PORT ELIZABETH ORATORY ✸ PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE

8 November 2026: 32nd Sunday of the Year (A)
Extraordinary Form: 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Dear Parishioners,

In this month of November, on Thursdays 12 and 19, we invite you to explore the Gospel according to St Mark. Rather than simply learning about the Gospel, we hope to encounter Our Lord through the words of the Evangelist. Each evening begins in the church at 19:00, before moving to the hall for conversation and fellowship, concluding no later than 20:30. Everyone is welcome, whether familiar with Scripture or approaching it afresh.

We are also delighted to invite you to Br Simon's Ordination to the Diaconate on Wednesday, 18 November, at 17:30. This is a joyful occasion for our Oratorian community, and we warmly invite parishioners to join us for the celebration and reception afterwards in the parish hall. Please RSVP using the details provided in the newsletter. Please keep Br Simon in your prayers as he prepares for ordination.

Yours in Christ

The Fathers of the Oratory

Mass for the deceased Fathers and Brothers of the Oratory

On Wednesday 11th November at 5.30pm there will be a sung Mass in our church for the souls of departed Fathers and Brothers of the Congregation of the Oratory. All are welcome to attend this Mass which follows the traditional practice of the Oratory to celebrate Mass for departed members in the month of November.



An Encounter with St Mark's Gospel

Following on from the Foundations of the Eucharist series, we invite parishioners to a two-evening introduction to the Gospel according to St Mark, on Thursday, 12 and 19 November. These evenings will offer an opportunity to encounter the person of Jesus Christ through the eyes of St Mark, whose Gospel will accompany us during the coming liturgical year.

We will **begin in the church at 19:00**, with a prayerful encounter with the Gospel, before moving to the parish hall for conversation and refreshments. Both evenings will conclude no later than 20:30. Whether you are familiar with the Scriptures or have never attended one of our formation evenings before, you are most welcome. We hope that these gatherings will help us listen more attentively to the Word of God and discover how the Gospel speaks to our lives.

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 – 1435; Sunday Missal – 422

Psalm Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Liturgical Week		Mass Intentions
Sat		18:00 John & Mary Mc Quaide RIP (Their family)
Sun	*32nd Sunday of the Year*	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 For those on our Pious List; 10:00 Ints of the Coyle-Dowling family; 18:00 In thanksgiving (Acho family)
Mon	*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*	6:30 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially the most forsaken; 8:30 Peter Sullivan RIP (Sheila Sullivan)
Tue	*St Leo the Great*	6:30 Jan Pekelharing RIP (His family); 8:30 Derek Fincham RIP (Shields family)
Wed	*St Martin of Tours*	6:30 For the conversion of poor sinners, especially those at the hour of death; 8:30 Nigel Bands RIP (Gaynor Laurie); 17:30 For the repose of the souls of the deceased Fathers and Brothers of the Oratory
Thu	*St Josaphat*	6:30 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 8:30 Ints of Leila Kannemeyer (Thelma Smith)
Fri	*Feria*	6:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families; 8:30 For the CWL members & their families
Sat	*Feria / Mass of our Lady*	8:30 Patricia Mavhiza RIP (Shields family); 18:00 John & Mary Mc Quaide RIP (Gloria Mulligan)
Sun	*33rd Sunday of the Year*	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 Vincenzo Bertolani RIP (His family) 10:00 For those on our Pious List; 18:00 Billy Mitchell RIP (His family)

Parish Announcements

Seth Morris, son of Ryan & Catherine, was baptised on Saturday 31 October 2026.
Luca Korkie, son of Cladwyn & Lauren, was baptised on Saturday 31 October 2026. Gevoné Johannes passed away on Monday 2 November 2026.

Parish Notices

Special Collection: There is a special collection this weekend (7/8 November) for Caritas. Caritas is the helping hand of the church under the leadership of the local Bishop. Its roles include reaching out to the poor, vulnerable and excluded, regardless of faith, origin, background or race; disaster preparedness; emergency response; arranging charitable efforts within the diocese and assessing needs in the communities.

Repository News: Devotional books "Springs of Carmel 2027" (R120 each) and the 2027 Liturgical Calendars (R30 each) are now on sale.

Diocesan News

Marriage Encounter Weekend: This weekend is taking place from 13 – 15 November, at St Luke's Retreat Centre. The Marriage Encounter group invites all married couples who want to enrich and strengthen their relationships. The cost of R1950 includes weekend material, accommodation and all meals. For enquiries and registration please contact Lufern Koopman 084 550 0516 or Francios Koopman 084 550 6465.

Dementia Support Group: The support group for family members of persons with dementia will take place on Monday 16 November at Sacred Heart Parish at 10:00. New members always welcome. Contact Kaye on 083 299 1842.

Retreat for the Divorced: The Pastoral Development Office warmly invites parishioners who have experienced divorce to attend this retreat at Mater Dei on Saturday 21 November from 12:00 to 14:00.