



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

PSALM RESPONSE:

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES & FEASTS

SUNDAY 07h30 Lionel Lesar 09h30 Hazel Hulley 18h00 Pro Populo	Ez 18:25-28 / Ps 25 Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 21:28-32
MONDAY <i>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</i> Holy Souls	Ez 23:20-23 / Ps 91 Mt 18:1-5,10
TUESDAY Angels	Zec 8:20-23 / Ps 87 Lk 9:57-62
WEDNESDAY <i>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI</i> Olive Lesar	Neh 2:1-8 / Ps 137 Lk 9:51-62
THURSDAY Personal Intention	Neh 8:1-12 / Ps 19 Lk 10:1-12
FRIDAY Valda Green	Bar 1:15-21 / Ps 79 Lk 10:13-16

* Italics indicate Mass intention

Proclaimers

07h30
Phelistus Tarwireyi
Susan Morgan

09h30
Catherine Murohda
Paul Coombes

Ministers of the Eucharist

07h30
Colin Lesar
Kryisia Lesar
Jenny Howard
Cyril Kobus
Maeve Jacobs

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

Hospitals

Landi Dreyer
Chonde Chipulu

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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PARISH BANKING DETAILS

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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

Fundraising after Mass

There will be bacon rolls for sale after Mass. Please support.

Liturgical Calendars

Gabriel will be selling the 2018 Liturgical Calendar outside the church for R25.

Pontifical Mission Society

There will be an Archdiocesan collection each Sunday, from 01 October to 22 October towards Pontifical Mission Society. Thank you

World Homeless Day 2017

On Tuesday, 10 October 2017 from 10h00—14h00 JOSH will be celebrating World Homeless Day 2017 at Randburg Methodist Church (Cnr Bram Fisher Driver and Grove Road, Ferndale, Randburg. All are invited. Please RSVP for catering purposes—info.joburghomeless@gmail.com.

De La Salle Holy Cross College

Applications for 2018 now open – Limited spaces for Grade 1 to 12 available. High School – Call 011 888 1692/4 or Email admissions@dlshcch.co.za. Junior School – Call 011 782 5217 or Email admissions@dlshccj.co.za.

Visit delasalleholycrosscollege.co.za and click on “Admissions” for more information.

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. This trip is a fundraising initiative for the 125th Anniversary. Please don't forget to reference this as Ngome-Your Name. Thank you.

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 Vasconcelos, Iris Howes, 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.

*How Does God Guide us?
Take a sit and join the conversation,
This Wednesday @ 18:00,
Holy Trinity Catholic Church*

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PASTOR'S CORNER

We looked last week at our stewardship of God's Creation. Every second year, we look at our stewardship of what God has given us, our time, our treasure, and our talent. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your generous support of our parish in each of these ways. Some have more resources in one, some in another, but all together we do our best to build the great City of God as we are called.

I will never tire of saying how proud I am of the work that this parish does in providing for those more needy than ourselves: feeding not only the homeless, but also hungry students and needy families, offering blankets, clothing, shoes and soap, to those at the end of their resources or dealing with unforeseeable crises, or even foreseeable but utterly beyond people's abilities. We are hoping to be able to offer ablution facilities as an Anniversary Project. Thank you.

This year we have had very large demands from the Archdiocese, even beyond what we had budgeted, and there will be more. Despite holding our other, controllable expenses below last year's levels (and many thanks to all those responsible), we nevertheless need to appeal to you to dig deeply to help us to plan our regular expenses. If you can commit to a fixed amount on a regular basis, it really does help our planning; if your circumstances change, then we deal with those changes.

I know how generous each one is. Many who simply cannot afford another cent in cash give generously of their time and talents. It is all appreciated.

Graham Pugin SJ

PS: What can I give of my time or my talent or my treasure?

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Taxi Violence: The Collateral Damage?

By Frances Correia

Incidences of “taxi violence” frequently make the headlines. Recently routes and taxi ranks in Soweto were closed due to disagreements over the control of these routes.

The issue really hit home for me last week when I witnessed a very disturbing incident. A woman standing on a suburban road waiting for a taxi, was spotted by a friend in his car. He offered her a lift. As she was getting into the car three taxi drivers pulled her out, began to stone the car, and hit her. One then demanded she get into his taxi.

After assisting her, I listened to some commuters telling their side of the story. There are commuters who have no choice but to use taxis. Many are afraid of the drivers. One woman spoke of going to a new job and having her cell phone open looking at a map in the taxi, because she felt too afraid to ask the driver where she should get off.

Women in particular are vulnerable when they travel. They are vulnerable to assault, to verbal and sexual abuse. With the escalation of violence between different service providers, there seems to be a devaluing of their customers. A [Daily Maverick](#) article quoted a commuter who said the taxi drivers “treat us like dirt”. A group of women commuters were threatened by a driver who said he would ‘klap’ them if didn’t get in line.

What is going on here? Stories of intimidation and the abuse of commuters by drivers reveal a different issue to the one of violence between operators.

If we look at the broad question of service providers, we see that the taxi associations are asking for state intervention so that routes are clearly demarcated. The violence in the industry is often related to the battle for monopoly power. To ask the state for aid means that the state too can collude in the setting up of monopolies.

The consequence for commuters, often poor people, is that they will have no choice about how to travel. The woman who was attacked for accepting a lift from a friend, highlights the taxi drivers’ sense of entitlement to all the commuters on a particular route. There is no freedom in this scenario.

In a democratic system one of the greatest challenges to personal freedom is the entrenchment of monopoly power by the state, especially when industries have pushed them to do this. It then becomes illegal for other entrepreneurs to operate. The net result is that consumers, in this case commuters, are denied the right to choose. The organisations feel entitled to the services they offer, often resulting in poor customer care.

This is what we are seeing in the taxi industry. The entrenchment of control by taxi associations and the fear of violence should other operators attempt to work in those areas, have all led to less freedom for commuters. Because there is no choice, commuters cannot walk away when they are treated badly or abused by drivers.

Monopoly control of any industry creates an environment where the basic dignity of the person can easily be undermined.

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