



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PSALM RESPONSE:

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES & FEASTS

<b>SUNDAY</b> 07h30 Tagne Family 09h30 Souls of Purgatory 18h00 Pro Populo	Acts 8: 5-8,14-17 / Ps 66 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>ST RITA OF CASCIA</i> Pro Populo	Acts 16: 11-15 / Ps 149 Jn 15:26-16:4
<b>TUESDAY</b> Pro Populo	Acts 16:22-34 / Ps 138 Jn 16:5-11
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS</i> Special Intention	Acts 17:15,22 18:1 / Ps 148 Jn 16:12-15
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>ST BEDE THE VENERABLE</i> <i>ST GREGORY VII, POPE</i> Pro Populo	Acts 18:1-8 / Ps 98 Jn 16:16-20
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>ST PHILIP NERI</i> Pro Populo	Acts 18:9-18 / Ps 47 Jn 16:20-23

\* *Italics indicate Mass intention*

### Proclaimers

07h30  
Tilly Michaels  
Cheryl Werner

09h30  
Oswald Mokoena  
Caroline Modibane

### Ministers of the Eucharist

07h30  
Colin Lesar  
Krysia Lesar  
Jenny Howard  
Cyril Kobus  
Maeve Jacobs

09h30  
Wendy Davies  
Paul Coombes  
Bertin Zinsou  
Cuthbert Nyamupangedengu

### Hospitals

Laura Geretto  
Mary Salmon

### Flowers

Holy Trinity Church

### MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 13h15

Sunday: 07h30 | 09h30 (*Sung*)  
18h00

### MORNING PRAYER

Sunday: 09h00 (*before 09h30 Mass*)  
Join in the prayer of the Church  
led by our *Schola Cantorum*

### CONFESSIONS

Monday – Friday: after 13h15 Mass

### EXPOSITION

Monday – Friday: 12h00-13h00

### BENEDICTION

Friday: 13h00

### WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Please contact parish office

### PARISH STAFF

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Bank: Standard Bank  
Branch: Braamfontein (004805)  
Acc: Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Acc No: 002294192

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL ACCOUNT

Bank: Standard Bank  
Acc No: 202 648 532

# PARISH NOTICES

## **Whole Parish Catechesis**

The Parish will be having another Whole Parish Catechesis today from 11h00 until 15h00. The theme will be Baptism and everyone is invited to join.

## **Dedication of the Church**

Our Church was dedicated on 25 May, 1997. This year is our 20th Anniversary.

## **Second Collection**

There will be a second collection on Sunday, 28 May 2017 for the Priests' Education Fund.

## **South African Council of Churches**

The SACC (to which the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference is affiliated) has released an excellent statement by their 'Unburdening Panel' which may be accessed at [www.iol.co.za/news/politixcs/sa-on-the-brink-of-becoming-a-mafia-state-says-sacc-9211638](http://www.iol.co.za/news/politixcs/sa-on-the-brink-of-becoming-a-mafia-state-says-sacc-9211638); you might like to see [trinityjhb.co.za](http://trinityjhb.co.za)

## **AGM**

The Parish plans to have an AGM meeting on Sunday, 28 May 2017.

## **RCIA**

Classes continue on Sunday mornings at the 09h30 Mass, for those seeking baptism and/or confirmation at Easter next year. Please contact Victor Houliston at 0826885988 for further details.

## **Proclaimers**

We are looking for proclaimers for the 07h30 Mass, if you would like to be added please email Tilly Michaels - [tilymichaels@yahoo.com](mailto:tilymichaels@yahoo.com). Thank you.

## **Cry Chapel**

We remind parents with children who are likely to distract others that the Cry Chapel next to the altar can easily be reached along the side of the Church. The ushers will gladly help.

## **Security Reminder**

We would like to remind all parishioners to please take their bags with them to Communion and to be aware of security during Mass.

## **Sick List**

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish, especially, Milly Fisasi, Devote Nikundana, Ronnie Kunene, Bill Brogan, Seignon Zinsou, Daniël Enslin, Meagan Petersen, Maria da Matta and Mike Fiore. Please pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace.

