



5 July 2026: 14th Sunday of the Year (A)
Extraordinary Form: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

This past Monday in Rome, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the recently-appointed Archbishop of Cape Town, Sithembale Sipuka, received the “pallium” from the Holy Father, in a ceremony which emphasises the communion of the Church of Rome with the local churches — each of which is united around its bishop as the pastor and shepherd of souls. Before imposing the pallium upon the shoulders of the new Archbishops, Pope Leo spoke on Monday of the “ancient and moving rite of the conferral of the pallia ... these bands of white wool adorned with crosses indeed express the commitment of every Shepherd — and also of every Christian — to take upon their shoulders the brothers and sisters entrusted to them, like so many lambs of the Lord’s flock, and to sacrifice their energy, time, effort and even their lives for them. They do so in order that the Gospel may reach everyone, and the whole world may find in it harmony and concord.”

These words of the Holy Father recall to us the sacrifice of love that bishops are called to make for their flocks, after the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd; but they also invite us to reflect on the spirit of sacrifice for the good of others to which all of us are called as believers in Jesus who “came not to be served but to serve” (Matt. 20:28). We pray that in our local church, gathered around our own bishop Vincent in our city and region of South Africa, we may ourselves become “apostles and builders of unity and generous servants of the truth in charity” — striking words also from Pope Leo’s homily. May St Bernadette and St Philip continue to unite us in this Catholic path of faith and love.

Yours in Christ

The Fathers of the Oratory

Pope St John XXIII on Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

If only Christians would reflect more frequently on the fatherly warning of the first pope: “Look anxiously, then, to the ordering of your lives while your stay on earth lasts. You know well enough that your ransom was not paid in earthly currency, silver or gold; it was paid in the precious blood of Christ; no lamb was ever so pure, so spotless a victim.” (1 Pet. 1:17-19) ... Their upright lives would then be the shining example they ought to be; Christ’s Church would far more effectively fulfil its mission to men. God wants all men to be saved (cf. 1 Tim. 2:4), for he has willed that they should all be ransomed by the Blood of his only-begotten Son; he calls them all to be members of the one Mystical Body whose head is Christ. If only men would be more responsive to these promptings of his grace, how much the bonds of brotherly love among individuals and peoples and nations would be strengthened. *[from the Apostolic Letter Inde a Primis, 1960, on devotion to the Precious Blood, especially encouraged in the month of July].*

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.

Readings: Daily Missal – 1015; Sunday Missal – 355

Psalm Response: I will bless your name forever, my king and my God.

Liturgical Week	Mass Intentions
Sat	18:00 Sheila de Lauwere RIP (Her family)
Sun <i>14th Sunday of the Year</i>	7:00 In reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus; 8:30 Giovanni Tagliaferri RIP (Illenberger family); 10:00 Pro Populo; 18:00 Ints of Debbie Venske (Henning family)
Mon <i>Feria / St Maria Goretti</i>	6:30 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially the most forsaken; 8:30 Ints of Murray Osborn
Tue <i>Feria</i>	6:30 Bill & Denny Raubenheimer RIP (Their family); 8:30 Yvonne Meter RIP (André Mukheibir)
Wed <i>Feria</i>	6:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families; 8:30 Joseph & Winifred Rabbolini RIP (Sheila Sullivan)
Thu <i>Feria / St Augustine Zhao Rong & companions</i>	6:30 For the conversion of poor sinners, especially those at the hour of death; 8:30 Arthur Miller RIP (Anniv.)
Fri <i>Feria</i>	6:30 Ints of Jonathan Burger; 8:30 Claude West RIP (Betty Lambson)
Sat <i>St Benedict</i>	8:30 For the Muserere family; 18:00 For Charlotte Venske (Her family)
Sun <i>15th Sunday of the Year</i>	7:00 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 8:30 Pro Populo; 10:00 Ints of the friends & benefactors of the Oratory (The Oratory); 18:00 For those on our Pious List

Parish Announcements

Gavin Rother passed away on Tuesday 30 June 2026.

Parish Notices

Oratory Draw: The winners for June 2026 are: 1st prize – Georges & Anna Desterbecq, 2nd prize – Lavita Nuvunga, 3rd prize – Jilly Anderson.

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

Diocesan News

Deanery Seniors Retreat: The Pastoral Development Office warmly invite all senior parishioners to join the Mercy Sisters from Addo for a revitalizing retreat. This year's theme is "The Synodal Way," offering a meaningful opportunity for attendees to express their faith and connect with like-minded Catholics across the deanery. This retreat will take place on Saturday 4 July at Sacred Heart Parish, Kabega from 10:00 till 12 noon.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Walmer Conference, wishes to thank parishioners for your benefaction and to inform you that our bank details have changed.

Please make use of the following bank details in the future:

Account Holder name: Society of St Vincent de Paul (St Bernadette's Conference – Walmer)

Bank: Standard Bank

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