



Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Year C

Psalm Response:

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek!

This week's liturgies

Sunday 07h30 <i>Pro Populo</i> 09h30 <i>Pro Populo</i> 16h00 <i>Pro Populo</i>	Gen 14, 18–20 Ps 110, 1–4 1 Cor 11, 23–36 Lk 9, 11–17
Monday <i>Pro Populo</i>	2 Kings 17, 5–8. 13-15.18 Ps 60 Mt 7, 6.12–14
Tuesday <i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>(St. Aloysius Gonzaga R)</i> 2 Kings 19, 9–11. 14–21. 31–36 Ps 48 Mt 7, 6.12–14
Wednesday <i>RIP: Francois Sewa Dodo & Gabriel Nguouessy Guibinga Snr</i>	<i>(St. Paulinus of Nola B) & (Sts. John Fisher B & Thomas More Ms)</i> 2 Kings 22, 8–13; 23, 1–3 Ps 119 Mt 7, 15–20
Thursday <i>Wellbeing of: Yetsi Gabriel Yitu Aphane–Nguouessy & Gabriel Landry Nguouessy –Guibinga</i>	<i>(Nativity of St. John the Baptist)</i> Is 49, 1–6 Ps 139 Acts 13, 22–26 Lk 1, 57–66.80
Friday <i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>(Sacred Heart of Jesus)</i> Ezek 34, 11–16 Ps 23 Rom 5, 5–11 Lk 15, 3–7

** Italics indicate Mass intention*

Proclaimers

07h30
Michelle Rangan
Tilly Michaels

09h30
Sheilagh Andoh
Catering Murohda

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 13h15
Sunday: 07h30 | 09h30 (*Sung*)
16h00

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 and Baptisms

by appointment, contact parish office

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Parish Notices

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE:

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP is grateful to all of you who generously donated R 2 060.00 in the month of May. The next second collection will be taken on **Sunday 26 June** –Envelopes will be available in the pews.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP is also organizing a blanket drive for the homeless peoples during this winter. We invite each parishioner to donate **R 90** for a blanket. Please EFT your donation to Society of St Vincent de Paul Standard Bank Acc 20 264 853 2 – Code 004805 with ref “Blankets”

ARCHDIOCESAN MEETING OF FAMILIES '22

The Archdiocese will host its first annual family conference, the *ARCHDIOCESAN MEETING OF FAMILIES 2022* on the **25th June**. Registration is now open at a cost of R50 per person, kids below 3 will enter for free. Please register at www.mflojozi.org.

PARISH MONTHLY TALKS

The parish together with the Prayer Ministry will be hosting monthly talks as part of our on-going formation. The slot for these talks have been moved to Fourth Sunday of each month at 11h00. The next talk will be on the **26 June** at **11h00**. The topic for June talk is: *Work, Youth and Spirituality*. All are welcome to attend.

JESUIT YOUTH ENCOUNTER

The Jesuit Youth Office in South Africa will be hosting a Youth Encounter at St. Martin de Porres, Orlando West from **07th to 10th July 2022**, the total per person is **R350** excluding transport. The conference will focus on *Spirituality, Companionship, Service and Hope*. All young people in the Parish are invited. If anyone wishes to sponsor a young person to attend the conference, please pay your contribution into the Parish bank account using the reference "*Youth Conference*". For more details, please speak to Fr Alex". The youth can start registering, please follow this link to register <https://forms.gle/ge6qJKI5wSpTHZAo8>

PASTORS CORNER

On Thursday, a very cold Thursday, we celebrated Youth Day. I am not sure what there was to celebrate, with sky high youth unemployment rates, the perennial problem of gender based violence and an epidemic of hopelessness amongst the youth. As I have mentioned in a previous Pastor's Corner, our youth are losing their faith in the democratic dispensation won for them by the blood and suffering of many. Voting statistics indicate that many have already "checked out".

The only way to reignite their faith in democracy is for us to make use of our democratic rights and make the lives of our citizens better. The only way to convince people that democracy is better than the rule of the "Strong Man" is to ensure that the leadership of our cities, provinces and countries are competent and responsive to the needs of our citizens. The Auditor-General's report on municipal finances reveals what we have already sensed: chaos, corruption and a worsening spiral of service delivery failure. Democracy is failing not only the youth of our country, but also the poorest and most vulnerable of our citizens.

Apart from fixing what it is that we, the adults in the room, have broken, the other important thing we can do is simply to journey with our young people, and to listen to them as they articulate their experiences of suffering and alienation in our country. One such listening opportunity will happen Sunday, 26 June, at 11am as we explore Youth, Work and Spirituality.

Fr Bruce Botha, SJ



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Our dysfunctional state: Why are we silent?

By Russell Pollitt SJ

The news has been dominated by #FarmGate – the theft of millions of dollars from President Cyril Ramaphosa’s private farm in Phala Phala. Ramaphosa has obfuscated the issue by his unhelpful communication about what happened and if he broke the law. His political enemies have capitalized on this and are using the issue as a weapon in the ANC’s internal factional battles as well as in the broader political sphere.

#FarmGate is yet another stain on the already badly soiled ANC. We still don’t know whether Ramaphosa broke the law. He is tainted by Marikana and this simply compounds it.

But there is something else that we need to consider. Ramaphosa has repeatedly promised the country that corruption will be weeded out. Despite this, he has kept many compromised figures from the Zuma era in key positions. The State Capture report has implicated many we already knew were tainted. Ramaphosa has failed to deal with corruption. Some say this is because he does not have a strong position in the ANC. The bottom line is that Ramaphosa is part and parcel – and was before he was president, remember – of a party that has presided over the decay of South Africa.

During Zuma’s reign widespread corruption was the norm. Zuma undermined the Constitution and the law (which he continues to do). Corruption has continued in Ramaphosa’s reign. The crisis of government has deepened. The state cannot even offer basic services in health, security, and transport. Ramaphosa stepped into a mess but has done little to change things.

At a workshop recently, a young man from a so-called informal settlement told me that he had finished school last year and cannot find work. His family do not have money for further education. As he spoke, I felt helpless, angry and a deep sense of hopelessness.

He, and millions of others in the country, are doomed to a life of struggle because of the incompetent and dysfunctional ANC government. The promise of a “better life for all” is dead.

“Father,” he said, “Me and my friends have given up. We won’t vote. We feel depressed. Politicians are a joke.” Young people like him, Prof Raymond Suttner wrote this week, remain “oppressed today by state violence and failure to meet their constitutional right to have their basic needs met.”

Although NGOs and the faith community often try to fill the gap left by the dysfunctional state, each day more people need help and it’s impossible to keep up.

We need to imagine a country loosened from the tyranny of ANC dysfunctionality. We need to rethink our political landscape because what we have now is desolate and has no future. It is heartening to see that people like Songezo Zibi are doing this in his Manifesto. He warns that we are naïve to think that the ANC can fix the country they broke. We all have to act.

Another observation was made at the workshop. A young woman from a local township stood up and asked: “What is our Church saying about our struggles?” She raised a fair point. During apartheid the Church was loud and clear. We have, in the face of a declining country and social mess, for the most part, remained silent. Why, I wonder?

Has the Church too become hopeless in the face of state dysfunction? Or have we lost the courage of the prophets of old and settled for the status quo? Maybe we suffer from a blinding loyalty? Someone needs to call a spade a spade. Urgently.
