



Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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27 OCTOBER 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Psalm Response:

What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad

This week's liturgies

Sunday 07h30 Pro Populo 09h30 RIP: Maurice Zinsou 16h00 Pro Populo	Jer 31, 7—9 Ps 126 Heb 5, 1—6 Mk 10, 46—52
Monday 13h15: RIP: Wladyslaw Goncerz	(Ss SIMON & JUDE A) Eph 2, 19—22 Ps 19 Lk 6, 12—19
Tuesday 13h15: <i>Special Intention & Healing for the Santana Family</i>	Eph 5, 21—33 Ps 128 Lk 13, 18—21
Wednesday 13h15 <i>Pro Populo</i>	Eph 6, 1—9 Ps 145 Lk 13, 22—30
Thursday 13h15 <i>Special Intention & Healing for the Santana Family</i>	Eph 6, 10—20 Ps 144 Lk 13, 31—35
Friday 13h15 <i>For the names of the faithful departed on the pious lists.</i>	Phil 1, 1—11 Ps 111 Lk 14, 1—6
Saturday 17h30 <i>For the names of the faithful departed on the pious lists.</i>	(ALL SOULS) Job 19, 23—27 Ps 23 Rom 5, 5—11 Mt 5, 1—12

PROCLAIMERS

** Italics indicate Mass intention*

07h30

Dawn Linder
Anne Baker

09h30

Sthandiwe Msomi
Lerothodi Mohale

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

07h30

Roly Adams
Laura Geretto
Fiona Pretorius
Ronald Thompson

09h30

Marcia Bello
Lorraine Zvigo
Bertin Zinsou
Oswald Mokoena

Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 09h00—13h00

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 ~ 27 OCTOBER 2024

ALL SOULS DAY—2024

We will commemorate All Souls Mass next Saturday, 2 November, at 17h30. If you have lost a loved one or friend, come and remember and pray for them at this Mass. All are invited to this special Mass.

NOVEMBER PIOUS LISTS

During November, Masses will be offered for our deceased family and friends. Pious lists are available on the tables at the entrances to the church. Please fill in the forms and place them in the envelope, together with your donation and return it.

ALL SAINTS DAY—2024

The Fundraising Committee will sell boerewors rolls, drinks, ice cream, and popcorn on 3 November after the 09h30 Mass. We will also have the First Communion at the 09h30 Mass.

ROAD CLOSURE: 17 NOVEMBER 2024

Please note that the Ride Joburg Cycle Race is on Sunday, 17 November 2024, which will affect access to the Church. THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES THIS DAY. Masses will be at 17h30 on Saturday 16 November for Sunday and at 18h00 on Sunday 17 November.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE HOMELESS

Christmas lunch for the homeless will be on Saturday, 7 December 2024. We are looking for monetary donations and food contributions. For EFT donations, please use "homeless lunch" as a reference. We are inviting volunteers to assist with various tasks. Please write your details on the list on the table at the back of the church.

BAPTISM

For all parishioners wishing to baptise their babies, please fill in this [FORM](#). The parish will then contact you to set an appointment with Fr. Russell. The last baptism class for the year is on 23 November, and baptism is on 30 November.

PLEASE HELP: NO CASH IN CAR PARK

Please do not give cash to anyone begging in the Church parking area or at the gate. Giving cash to people creates challenges for the parish and for people attending mass.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Copies of the October edition available now. It costs R40.00. If you would like to place an order for a monthly subscription, please email or call the parish and we will add you to the list.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO NGOME

The Parish annual Pilgrimage to Ngome Marian shrine will be on 13 to 15 December 2024, for further details please contact the organisers; Prudence Xaba 0824486067 or Oswald Mokoena 0820861334.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

We pray with Pope Francis that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people

PASTOR'S CORNER

NOVEMBER: WE REMEMBER OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

On the 1 November, the Catholic Church observes All Soul's Day. This day is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. This day is dedicated to honouring and remembering the souls of all deceased individuals – especially those we have shared life with and loved.

All Souls' Day observance originated in the early medieval period, with the official designation coming from the 11th century. On this day, Catholics pray for all those who have passed away.

