



31 May 2026: Trinity Sunday (A)

Extraordinary Form: Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Dear Parishioners,

We thank God for a very special celebration of St Philip's Day this year. Many were able to join us for a beautiful Mass and moments of fellowship and festivity in the hall afterwards. Recalling St Philip's great appreciation for music – his place in the history of Church music is well established – it was a special joy to celebrate his feast for the first time with our new pipe organ which, along with song and chant old and new, made us to rejoice at the many blessings we have received under the patronage of our holy founder!

The feast of Pentecost sees Eastertide drawing to a close and giving us the traditional opportunity this Sunday to celebrate that mystery at the centre of our Faith, the mystery of God himself, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. St Philip's feast once again invites us to a liturgical meditation: it the Holy Spirit, dwelling in our hearts, who draws us into the mystery of the Trinitarian God, in whose name we were baptised, in whom we live and breathe and have our being, and to eternal union with whom each of us is called. Let us live, like St Philip, aware that we are children of a loving Father, brothers and sisters of Jesus, Son of God – the first born among many brethren – and temples of God's Most Holy Spirit.

Next Thursday (4th June), on the other hand, is a day rich also in liturgical tradition. Observed historically as the feast of Corpus Christi honouring Our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar (nb. Mass of Corpus Christi in our church at 1.10pm on Thursday 4th [Extraordinary Form, Latin]), Thursday is now kept across South Africa as the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (see below). The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is kept at all Masses next Sunday – when, incidentally, Pope Leo XIV will also celebrate Corpus Christi this year, during his forthcoming Apostolic journey to Spain.

Yours in Christ,

The Fathers of the Oratory

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, 4th June

This feast, introduced in recent years to South Africa, honours Our Lord as the High Priest of the New Covenant, who offers himself on the cross for the redemption of the world, and calls men to associate themselves as ministers and stewards of his mysteries in the Sacred Priesthood. This day is marked by prayer for priests, that in their life and ministry they may reflect the loving compassion of the One who shares in the weaknesses of humanity. (cf. Hebrews 4:14-16)

"O God, who for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of the human race, made your Only Begotten Son the Eternal High Priest, grant that, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, those whom he has chosen as ministers and stewards of his mysteries may be found faithful in carrying out the ministry they have received." (Collect of the feast)

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 – 1512; Sunday Missal – 294

Psalm Response: You are to be praised and highly exalted forever.

Liturgical Week	Mass Intentions
Sat	18:00 Ints of Nikki Bendeman (Her family)
Sun <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 Ints of Francesca Bekker; 10:00 For deceased members & associates of the Shields & Bonnett families; 18:00 For those on our Pious List
Mon <i>St Justin</i>	6:30 In thanksgiving; 8:30 Ints of Simbonile Venske (His family)
Tue <i>Feria / Ss Marcellinus & Peter</i>	6:30 Ints of Leslie Burger; 8:30 For Mufaro Muserere
Wed <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	6:30 For the reversion of lapsed Catholics; 8:30 Ints of Benedict Mitchell (His family)
Thu <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	6:30 Ints of Christian Acho; 8:30 Ints of Tony Moors (Gaynor Laurie); 13:10 Ints of Fr Lewis
Fri <i>St Boniface</i>	6:30 Ints of Fadzai Ngwerume (Jonél Roos); 8:30 Billy Mitchell RIP (Anniv.) (His family)
Sat <i>Feria / St Norbert; Mass of our Lady</i>	8:30 In reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary; 18:00 Ints of the Stucken family
Sun <i>Corpus Christi</i>	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 Special Int.; 10:00 In reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus; 18:00 In thanksgiving (Scholtz family)

Parish Announcements

Arden & Rosalie Jones, children of Craig & Kristy, were baptised on Tuesday 26 May 2026.

Parish Notices

Special Collection: There is a special collection this weekend (30/31 May) for the Catholic Women's League Charities and the Bishop's Seminary Fund.

SVDP Blanket Drive: On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, we extend our sincere gratitude to the members of our parish for your continued generosity and support. We have launched our annual blanket drive and kindly request that all donations be dropped off before 1 June.

Holiday Club 2026: Our popular and much anticipated annual Holiday Club for Gr PreR – 7 will take place at St Bernadette's Parish from Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July. Drop-off from 7:00 daily, collect at 1pm. Bring a packed lunch (light snacks are provided). R20 per child per day to cover costs. Please see the parish website for online registration.

Diocesan News

Music Trivia: The Catholic Women's League of Mater Dei invites you to a Music Trivia Afternoon on Saturday 27 June from 15:00 in the parish hall. A tuck shop will be available, and guests are welcome to bring their own refreshments and snacks. We look forward to your support and to sharing an enjoyable afternoon of music, fun and fellowship with you. Tickets at R80 per person are available from Illana Ferreira on 078 506 6314 or Melissa Windvogel on 083 554 0396.

Dementia Support Group: The support group for family members of persons living with dementia will meet at Nazareth House on Monday 1 June at 18:30 and at Sacred Heart Parish on Monday 15 June at 10:00. All are welcome to attend. For details contact Kaye on 083 299 1842.