



19 April 2026: 3rd Sunday of Easter (A)
Extraordinary Form: 2nd Sunday after Easter

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks be to God for a blessed celebration yesterday of St Bernadette, including a beautiful Mass and joyful reception in the hall afterwards. Thanks also in the Lord to all who made it such a special and memorable occasion!

Nonetheless, we rely not only on the support of parishioners in their time and effort in the smooth running of these events, so important as that is, but also on our parish facilities and the electrical supply which allows us optimally to make use of them. Conversely, we know how recent power cuts affected adversely our liturgy, catechesis, social events and administration. Our decision to install a solar-powered backup battery system is in this context, and it is for this reason that we ask you to consider supporting this important project financially. Thank you for your generosity.

This week, it was announced that the Holy Father has appointed Father Motlatsi Meshack Phomane, a priest of Mthatha Diocese, as the bishop of the Bethlehem diocese in the Free State Province. Some may recall that twenty or so years ago Father Motlatsi was a student of the St Philip Neri Collegium here in Port Elizabeth linking him in a special way with our local community. With grateful hearts, we pray for bishop-elect Motlatsi and for the Catholics of Bethlehem at this time.

Finally, do note the forthcoming organ concert in our church on Thursday 30th April at 5.30pm (see posters and website). It promises to be a truly blessed occasion!

Yours in Christ,

The Fathers of the Oratory

“Wherever there is love and service, God is there”

Pope Leo, “Ma Maison” Care Home, Algeria, 14th April

Battery Backup Project

“ ... an investment in the future life of the parish, enabling the Church’s work to continue with stability and confidence”

Parish’s banking details: Account name St Bernadette’s Catholic Church; Standard Bank; Branch code 050417; Account number 080281141; Swift code SBZAJJ

Adam to Jesus Covenant Bible Study

Starts this week, Thursday 23rd April

Please register by Monday 20th

Pipe Organ Inaugural Concert and Blessing

Thursday 30th April at 17:30
followed by a reception in the hall.
All are welcome!

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 – 473; Sunday Missal – 250

Psalm Response: Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Liturgical Week

	Mass Intentions
Sat	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)
Mon <i>Feria / St Marcellinus</i>	6:30 Donor's Ints; 8:30 Ints of Grace de Sousa
Tue <i>Feria / St Anselm of Canterbury</i>	6:30 Ints of Christian Acho; 8:30 John Lambson RIP (His family)
Wed <i>Feria</i>	6:30 Ints of Carla Burger; 8:30 Peter Sullivan RIP (Anniv.) (Sheila Sullivan)
Thu <i>Feria / St George; St Adalbert</i>	6:30 Ints of Bobbie Mundell (Her family); 8:30 Ints of Nico Maritz (André Mukheibir)
Fri <i>Feria / St Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>	6:30 In honour of the Sacred Heart; 8:30 Ints of the friends & benefactors of the Oratory (The Oratory)
Sat <i>St Mark</i>	8:30 Ints of Christian Smith (Thelma Smith); 18:00 Special Int.
Sun <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	7:00 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 8:30 Pro Populo; 10:00 Ints of Thomas & Claire Mitchell (Their family); 18:00 Ints of Kyle Henning (His family)

Parish Announcements

Masha Hansen passed away on Monday 13 April 2026.
John Mc Quaide passed away on Wednesday 15 April 2026.

Parish Notices

Special Collection: There is a special collection next weekend (25/26 April) for St Peter the Apostle. Contributions are used for the growth of clergy and the formation of male and female candidates for consecrated life in Churches in mission territories.

Engaged Encounter Weekend: Our Diocese will be hosting an Engaged Encounter Weekend, on 9 to 10 May. The Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend is intended for engaged couples preparing for marriage within the Catholic tradition and who wish to get married in the next 8 months. For details email info@engagedencounter.co.za or call Steve on 083 457 1245 or Bronwen on 084 514 6676.

Diocesan News

Deanery Vocations afternoon: Our Deanery Vocation team invites all Confirmation candidates and youth to attend the Deanery Vocations afternoon on Sunday 3 May at 14:00 at St Martin de Porres Parish, Gelvandale.

Married Couples Retreat: Taking place on Saturday, 16 May from 09:00 to 12:00 at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, Malabar. This year's theme, "Growing as a Synodal Catholic Family in Parish and Community", will be facilitated by Fr. Luvuyo Madikane. "The retreat offers couples a sacred space to reflect, reconnect, and deepen their faith journey together in a spirit of synodality." For registration details email pdo@cdpe.co.za or WhatsApp 079 977 1455 (messages only).