



16 August 2026: Assumption of Our Lady
Extraordinary Form: Assumption of Our Lady (Ext. Sol.)

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, the Patronal Feast of South Africa. Holy Mass is also offered on Saturday the 15th at 10am in Latin. In Mary assumed into heaven, the Church sees something of her own destiny: the promise that the life begun in us through Christ is destined not for death, but for the fullness of life with God. As we honour Our Lady, we entrust our country once again to her maternal care and ask her prayers for our families, our communities and our nation.

This is also the season in which we invite parishioners to support the Friends of the Oratory. Through this fund we are able to provide for the education and formation of future priests for the Port Elizabeth Oratory. Br Simon is now in the final stages of his studies, and we are delighted that Br Marcuss, God willing, will soon begin his studies. The formation of a priest takes many years and represents a considerable commitment for the Oratory. Your support is therefore a very real investment in the future of the priesthood and the apostolate of the Oratory in our parish. If you would like to support the Friends of the Oratory fundraiser, please contact Ann through the Parish Office.

Looking a little further ahead, please save the date: Tuesday, 8 September. Fr Michael Lang of the London Oratory, a world-renowned expert and widely published author on the sacred liturgy, will give a presentation in the Parish Hall beginning at 17:30. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from one of the leading contemporary scholars of the Church's liturgical tradition. Further details will follow.

May Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, Patroness of South Africa, pray for us and for our country.

Yours in Christ

The Fathers of the Oratory

"Brothers and sisters, when in this life we "choose life" (Dt 30:19), we are right to see in Mary, assumed into heaven, our own destiny. She is given to us as the sign that the Resurrection of Jesus was no isolated event, no mere exception. In Christ, we, too, can "swallow up death" (cf. 1 Cor 15:54). To be sure, it is God's work, not ours."

Pope Leo, Homily on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15 August 2025

Friends of the
ORATORY

Support the Oratory's Education Fund

For only **R360** a year, you can become a Friend of the Oratory *and* stand a chance of winning monthly cash prizes.

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Google forms are available on our website and in the weekly mailer.

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 – 1718; Sunday Missal – 1048

Psalm Response: On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Liturgical Week		Mass Intentions
Sat		18:00 In thanksgiving (Chuma Myoli)
Sun	<i>Assumption of our Lady</i>	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
Mon	<i>Feria</i>	6:30 Ints of Jonathan Burger; 8:30 Patricia Mavhiza RIP (Shields family)
Tue	<i>Feria / Bl. Victoria Rasoamanarivo</i>	6:30 For the reversion of lapsed Catholics; 8:30 Nigel Bands RIP (Sacristans)
Wed	<i>Feria / St John Eudes</i>	6:30 Ints of Beulah Miller (Kirsten Miller); 8:30 Ints of Cuan Beetham (His family)
Thu	<i>St Bernard</i>	6:30 Jenni Bremner RIP (Jonél Roos); 8:30 Ints of Bernard Makonese
Fri	<i>St Pius X</i>	6:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families; 8:30 For deceased members & associates of the Shields & Bonnett families
Sat	<i>Queenship of Mary</i>	8:30 John Lambson RIP (His family); 18:00 John & Mary Mc Quaide RIP (Their family)
Sun	<i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 Ints of Sheila Sullivan; 10:00 For Gordon Mundell (His family); 18:00 Ints of the Scholtz family

Parish Notices

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

Special Collection (22/23 August): There is a special collection next weekend (22/23 August) for Bible Sunday.

St Anne's Educare Centre – vacancy for Grade R teacher & principal: St Anne's is seeking a caring and capable Grade R Teacher and Principal to lead our Educare centre from January 2027. Applicants must be qualified to teach Grade R, SACE registered, fluent in English and isiXhosa, computer literate and have their own transport. A commitment to fostering our Catholic Christian ethos is essential. For the full job description and application details, please email gpmitchell@gmail.com. The closing date is 28 August 2026.

Diocesan News

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.

Living Theology 2026: From 1 - 3 September at St Luke's Retreat Centre. The theme is Our Father? The Shadow of Father, and the guest speakers are David Neuhaus SJ and Kgaugelo Habyane. This three-day series is a journey into the history, the wounds, and the reimagining of fatherhood. Together, we will explore how Scripture, especially the language of "Our Father", has shaped our image of God, and how that image meets the lived realities of fatherhood today. To register, email pdo@cdpe.co.za or call 041-3732854.