



22 March 2026: 5th Sunday of Lent (A)
Extraordinary Form: Passion Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

As Lent draws on, the familiar features of Passiontide return to our church, most noticeably the veiling of statues and images. This dramatic touch to our familiar surroundings signals our entry into the heart of our liturgical year and becomes an invitation to a deeper appreciation of Our Lord's paschal mystery. Whilst our Catholic tradition affirms the value of physical representations of Our Lord and the saints (the crucifix in our churches and in our homes is emblematic of Catholic piety) the veiling recalls to us that mere looking is not enough: it is the act of Faith that counts. St Paul's statement therefore invites us to reflection at this time: "the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20)

Also in this Passiontide, according to local tradition, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross reaches its climax in our annual Lenten Musical Oratory. Here, word and music strike not simply our ears but also touch our hearts, and invite us to precisely that act of Faith in Christ and his Cross which brings salvation, described by the Apostle: we are "justified by [God's] grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith." (Romans 3:24-25)

May our devotion and prayer in this Passiontide and approaching Holy Week be stimulated by these traditions of the Church so that when the Triduum arrives we may "draw near with a true heart" and "in full assurance of faith" (Heb. 3:22).

Yours in Christ,

The Fathers of the Oratory

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"Jesus' passion becomes compassion whenever we hold out our hand to those who feel they cannot go on, when we lift up those who have fallen, when we embrace those who are discouraged."

(Pope Francis)

Events this Week

Lenten Oratory – Tuesday 24th March. Starts at 5.30pm (with confessions 5pm-5.30pm). After the talk and time of prayer, there follows recreation in the hall.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord – Wednesday 25th March. Masses at 6.30am, 8.30am, 1.10pm (EF, Latin), 5.30pm (sung).

Musical Oratory – Friday 27th March, 5.30pm. (Please note that there are no stations at 5pm on Friday 27th).

Church Schedule: Saturday: Mass 8:30; Exposition & Confession from 17:00; Benediction at 17:40; Vigil Mass 18:00 **Sunday:** Exposition at 17:00; Benediction at 17:40; Confession from 17:30; Mass 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 (EF) and 18:00 **Monday to Friday:** Mass 6:30, 8:30 daily. Rosary daily at 9:00. **Parish Office:** Open weekday mornings from 09:00 - 10:00. Kindly call or WhatsApp Ann on 073 247 1316 (09:00 - 12:00) to arrange appointments outside these hours. **Pastoral Care:** Call 073 247 1316 or 082 925 2549.

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Readings: Daily Missal – 296; Sunday Missal – 113

Psalm Response: With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Liturgical Week	Mass Intentions
Sat	18:00 Alan Clarke RIP (Anniv.) (His family)
Sun <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	7:00 Roy Laurie RIP (Gaynor Laurie); 8:30 John Lambson RIP (His family); 10:00 Ints of André Mukheibir; 18:00 Pro Populo
Mon <i>Feria / St Turibius de Mongrovejo</i>	6:30 Yvonne Ainslie RIP (Her family); 8:30 Jill du Plessis RIP
Tue <i>Feria</i>	6:30 Ints of Carla Burger; 8:30 In thanksgiving (Acho family)
Wed <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	6:30 Dawn Boggenpoel RIP (Gardner family); 8:30 Ints of James Nicol (His family); 13:10 For deceased members & associates of the Shields & Bonnett families; 17:30 Ints of the Illenberger family
Thu <i>Feria</i>	6:30 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 8:30 Giovanna Wood RIP (Anniv.) (Gaynor Laurie)
Fri <i>Feria</i>	6:30 In thanksgiving (Kirsten Miller); 8:30 Ints of the Raubenheimer, Boschmans & Norman families
Sat <i>Feria</i>	8:30 Jill du Plessis RIP; 18:00 Ints of Fr Grant
Sun <i>Palm Sunday</i>	7:00 Ints of James Nicol (His family); 8:30 Pro Populo; 10:00 Ints of the Coyle-Dowling family; 18:00 Ints of the Freeman, Rowell & Skelton families

Parish Notices

CWL Wool Collection: The CWL are collecting wool as part of a drive to knit blankets for the needy. The wool will be donated to Caritas. Please bring your donations to Mass and place them in the basket in the foyer. For details contact Evie on 082 922 7978 or Francesca on 082 657 7337.

Lenten Appeal: The Bishop's Lenten Appeal continues this Sunday. EFT payments can be made to the parish account (reference NAME + LENTEN APPEAL). These collections take place on the Sundays during Lent including Palm Sunday.

Diocesan News

Upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend: The next Retrouvaille Weekend will take place in Port Elizabeth from 24-26 April. For confidential details about Retrouvaille, or to register for the weekend, please visit our website www.helpourmarriage.com or phone 072 783 6785.

Diary: 22 March – 28 March

Sunday	<i>CGS Level I</i> (Age 3-6): 08:15-09:40 <i>Rosary in Latin</i> : 11:00-11:30
Monday	
Tuesday	<i>Confirmation</i> (Gr 11): 18:00-19:00
Wednesday	
Thursday	<i>RCIA year one</i> : 19:15-20:15 <i>RCIA year two</i> : 19:15-20:15
Friday	<i>CGS Level II</i> (Age 7-9): 17:00-18:00 <i>First Holy Communion</i> (Gr 4): 17:00-18:00 <i>Edge</i> (Gr 5-7): 17:00-18:00 <i>Musical Oratory Stations of the Cross</i> : 17:30-18:30 <i>Life Teen</i> (Gr 8-12): 18:30-20:00
Saturday	