



9 August 2026: 19th Sunday of the Year (A)  
Extraordinary Form: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time and, in the traditional calendar, the 11th Sunday after Pentecost. We also mark National Women's Day, giving thanks for the many women whose faith, generosity, and quiet fidelity enrich our families, our parish, and our country. May the Lord bless them abundantly, and may Our Lady continue to be their model and guide.

Please note that Monday is a public holiday. There will be no 06:30 Mass. The only Mass on Monday will be at 08:30.

Next Friday, 14 August, we invite you to Musical Oratory: Garland for Our Lady, beginning at 17:30 in the church. Through sacred music, Scripture, and prayer, we will prepare our hearts for the Patronal Feast of South Africa, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated the following day. The evening will conclude at approximately 18:40, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Tuesday, 11 August, if you intend joining us for the reception.

Yours in Christ

*The Fathers of the Oratory*

### Assumption Novena to Our Lady

The Assumption Novena commenced on Friday 7 August and concludes on Saturday 15 August (the day before the transferred feast day, Sunday 16 August). The Novena will be prayed on weekdays in the church after the 6.30am and 8.30am Masses and will also be observed on Sunday. Detail of the novena prayers are in the mailer and on the parish website.

*Holy Mass will be offered in the Extraordinary Form at 10:00 on Saturday 15 August.*



### Friday 14 August at 17:30 in the Church

In preparation for the Solemnity of the Assumption this Musical Meditation reflects on the dignity of our Blessed Mother.

Sung by a choir, this Oratory features music and hymns from the great Catholic choral tradition.

*Followed by celebratory refreshments in the hall. Please RSVP to the parish office by this Tuesday 11 August.*

Please note: There is no 6:30am Mass on the public holiday Monday 10 August.

**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 – 1139; Sunday Missal – 373

**Psalm Response:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

| <b>Liturgical Week</b> |                                                           | <b>Mass Intentions</b>                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat</b>             |                                                           | 18:00 John & Mary Mc Quaide RIP (Their family)                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Sun</b>             | <b>19th Sunday of the Year</b>                            | 7:00 For those on our Pious List; 8:30 Ints of the friends & benefactors of the Oratory (The Oratory); 10:00 Pat Timmons RIP (Shields family); 18:00 Pro Populo   |
| <b>Mon</b>             | <b>St Lawrence</b>                                        | 6:30 <i>No 6.30am Mass</i> ; 8:30 Ints of Lawrence Chinanga                                                                                                       |
| <b>Tue</b>             | <b>St Clare</b>                                           | 6:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families; 8:30 Ints of Mike & Sandy Shields                                                                                         |
| <b>Wed</b>             | <b>Feria / St Frances de Chantal; Bl. Isidore Bakanja</b> | 6:30 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 8:30 Ints of Sue Rule                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Thu</b>             | <b>Feria / Ss Pontian &amp; Hippolytus</b>                | 6:30 For all persecuted for their Catholic faith; 8:30 Egeno Salvino van Vuuren RIP                                                                               |
| <b>Fri</b>             | <b>St Maximilian Kolbe</b>                                | 6:30 For Fr Jonathan on his Feast Day (The Oratory); 8:30 Special Int.                                                                                            |
| <b>Sat</b>             | <b>Feria / Mass of our Lady</b>                           | 8:30 For the Assumption Sisters (Gardner family); 10:00 Eugene Fortuin RIP (His family); 18:00 In thanksgiving (Chuma Myoli)                                      |
| <b>Sun</b>             | <b>Assumption of our Lady</b>                             | 7:00 Sr Ethel Normoyle RIP (Anniv.) (Chuma Myoli); 8:30 Shane Lambson Vermeulen RIP (Anniv.) (Her family); 10:00 For Caitlin Adair (Her family); 18:00 Pro Populo |

## Parish Announcements

Sr Amelia Murphy MSA passed away on Saturday 1 August 2026.

## Parish Notices

**Special Collection:** There is a special collection next weekend (15/16 August) for the Port Elizabeth Oratory.

**Friends of the Oratory Draws:** This August, become a Friend of the Oratory and support the Oratory's Education Fund for 2026 – 2027. For only R360 a year, you can become a Friend of the Oratory and stand a chance of winning monthly cash prizes. *Sign up this month!* Google forms and more details are available on our website and in the weekly mailer.

**Books to order:** We will soon be placing an order for the three volumes "Spiritual Direction by Dante" by Fr Paul Pearson and "A Catholic Case for Intelligent Design" by Fr Martin Hilbert. Contact Ann at the parish office if you would like to order a copy.

## Diocesan News

**St Dominic's Priory 125 Years Jubilee Weekend:** The Annual St Dominic's Day Celebrations and Reunion Weekend for past pupils, staff and friends of Marist Brothers College, Holy Rosary Convent, Trinity High School, and St Dominic's Priory School will be held from 14 to 15 August. See <https://www.priory.co.za/jubileeevents> for the full details.

**Knights of Da Gama Rugby Viewing Fundraiser:** Join the Knights of Da Gama (Council 19 – St John Bosco) on Saturday 22 August at Mater Dei Parish Hall. Fires start at 15:00, kick-off at 17:30. Your ticket includes a delicious braai pack, bring your own refreshments. Come and enjoy rugby with family and friends while supporting the charitable, spiritual, and community work of the Knights of Da Gama. For tickets or further information, please contact Frankie Ferreira on 084 300 5728.