



12 April 2026: 2nd Sunday of Easter (A)
Extraordinary Form: Low Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

We could describe our holy patroness, St Bernadette, as an “Easter saint” because she died amidst the Church’s celebration of Easter, passing from this life 16th April 1879 which that year was Wednesday of the Octave of Easter.

This year we ourselves celebrate St Bernadette’s feast – on the anniversary of her death – also in that Easter season which invites us to see all things in the light of Christ’s resurrection and of our promised share in his immortal life. For the one who honours a saint believes Our Lord’s words: “he is not God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to him” (Luke 20:38). On St Bernadette’s feast we celebrate our patroness’ eternal share in Jesus’ glory and that – in union with him – Bernadette also is “living for ever to intercede for us” (cf. Heb. 7:25).

Do join us for this special day – our patroness’ feast is an important annual event in the life of our parish – and note *especially the solemn evening Mass at 5.30pm on Thursday 16th followed by festive refreshments in the hall.*

The broader Easter season itself gives us continued opportunity to meditate on the momentous truth of Christ’s rising from the dead. This Sunday, known as the Octave Day of Easter, *Domenica in Albis* or Divine Mercy Sunday, is a feast rich in Christian tradition and devotion, calling to mind that for us Easter is not simply a “day” but a season of fifty days in celebration of “the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now made manifest to his saints.” (Col. 1: 26)

Yours in Christ,

The Fathers of the Oratory

Solemnity of St Bernadette

Patroness of our Parish

Thursday 16th April

Masses at 6.30am, 8.30am, 1.10pm
(Extraordinary Form, Latin)

Solemn Mass at 5.30pm followed by festive refreshments in the parish hall

“Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne’ (Rev. 1:4). This greeting encapsulates Jesus’ journey in a world torn apart by the powers that ravage it. Within it arises a new people, not of victims, but of witnesses. In this dark hour of history, it has pleased God to send us to spread the fragrance of Christ where the stench of death reigns. Let us renew our “yes” to this mission that calls for unity and brings peace.”

Pope Leo, at the Chrism Mass, 2026

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 – 453; Sunday Missal – 246

Psalm Response: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Liturgical Week

	Mass Intentions
Sat	18:00 Mary Mc Quaide RIP (Her family)
Sun <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	7:00 For those on our Pious List; 8:30 Pro Populo; 10:00 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 18:00 Ints of Brent Thorp (His family)
Mon <i>Feria / St Martin I</i>	6:30 Ints of Petra Acho; 8:30 Monica Corby RIP (Anniv.) (Her family)
Tue <i>Feria</i>	6:30 Donor's Ints; 8:30 Fr Thando Jokozela RIP (Anniv.) (Betty Lambson)
Wed <i>Feria</i>	6:30 Fr Thando Jokozela RIP (Anniv.) (The Oratory); 8:30 Trevor Rule RIP (Anniv.) (His family)
Thu <i>St Bernadette</i>	6:30 For Marie Mundell (Her family); 8:30 Donor's Ints; 13:10 Ints of Sandy Shields; 17:30 Pro Populo
Fri <i>Feria</i>	6:30 Ints of Jonathan Burger; 8:30 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Petra Acho)
Sat <i>Feria</i>	8:30 Donor's Ints; 18:00 Ints of Gaynor Laurie (Enzo & Denise Barchietto)
Sun <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	7:00 Ints of Malcom & Sandra Wait; 8:30 Pro Populo; 10:00 Ints of Nicholas Mitchell (His family); 18:00 Arthur Freeman RIP (Anniv.) (His family)

Parish Announcements

The following parishioners received the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil on Saturday 4 April: Beata Buhlungu, Willem du Toit, Ayrton Hill, Remi Levendal, Robin Pillay, Tarika Pillay, Aneesah van Rooyen, Daniel van Rooyen and Andie Welgemoed.

Parish Notices

Living Faith: The Living Faith booklets for April to June (R55 each) are on sale from the Repository.

Southern Cross magazine: The April issue is available in the Repository at R40 per copy.

Diocesan News

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, visit our website www.helpourmarriage.com or phone 072 783 6785.

Diary: 12 April – 18 April

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 <i>Secular Oratory</i> : 19:00-20:30
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>Life Teen</i> (Gr 8-12): 18:30-20:00
Saturday	