



A Message from the Oratory

Dear Parishioners

In keeping with the South African Bishop’s Conference (SACBC) invitation that we reflect on God’s gift of creation in September, last week we focused on the theme of earth. Parishioners have done a bit of gardening and kept themselves busy. Remember to pray to God our Father in thanksgiving that he has given us earth to cultivate and on which to build our homes. This week we focus on the theme of water, mindful that we are in a tremendous drought. In what ways are you saving water at home? Thank God for this precious gift of water.

Later in this month we hope to make a small contribution to the Diocesan Sick Priest Fund which has been under a lot of pressure since Covid struck our city. If within your means, please make a small donation to this cause via the parish account using the reference **PRIEST+YOUR NAME** (optional). Don’t forget Planned Giving though - this is how we pay for costs related to the work of the parish. If you are not already on Planned Giving please join by making a monthly contribution using the bank details below and the reference **PG+SURNAME**. Thanks be to God for those who already support the work of this parish in this ways.

Connected to the theme of spring and creation is an opportunity for each of us to plant trees or some other work of gardening. On Saturday 25 September (TBC) we will travel to Bethelsdorp where we will meet with Deacon Roald Dace who is spear-heading an initiative in the name of Christ to plant trees for future generations to enjoy there. To join us, please contact the parish office to book your place. Further details to follow.

Finally, you are invited to join us at Secular Oratory for prayers and reflections on the spiritual life. Every Tuesday, from 19:00 until 20:00, we meet in the Church for prayer and a reflection by one of the Oratorian fathers. Remember to enter the church via Fordyce road.

Yours in Christ

The Fathers of the Oratory

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 14 September

On this feast we recall that “we glory in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ”, for on the Cross Our Saviour Jesus Christ triumphed over sin and reconciled us to the Father (cf. 2 Cor. 5:18). As the universal symbol of the Christian faith, the cross represents Christ’s victory over death. Also called the ‘Universal Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross’, the feast was adopted by the Catholic Church in the 7th century.

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

On this feast we call to mind the sufferings of Mary, the prediction of Simeon that ‘a sword will pierce your own soul too’ (Lk 2:35), and the presence of the sorrowful Mother at the foot of the cross.

Special Collection: Eastern Province Sick Priests Fund

The Eastern Province Sick Priests Fund supports the medical needs of the priests in our diocese. Every year, the Catholic Diocese of Port Elizabeth appeals to all parishioners for financial support through a special collection in August and September. Therefore, if it is at all within your means, please consider making a donation this month. The second collection takes place on the weekend of 25-26 September. Cash donations can be made at the door after Mass (in a clearly marked envelope please) or via EFT throughout the month.



Liturgical Week

Sat. Vigil	
Sunday	24th Sunday of the Year
Monday	St John Chrysostom
Tuesday	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian
Friday	Feria / St Robert Bellarmine
Saturday	Feria / Mass of our Lady
Sunday	25th Sunday of the Year

Extraordinary Form:

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Mass Intentions

Sat. Vigil	18:00 Eileen Harvey RIP (Her family)
Sunday	7:00 Fr Clifford RIP (Anniv.) (Loretta Free); 8:30 Ints of Carla Burger; 10:00 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 18:00 Pro Populo
Monday	6:30 Donor’s Ints; 8:30 In thanksgiving (Sheila Sullivan)
Tuesday	6:30 Donor’s Ints; 8:30 Colin Anderson RIP (His family)
Wednesday	6:30 Donor’s Ints; 8:30 David & Antonella Oliver RIP (Their family); 18:00 Ints of the Confirmation candidates
Thursday	6:30 Donor’s Ints; 8:30 Special Int.
Friday	6:30 Donor’s Ints; 8:30 Sr Ethel Normoyle RIP
Saturday	8:30 For Theresa Carrels on her birthday; 18:00 Alan Clarke RIP (His family)
Sunday	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 For the Flammae Cordis Mothers (Eva Warzecha); 10:00 Ints of David Midgley (Jonél Roos); 18:00 For those on our Pious List

Parish Announcements

Elim Ownhouse, son of Paul & Shana, was baptised on Saturday, 4 September 2021.

Cristin Beattie received her First Holy Communion on Saturday 4 September 2021.

