, the Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council, I have visited many of the groups and sodalities in the parish during the last week, thanking them for the work and ministry that they do, as well as letting them know about the on-going work of the PPC and looking ahead to the Parish Mission from 02 September to 10 September. We will soon be talking to the whole parish about these developments.

A thought that underpins much of my own spirituality and gives me great joy is the realisation not only that God created me in my mother's womb, as the prophets remind us over and over again, but that before that God already had hopes and dreams for me from the beginning of time, and even more that right now God continues to create me moment by moment, shaping, moulding, nudging me, coaxing me to go in God's ways. The Parish Mission is an opportunity for us as a community to celebrate God's hopes and dreams for us, and the many gifts that God continues to give us, and to consider how we may use those gifts building the City of God here in Johannesburg.

Three of the groups that Gops and I have yet to visit, which are all part of this divine building project, are the Alpha course, which begins next week, the 'Come Home Bible Study' with the street people, which always welcomes more assistance, and the Sant' Egidio Community who also minister among the poor. We will be hearing more about all of these in the weeks to come. Next week, in our next Sunday@11, you are invited to hear about the work of Sant' Egidio here, in Mozambique, where they brokered the peace accord, and world-wide.

Graham Pugin SJ

PS: What does God hope and dream for me?

PARISH GROUPS

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London Bridge is falling down...

By Martin van Nierop

Early on Wednesday morning (Women's Day) I was shown a post on a WhatsApp group that claimed the N3 was closed in Germiston. A pedestrian bridge had collapsed overnight. "Irritating scam!" I claimed. Turns out I was wrong. The bridge had actually fallen over completely.

After establishing that no one had been killed, my thoughts turned towards causes. What causes a bridge to collapse without warning? The bridge had been built in 1978, so it had stood for almost 40 years. Was it an act of God? Johannesburg is known for tremors (probably a result of extensive mining in the area), could this have been a cause?

As an environmental scientist, I also wondered if the changes in our climate may have something to do with it. One of the predicted impacts of climate change is more frequent and severe unusual weather events, such as storms, droughts, etc. However, none of these were reported at the time of the bridge collapsing. On the other hand, we have had some severe flooding in the recent past that may have weakened the structure's foundations. Acid rain (caused by sulphur dioxide emissions into the atmosphere) could also be responsible for weakening the structure of the bridge. We will have to wait for the outcome of the official investigation to know what caused the bridge to collapse.

But like the Nursery Rhyme, "London Bridge is falling down", we have to move on (build it up). The bridge rubble will have to be removed. The road re-opened. The bridge had been closed for some years, so probably will not be built up again.

But our impact on the environment is not so easy to 'clean up'. The decades of mining in the area have left scars and environmental damage. Our lifestyles today, including the high consumption of energy, are contributing to environmental degradation. Each time you get a new computer or cell phone upgrade, what happens to the old one? E-waste is an increasing environmental problem.

As Pope Francis tells us in his encyclical "Laudato Si'", the earth "now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her" (*Laudato Si'* #2).

However, we are able to change our ways, and clean up our act. Pope Francis urges us in the encyclical to take care of our common home.

An event like a pedestrian bridge collapsing on a busy freeway is troubling. These events are opportunities to ponder the effect we are having on the world around us. Hopefully, this will help us to change our attitudes and galvanise us into action. "Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it" (*Laudato Si'* #19).

The Jesuit Institute, with Gondwana Environmental Solutions, is offering a day seminar on 'Care of the Common Home' on 9 September. Book your place now at admin@gesza.co.za