PORT ELIZABETH ORATORY ✸ PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE

15 November 2026: 33rd Sunday of the Year (A)
Extraordinary Form: 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Dear Parishioners,

We have much to be thankful for in the life of our community over the coming days, with several joyful occasions reminding us of the ways in which Our Lord continues to work among us.

This Wednesday, 18 November, at 17:30, Br Simon Mowatt will be ordained to the Diaconate. We ask you to keep Br Simon and the Mowatt family in your prayers as they prepare for this special occasion. We give thanks to God for the gift of his vocation, which has grown and borne fruit within our own parish community.

On Sunday, 22 November, at the 08:30 Mass, our Grade 4 children will receive their First Holy Communion. This is a beautiful moment in their journey of faith as they prepare to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. Please keep the children, their families and catechists in your prayers, that this may be the beginning of a lifelong love for the Holy Eucharist.

Finally, our Thursday evening exploration of the Gospel according to St Mark continues on 19 November. We have been reflecting on how the Scriptures invite us not simply to learn about Jesus, but to encounter Him personally through Lectio Divina. We look forward to continuing this journey together, beginning in the church at 19:00 and concluding in the hall by 20:30.

May these occasions remind us that the life of the Church is continually renewed through God's grace, calling each of us to grow in faith, holiness and service.

Yours in Christ

The Fathers of the Oratory

A Reflection of Pope Benedict XVI for the Month of November

Christian hope … is not solely individual, it is also always a hope for others. Our lives are profoundly linked, one to the other, and the good and the bad that each of us does always effects others too. Hence, the prayer of a pilgrim soul in the world can help another soul that is being purified after death. This is why the Church invites us today to pray for our beloved deceased and to pause at their tombs in the cemeteries. Mary, Star of Hope, renders our faith in eternal life stronger and more authentic, and supports our prayer of suffrage for our deceased brethren.

From the Angelus Address, 2nd November, 2008

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 – 1458; Sunday Missal – 426

Psalm Response: Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Liturgical Week		Mass Intentions
Sat		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)
Mon	*Feria / St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude*	6:30 For the benefactors & leadership of Life Teen International; 8:30 Ints of Jade Gilbert (Thelma Smith)
Tue	*St Elizabeth of Hungary*	6:30 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially the most forsaken; 8:30 Ints of Melanie Curtin (Gaynor Laurie)
Wed	*Feria / Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul*	6:30 For the Chowles & Marujo families; 8:30 Aubrey James RIP (Anniv.); 17:30 Ints of Br Simon
Thu	*Feria*	6:30 For the conversion of poor sinners, especially those at the hour of death; 8:30 Derek Fincham RIP (Shields family)
Fri	*Feria*	6:30 William Levendal RIP; 8:30 Henri Morris RIP (Debbie Pughe-Parry & Morris family)
Sat	*Presentation of our Lady*	8:30 John Lambson RIP (His family); 18:00 Bill Clarke RIP (Anniv.) (His family)
Sun	*Christ the King*	7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 For the First Holy Communicants 10:00 For Matthieu Bathfield; 18:00 For those on our Pious List

Parish Announcements

Patrick Sohier passed away on Wednesday 4 November 2026.

Parish Notices

Advent Wreath Workshop: Join us to make a beautiful Advent Wreath on Saturday 28 November from 9:00 to 11:00 in the parish hall. A donation of R150 covers the cost of supplies. Booking is essential as materials need to be pre-ordered. Please confirm your attendance with Ann in the parish office by Tuesday 24 November.

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

Prayer List: Please see the parish website for current prayer list.

Diocesan News

Toys for Happiness: The Knights of Da Gama, Council 19 – St John Bosco, invite all parishioners to support their "Toys for Happiness" Christmas Appeal during November. Please drop your donations of new or gently used toys at the parish office by Friday 4 December.

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 for further information.

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.