We are pleased to announce the following Confirmation candidates from St Bernadette's Parish, St Dominic's Priory and Corpus Christi Parish:

Casey Banks; Jude Boswell; Tyler Burnand; Jessica Clarke; Anna de Freitas; Tai Foong; Ambesa Hlumelo Gatsi; Brendan Govender; James Huntly; Lynette Johnson; Joshua Lamarque; Sange Madikane; Kaiden Miller; Makhi Nogaga; Alyssa Ownhouse; Mbalenhle Lucy Ozoh; Alyssa Quantoi; Caleb Reddy; Isabella Roche; Rebecca Roche; Jonathan Schreiber; Matthew Schreiber; Matthew Skelton; Tireeq Solomon; Matthew Todkill; Gabrielle van Kerkhoff; Hannah White; Leigh Williams

Parish Notices

Secular Oratory Join the Fathers of the Oratory for an evening of prayer and meditation on the Word of God in the spirit of St Philip Neri. In lockdown level 3 we meet from 7-8pm in the church each Tuesday, starting with the Rosary. Do join us! Enquiries to the parish office.

Church & Repository Reopen: The Repository is open after the Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am, 8.30am and Sunday 6pm Masses. The Church is open from 08:00 - 10:00 on weekday mornings.

COVID Safety Protocols: According to Alert Level 3 restrictions, please sit one person per place in the Church. For the safety and consideration of others, please wear a face mask at all times in the church and on the parish property.

Live-Streaming: We continue to live-stream Mass daily via our YouTube channel (at 8.30am) and on Sundays at 08:30 and 10:00.

Divine Mercy Prayer Devotion: The Divine Mercy prayer group meets in the church on Saturdays from 15:00 to 16:00. All are invited to join. For details, please contact Nicky Gouws on 083 565 2876.

Catechesis Update

CGS: Sunday classes have resumed in the parish centre.

FC and FHC: We meet in the hall this Friday, 10 September.

EDGE: We meet in the hall this Friday, 10 September for a new series, 'A Great Marvel - Questions about Virtue'.

LIFETEEN: Meet in the parish centre on Sunday 12 September for 'Cultural Anomaly - A Call to Holiness'. For queries, WhatsApp 071 174 4012.

Prayer List for September

Silvia Warwick; Liz Glass; Michael Hechter; Nicholas Camp; Othandwayo Tyokwana; James Chapman; Kirsty Henderson; Brydie Dolan; Desiree Cornell; Shane Merifield; Harry O'Brien; Sean Bateman; Tony Hall; Drew von Bratt; Val Duigan; Patrick Talbot; William Chapman; Robert Dale; Elizabeth West; Don Robertson; Jacqueline Moore, Denise Cornish; Stella Rensburg; Sandra Ferreira; Maureen Hackney; Thomas Radley; Mary-Ann Silva; Clinton Ashworth; Wilma Vancoillie; Elaine Herholdt; Angie Betz; Kurt Kruger; Joan Adams; Wesley Neethling; Alex Harvey; Sharon Geldenhuys; David Naude; Ivan Venter; David Sheehan; John Coxon; Jimmy Watts; Ellie Watts; Sue Warren; Michael Oelschig jnr; Glynn Brown; Thalita Robinson; Enzo Barchietto; Cliff Brooke; Mary Küster; Sarah Howe; Adele Driscoll; Linda Geere; Sandra Wait; Bill Clarke; Wahieda Theunissen; Hilton Gervais; Maurice de Jong; Ian Swannell; Rosemarie Swannell; Norma Chamen; Joan Henegan.

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Parish Office: Open weekday mornings from 09:00 - 10:00. Kindly call / WhatsApp Ann on 073 247 1316 (09:00 - 12:00) to arrange appointments, drop-offs or collections outside of these hours.

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The Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference declared this year that the Season of Creation be celebrated annually in September, to highlight our responsibility as custodians of our environment for future generations.

Week 2: Water

With the drought in our region we are all keenly aware of how important water is to daily life, yet despite the recent rains, our dam levels remain dangerously low. Awareness is vital to conserving our precious water supply, so this week we're asking: do you know how much water your household uses? Do you know how much your washing machine or dishwasher consumes? Being water savvy is crucial to staying within the recommended 50 litre a person per day limit.

What can you do this week?

Keep track of your water consumption by reading your meter daily. If you have children, show them how to read it and make a water chart to track your usage for a week.



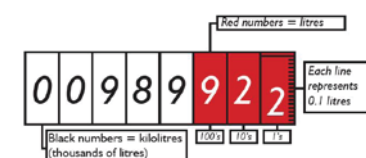
AVERAGE WATER CONSUMPTION

75L
A washing machine on 'quick wash' (ranges from 50-150 litres depending on model)

9L
Flushing a toilet (new loos use ± 6 litres; older loos use as much as 12 litres)

29L
A dishwasher on 'Eco' setting (ranges from 13-75 litres depending on setting & model.)

As always, we love to see photos of our parish in action. Please send pictures of you or your family participating every week, to 078 514 5275 via WhatsApp.



How to read your water meter subtract yesterday's total from today's total to get your daily usage

The above dial reading indicates that 989,922 litres have passed through your meter (989,922 litres = 989.922 kilolitres)

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