



23 August 2026: 21st Sunday of the Year (A)
Extraordinary Form: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

On Wednesday, 2 September, our Grade 11 young people, together with candidates from St Dominic's Priory School, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an important moment not only for them, but for the whole parish community. Please keep our candidates, their families and their catechists in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We also have a very special opportunity on Tuesday, 8 September, when Fr Michael Lang of the London Oratory will give a presentation on the development of the devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, and the liturgical propers that have arisen in connection with this feast, which is traditionally celebrated on Shrove Tuesday. Fr Michael is a widely published scholar and internationally recognised authority in liturgical studies, history and Church practice. The presentation will begin at 5.30pm, followed by recreation; further details to follow.

September is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. It is also observed these days as a Season of Creation, inviting us to reflect upon our responsibility as stewards of the world God has entrusted to our care. These two themes perhaps belong together more naturally than we might first imagine: Mary teaches us to stand attentively before both the beauty and the suffering of God's creation, and to receive all things as a gift entrusted to our care.

Finally, on Saturday, 12 September, the Catholic Women's League invites all women — parishioners and visitors alike — to a morning of prayer, fellowship and conversation. The morning will also offer an opportunity to reflect together on Mary, the Mother of God. Please feel very welcome to invite friends who are not members of the parish.

There is much happening in the weeks ahead. May all these different occasions help us to grow more deeply as a community of faith, prayer and friendship.

Yours in Christ

The Fathers of the Oratory



This August, become a Friend of the Oratory and support the Oratory's Education Fund for 2026 – 2027. Subscriptions run from October 2026 to September 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! The first draw takes place in October.

Google forms and more details 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 – 1192; Sunday Missal – 380

Psalm Response: O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

Liturgical Week		Mass Intentions
Sat		18:00 John & Mary Mc Quaide RIP (Their family)
Sun	21st Sunday of the Year	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 Ints of Sheila Sullivan; 10:00 For Gordon Mundell (His family); 18:00 Ints of the Scholtz family
Mon	St Bartholomew	6:30 Ralph Betz RIP; 8:30 Ints of Tom Curtin (Gaynor Laurie)
Tue	<i>Feria / St Louis; St Joseph of Calasanz</i>	6:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families; 8:30 Ints of the Coyle-Dowling family
Wed	<i>Feria</i>	6:30 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 8:30 Ints of Nina Domoney (Gaynor Laurie)
Thu	<i>St Monica</i>	6:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families; 8:30 Ints of Sue Greenwood
Fri	<i>St Augustine</i>	6:30 Alphons de Lauwere RIP (Monique Oelofsen); 8:30 Ints of Ernest Muserere
Sat	<i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	8:30 Cedric Rayepen RIP; 18:00 Christopher Camp RIP (His family)
Sun	22nd Sunday of the Year	7:00 Ints of Adéa Botha (Her family); 8:30 Ints of the Oratory; 10:00 Ints of Gianna-Marie Mitchell (Her family); 18:00 Pro Populo

Parish Announcements

Ralph Betz passed away on Friday 14 August 2026.

Parish Notices

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

Foundations of the Eucharist: Over four evenings, we will journey into the mystery at the heart of the Christian faith, culminating in the annual 40 Hours Devotion. All are welcome on Thursday evenings from 19:05 to 20:30 in the hall, from 17 September. To register use the Google form on the parish website, or mail peoratory@gmail.com.

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 application details, please email gpmitchell@gmail.com. The closing date is 28 August 2026.

Diocesan News

Dementia Support Group: The support group for family members of persons living with dementia will meet at Nazareth House on Monday 7 September at 18:30 and at Sacred Heart Parish on Monday 21 September at 10:00. All are welcome to attend. For details contact Kaye on 083 299 1842.

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, please email pdo@cdpe.co.za or call 041-3732854.