



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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10 September 2017

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

PSALM RESPONSE:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES & FEASTS

SUNDAY <i>07h30 Boitelo Mofeno</i> <i>09h30 Denise Hounmenou RIP</i> <i>18h00 Pro Populo</i>	Ez 33:7-9 / Ps 95 Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20
MONDAY <i>All friends of suffering souls</i>	Col 1:24, 2:3 / Ps 62 Lk 6:12-19
TUESDAY <i>Holy Souls</i>	Col 2:6-15 / Ps 145 Lk 6:12-19
WEDNESDAY <i>ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>	Col 3:1-11 / Ps 145 Lk 6:20-26
THURSDAY <i>EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i> <i>Rueben Maseko RIP</i>	Num 21:4-9 / Ps 78 Jn 3:13-17
FRIDAY <i>Eugenia Manny RIP</i>	1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14 / Ps 16 Lk 6:39-42

** Italics indicate Mass intention*

Proclaimers

07h30
Nonthando Radebe
Paul Mina

09h30
Lorraine Zvigo
Oswald Mokoena

Ministers of the Eucharist

07h30
Colin Lesar
Kryisia Lesar
Tilly Michaels
Mary Salmon
Maeve Jacobs

09h30
Caroline Modibane
Jean-Paul Deltour
Marcie Bello
Sheilagh Andoh

Hospitals

Mike Fiore
Sadiya Petersen

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ACCOUNT

Bank: Standard Bank
Acc No: 202 648 532

PARISH NOTICES

Second Collection

Sunday, 10 September there will an Archdiocesan collection for Bible Sunday.

Children's Liturgy Training

There will be a Children's Liturgy training on 16 September from 14h00 to 15h30. All who are currently part of the Children's Liturgy are please to join and anyone wishing to be trained as facilitator is invited too.

Baptism

The next Baptism class will be on Saturday, 16 September at 10h00, followed by the Baptism on Sunday, 24 September (See 'Joburg City Run' below) at the 09h30 Mass.

Joburg City Run

The 10K CITYRUN will take place on Sunday, 24 September. We have been given a map, which will be placed at the back of the church. We have asked them to accommodate our Masses and they have given us guide lines for entering and leaving the church. Please take note: from Empire Rd, turn into Yale Rd, continue straight until Jorissen St, before turning left into Bertha St and then entering the church premises. Upon exiting the church premises, only a left turn into Jan Smuts Ave will be permitted. Vehicles that will be coming from the Smit St direction will also be able to access the church premises via Juta St. and Bertha St.

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 or email dancesetters@trinityjhb.co.za

Sponsors for RCIA candidates and catechumens

Several adult candidates and catechumens are looking for sponsors for their baptism and/or confirmations at Easter next year. If you are experienced in the faith, and would like to give guidance and support to one of them, please could you contact Victor Houliston (082 6885988 or victor.houliston@wits.ac.za).

Sick List

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish, especially Mavis Theunissen, Joao de Vascondelos, Iris Howes, Camilla Junkin, Teresa Da Silva, Paddy Madison, Ronnie Kunene, Meagan Petersen, Seignon Zinsou and Daniël Enslin. Please pray for all those who have died. May they rest in peace.

**Join the
adventure**

Why and How Do I Pray?

Take a sit and join the conversation,

This Wednesday @ 18:00,

Holy Trinity Catholic Church



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PASTOR'S CORNER

As I write on Friday morning, we are drawing towards the close of our wonderfully inspiring Parish Mission, with a Service of the Cross tonight, and our Resurrection Vigil tomorrow night. Fr Russell has excelled himself, starting with St Ignatius' *Principle and Foundation* last weekend, preaching on God's mercy at all the Sunday Masses, leading a reflection on the Prodigal Son and his Father in a moving Penitential Service on Monday, with an opportunity to renew our various commitments on Tuesday, looking at each one's ministry on Wednesday, with a very powerful Healing Service last night, as one of the highlights.

Each evening, different groups have added their contribution, introducing themselves to the parish and adding to the richness of our experience. The Christian Life Community guided us in a meditation, St Vincent de Paul let us join in the distribution of blankets (and many thanks for the generous support), Sant' Egidio led us in their characteristic Evening Prayer, before going out to feed their friends on the streets of the city, the youth choir brilliantly led our Taizé worship, and the Sacred Heart Sodality displayed their customary generosity.

It has been very pleasing to have so many people attending, and I think that each one who has drawn different fruit from the Mission. A point Fr Russell made right at the beginning, and has repeated, has been that we would get out of the Mission what we put into it, and several people have commented on the truth of that observation. It has been particularly good to notice that in addition to those who faithfully attend everything, we have seen many new faces evening after evening, and I believe that this is a sign of good new life in our community.

Graham Pugin SJ

PS: How do I live out my Baptismal commitment?

PARISH GROUPS

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Hope in a time of moral rot

By Russell Pollitt SJ

Moral rot has set into every sphere of South African society. It is hard to imagine how our politics, corporates, public service sector etc. will regain some sort of integrity when, every day, a new story of unethical behaviour hits the headlines.

Revelations of state capture, bankrupt government departments, corrupt state owned enterprises, and dishonest cheating corporates, have become our beloved country's unhealthy daily diet.

Earlier this week, the depraved business dealings of international marketing firm, Bell Pottinger, were (rightly) splashed across the media. Bell Pottinger, working for the notorious Gupta family, strategised, invented and disseminated a message that sought to stir up already fragile race relationships in South Africa. It was, simply put, evil. The struggle for economic justice for many black South Africans was ridiculed. It became a marketing ploy to do one thing: deflect attention away from the Gupta's closest corrupt friend, Jacob Zuma. Let's be clear: justice for black South Africans was never the aim of this sordid campaign. Bell Pottinger was stripped of its PRCA (Public Relations and Communications Association) accreditation in the UK and, it is being reported, is fast losing its biggest clients.

As if the Bell Pottinger story wasn't enough, we were treated to the exposé of the criminal behaviour of Anoj Singh. Evidence suggests that he was part of a conspiracy to defraud South Africans of billions when his dirty fingers fiddled in Transnet and, later Eskom. He was, apparently, paid offshore by the Guptas for his efforts in this regard.

In an interview a few weeks ago, I was asked how, amid the moral rot that surrounds us, we can be hopeful. It is easy to feel discouraged and, frankly, hopeless. I was not entirely sure how to answer the question. Then I came across a post on Facebook that gave me an answer.

A youngster was preparing to celebrate her 13th birthday. The invitation caught my attention because it was not an invitation to a party, as one would have expected.

The invitation read "Instead of inviting you to a party for my 13th birthday I am inviting you to donate the money that you would have spent on a gift for me to *The Reach for a Dream Foundation*. Please make the donation online. Thank you for helping me to make another child able to celebrate life."

I came to learn that it was customary to have "disco dances" in the community this youngster came from. By choice she had decided to break with convention and, instead of focussing on herself, focus on others. It's extraordinary that, in a society saturated with greed and materialism, where the moral rot runs so deep, a 13-year old thinks like this and does not buckle under the peer-pressure to follow convention.

That teen gives us reason to feel encouraged and hopeful. The moral decay might run deep but it has not entirely infected the future – if this teen's initiative is our gauge of what's to come.

There is still hope.

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