



# Holy Trinity Catholic Church

*Served by the Jesuits in Southern Africa*

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26 June 2022

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

*Psalm Response:*

***It is you, O Lord, who are my portion!***

### *This week's liturgies*

<b>Sunday</b> 07h30 <i>Pro Populo</i> 09h30 <i>Pro Populo</i> 16h00 <i>Pro Populo</i>	1 Kings 19, 16.19–20 Ps 16, 1-2.5.7-11 Gal 5, 1.13–18 Lk 9, 51–62
<b>Monday</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>(St. Cyril of Alexandria BD)</i> Amos 3, 1–8, 4, 11-12 Ps 50 Mt 8, 23–27
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>(St. Irenaeus BM)</i> Amos 3, 1–8; 4, 11–12 Ps 5 Mt 8, 23–27
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>(Sts Peter &amp; Paul As)</i> Acts 12, 1–11 Ps 34, 2–9 2 Tim 4, 6–8.17–18 Mt 16, 13–19
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>	<i>(The first Martyrs of the Church of Rome)</i> Amos 8, 4-6, 10–11 Ps 19 Mt 9, 1–8
<b>Friday</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>	Amos 8, 4–6.9–12 Ps 119 Mt 9, 9–13

\* *Italics indicate Mass intention*

### Proclaimers

07h30  
Sr. Judy Coyle  
Sadiya Couper

09h30  
Paul Coombes  
Lerothodi Mohale

### 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

### Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Bruce Botha SJ  
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### Banking Details

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**  
Standard Bank, Braamfontein (004805)  
Account: 002294192

**St. Vincent de Paul, Braamfontein**  
Standard Bank, Braamfontein (004805)  
Account: 202 648 532

# 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”

## 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.

## COME HOME BIBLE STUDY

Come Home Bible Study needs facilitators. Interested people can contact (Ike) at 074 781 4588

## RCIA—ADULT BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

Classes for adult baptism and confirmation have begun. If you wish to join, please contact Victor Houliston at 082 688 5988 or [victor.houliston@wits.ac.za](mailto:victor.houliston@wits.ac.za) for more details and to sign up.

## 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". Closing date for registration is **Sunday 26th June** and for payment—**30th June**. The youth can start registering, please follow this link to register <https://forms.gle/ge6qjKI5wSpTHZAo8>.

# PASTORS CORNER

## HOW TO LOVE IN A TIME OF ALMOST POST-COVID

I am sure that most people breathed a sigh of relief on Wednesday when we heard that all the regulations regarding the pandemic have been lifted and life is back to what it was before that fateful day in March 2020. If only that were true.

These two years of pandemic have scarred us. Our economy is significantly worse off than it was, unemployment is the worst it has ever been, over 100 000 South Africans have died. No one reading this pastors corner has been untouched by the pandemic. We are told that we can be free, but it doesn't feel normal to walk around without a mask, or to not sanitise our hands as we enter buildings. Covid and it's scars will be with us for some time yet.

How then do we show love to one another in this context? How do we as a community express our care for each other? We will continue to sanitise hands at the entrances of the church. While masks are no longer obligatory, we encourage people to wear them if either their immune systems are compromised or if they themselves are feeling sick. Celebrants at mass will use masks when distributing communion. There will be no sign of peace, and holy communion will be given under one kind only.

For now, this seems to be the wisest approach to living in our almost post-covid times.

Keep safe and stay blessed

Fr Bruce Botha, SJ



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## **O Prophet, O Church, awake from your slumber...**

**Where art thou?**

**By Gregory Smuts**

Last week Fr Russell Pollitt SJ wrote an article: "Our dysfunctional state: why are we silent?" It really resonated with me.

Two things happened to me in the 80's: 1) I became involved in and an active member of the Church; 2) I became involved in the struggle against apartheid and, as traumatic as those times were, my faith and the Church were my comfort and strength.

Our role models were Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Rev Frank Chikane and Dr Allan Boesak. In my own context, as a Catholic, there was the SACBC, Archbishop Stephen Naidoo, Archbishop Dennis Hurley and Fr Peter-John Pearson. As different as we were in our beliefs and worldviews, it was the common enemy of apartheid that united us against the injustice and evil that dehumanised our people.

The Church was not a passive onlooker, but an active participant in the fight against the evil of apartheid. I remember various occasions when the Sunday homily was set aside because there was a letter from the bishops.

After 1994 it has become noticeable how the voice of the Church has grown fainter and fainter. The Church seems to have become comfortable with the ANC in power and the status quo. Other evils have raised their head: corruption, gender-based violence, poverty, gangsterism and crime. The dehumanisation of our people continues: *O Prophet, O Church, Where art thou?*

In my own community churches come together and arrange marches against gangsterism. They help foster peace initiatives with gangs, albeit of short duration. However, the local Catholic Church is absent from these initiatives. Why? What of ecumenism? Is it merely lip service? Sometimes common ground can be found, first of all, through what we are all struggling against in our communities before we look at sensitive doctrinal issues that divide us.

We often hear that the Church must not get involved in politics. I agree, not in party politics. However, with and through the Holy Spirit, the Church should be prophetic, speaking and acting on behalf of God's people against the evils of corruption, poverty, gender-based violence, gangsterism and all the other injustices we now suffer. If we don't hear about these issues in our homilies or by communication from our bishops, then, for many people, it seems like the Church doesn't really care about their daily struggles.

The one thing we seem to forget is that the person who struggles and suffers from these injustices is the very person who sits in our pews on a Sunday. They come on a Sunday for hope, strength and comfort. They want to be assured in the knowledge that they are not alone, that our Church is with them.

The majority party, our government, is racked with corruption and no one seems immune, not even the President. Not one opposition party is of enough quality to be an alternative possibility for good in the country.

It is into this vacuum that the Church should, again, through the Holy Spirit, speak and act and hold those accountable for the rot in the country. The Church should also raise up those who truly hold the good of the country at heart; remind us again that our God is a God of justice, love and peace. These values are, surely, worth fighting for... again.

O prophet, O Church, awake from your slumber... Where art thou?

*\*Greg Smuts is a parishioner at Holy Trinity in Matroosfontein, Cape Town.*

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