Many parishes hold special Masses on All Souls' Day, during which the names of deceased loved ones are placed on the altar, and the Mass is offered for them. It is customary for families to visit cemeteries to pray for their departed and to decorate graves with flowers and candles. In some places, Masses are celebrated in cemeteries.

All Souls' Day follows All Saints' Day (1 November). We honour all the holy men and women, known and unknown, who are now with the Lord. (In South Africa the Bishop's Conference have moved the celebration of all Saints to the nearest Sunday, so that is why it is celebrated in this order and not as is the tradition) Together, these two days form a time of remembrance and reflection on life, death, and the communion of saints.

This tradition emphasizes the importance of community and shared faith in supporting those who have passed away and the belief in the interconnectedness of the living and the deceased within the body of Christ. For Christians life does not end. We live in a new way, after earthly death, in the presence of the Lord and all those holy men and women who are with God.

You may have lost a loved one, a friend, or a colleague in the last year. Maybe you lost someone a little while back and feel you have not had the time to reflect on their life and pray for them.

You are all invited to join us for Holy Mass **on Saturday, 2 November, at 17h30** at Holy Trinity. We will celebrate the traditional All Soul's solemn liturgy. This will include chants from the Gregorian Missa Pro Defunctis and the Pie Jesu from Faure's Requiem. This is not the Sunday Mass (All Saint's Day).

We will also have a special prayer in the Garden of Remembrance, remembering all those whose names are inscribed there.

For the whole month of November, we will remember our dead at all Masses. Their names, inscribed in the pious list, will be placed on the altar at each Mass.

I encourage you to come to Holy Mass for All Souls on Saturday. This is one way we not only remember those who have gone before us but also commend our own lives to the Lord. One day, we, too, will be with him. It is good for us to stop, reflect, and maybe ask ourselves if we are living lives that reflect God's glory now.

Fr. Russell Pollitt SJ



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A rugby fan's sadness about the Kolisi divorce

by Simon Taylor

As a rugby fan and supporter of our Springboks and Sharks rugby team led by their inspirational captain, Siya Kolisi, I was inspired and overjoyed to see Siya Kolisi back with the Sharks having returned from playing in France. Siya scored an excellent try, and the Sharks won a close encounter with the Glasgow Warriors last Saturday at Kings Park. The mood of the crowd was passionate, joyful and happy.

However, I woke up yesterday to hear the sad news that Siya and Rachel Kolisi are separating and divorcing. As a prominent couple, they have been a beacon of hope and success in a high-profile relationship, inspiring many with their love story and life. Their breakup brings home the reality of the high [divorce rate](#) of about 42% for first marriages in South Africa.

Their breakup will spark conversations about relationships, loyalty, and the realities of marriage with a changing attitude towards marriage, with more individuals feeling empowered to leave unhappy relationships.

In watching the Sharks game, one can apply the approach I noticed intensely: that the players turning the game around when losing require team cohesion, confidence in the abilities of fellow players, and absolute commitment to each objective. Mistakes are made when the stakes are high, but the team rallies together and provides support rather than criticism. Successes are hard-won and celebrated exuberantly.

It is pretty remarkable that this level of cohesion is achieved when the team is so diverse, with different backgrounds, races, shapes, sizes, and skills. There is apparent mutual respect among the players and recognition of their contributions toward a common goal. This is an incredible achievement and can be applied in our relationships when the going gets tough.

This raises the question of support systems for individuals going through similar experiences, whether through counselling, community, or family. The Catholic Church has the [Retrouvaille Program](#) for married couples facing challenges in their relationship. This programme helps couples of all faiths or no faith backgrounds restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. The Retrouvaille Program needs to be actively promoted in all parishes and expanded to all sectors of society, given the high divorce rate in South Africa.

With all its complexities, marriage remains a central pillar of society, providing a framework for family life, social stability and individual fulfilment. The impact of divorce is notably significant and can have profound implications on family structure and welfare.

The landscape of family dynamics in South Africa is evolving, and there is a necessity for policies and programmes to support individuals and families in addressing the multifaceted challenges associated with marriage and family life.