Should you wish to add anyone to the sick list, please e-mail Kelsey ([parish@trinityjhb.co.za](mailto:parish@trinityjhb.co.za)). If you do not have access to e-mail, please add a note into the collection, with the name of the sick person and your own contact details.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

On Trinity Sunday twenty years ago, 25 May 1997, our church was dedicated by the Bishop. The Parish was already a hundred years old, we were in the midst of our Centenary celebrations, and this was an appropriately grand climax. Having built a new church at Palm Springs in Orange Farm, we also celebrated that our own church was paid for, there was no danger of a holy building being reclaimed by the bank(!), we added the little candles and crosses on the pillars, and amidst great celebration we dedicated our church.

But the church is not really about buildings at all, but about people. As so often the theology of the feast is summarised in the Preface of the Mass. Those present would have heard themselves described as 'God's family...on pilgrimage', that 'God's presence...is revealed...by sacramental signs', and asking to be made 'one with you...through the unseen bond of grace'. As if that weren't exciting enough, they heard that God

'builds your temple of living stones,  
bringing the Church to its full stature  
as the body of Christ throughout the world,  
to reach its perfection at last  
in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,  
which is the vision of your peace.'

A homily and more could be preached on each of those phrases. We are still challenged to be those living stones, part of God's temple, a lively vibrant part of a bigger whole making Christ's body. This is God's invitation to us as a community, to ask how we have done these things over the last twenty years, how we are doing them now, and how we plan to do them over the next hundred years.

Graham Pugin SJ

PS: How do I help to build the heavenly city each day?

### PARISH GROUPS

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# Ethics in Public Life—Again!

By Anthony Egan SJ

It's worth noting – amidst the ongoing debacle around the re-appointment of Brian Molefe to ESKOM; the Constitutional Court effort to get a secret ballot for yet another parliamentary no-confidence vote on Jacob Zuma; and the continuing woes of Social Services – that ethics in public life has once more entered the public spotlight.

Raymond Suttner's recent comments – that contexts favouring patronage create space for corruption – accurately describe how proximity and access to leaders make public figures corruptible. In a similar vein, Trevor Manuel has suggested that many corrupt public figures simply lack a sense of shame. This is borne out by the way in which Justice Malala's 'naming and shaming' of such persons on his TV show, *The Justice Factor*, has seemingly had no impact on them.

I fear this culture of local and international moral indifference – and impunity – is having a poisonous effect on our society. Where leaders do as they like and get away with it, where public officials can be bought and sold, what incentive is there for the rest of us to be moral? When politicians rape the nation and steal from the public coffers, why shouldn't ordinary people do the same? The result: we are drifting into social collapse, the effect of which will be a life (in the words of the philosopher Thomas Hobbes) that is "nasty, mean, brutish and short".

Sadly, religion is not altogether immune from this decay. Instead of presenting a loud voice of resistance to this crisis, many religious leaders seem to be emulating public figures: promoting escapist spirituality, sucking money out of their flocks, sometimes hobnobbing with corrupt elites. Occasionally even, as we've seen, allegedly engaged in crime.

Not everyone, of course. Anglican Archbishop Thabo Makgoba has been a superb voice of justice in these times, to name but one figure. Individual pastors and courageous laypeople have also voiced their opposition, echoing and complementing the efforts of secular moral voices in our society. There is opposition to the moral decay of society – even from within ruling elites, though their voices are often muted. There are organisations out there representing a swathe of interests that protest, publicise and prosecute in the courts as far as they can.

What there lacks is coordination. Imagine what a grand coalition of political parties, trade unions, business, students, intellectuals, media and the religious sector could achieve.

History teaches us that it was a coordinated alliance of movements and individuals that brought apartheid to its knees. Despite the real tensions and interests between stakeholders today, is there not a single principle that unites everyone: ethics in public life? The differences – over the nature of the economy, land, free education, crime, social policy – are issues of policy, not principle. They need to be addressed, but cannot be addressed where procedures that address them are poisoned by a context of patronage and corruption. In our present state they are also used to divide people of principle against each other so that corruption may rule.