



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

PSALM RESPONSE:

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES & FEASTS

SUNDAY 07h30 Laurinda Bow 09h30 Souls in Purgatory 18h00 Pro Populo	Is 5:1-7 / Ps 80 Phil 4:6-9 / Mt 21:33-43
MONDAY Bernice Prim RIP	Jon 1:1, 2:1,11 / Jon 2 Lk 10:25-37
TUESDAY <i>ST DANIEL COMBONI</i> All friends of suffering souls	Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 130 Lk 10:38-42
WEDNESDAY Pro Populo	Jon 4:1-11 / Ps 86 Lk 11:1-4
THURSDAY Souls in Purgatory	Mal 3:13-20 / Ps 1 Lk 11:5-13
FRIDAY George da Matta	Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2 / Ps 9 Lk 11:15-26

Proclaimers

07h30
Nonthando Radebe
Paul Mina

* *Italics indicate Mass intention*

09h30
Caroline Modibane
Cuthbert Nyamupangedengu

Ministers of the Eucharist

07h30
Roly Adams
Mark Morgan
Anne Dormehl
Estelle Earl
Paul Mina

09h30
Marcie Bello
Sheilagh Andoh
Alu Andoh
Alban Rolando

Hospitals

Mike Fiore
Sadiya Petersen

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

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PARISH BANKING DETAILS

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

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Bank: Standard Bank
Acc No: 202 648 532

PARISH NOTICES

Fundraising after Mass

There will be bacon rolls for sale after Mass. Please support.

Help needed

One of our students is wanting to learn to drive, but is unable to afford the fees for a driving school and does not have a car. Are there any parishioners who would like to teach a student? It could be the act of charity that enables him to be able to get jobs that would help him to support himself. Please speak to Fr Matthew if you feel you could help.

Pontifical Mission Society

There will be an Archdiocesan collection each Sunday, from 01 October to 22 October towards Pontifical Mission Society. Thank you

World Homeless Day 2017

On Tuesday, 10 October 2017 from 10h00—14h00 JOSH (The Johannesburg Organisation of Services to the Homeless) will be celebrating World Homeless Day 2017 at Randburg Methodist Church (Cnr Bram Fisher Drive and Grove Road, Ferndale, Randburg. All are invited. Please RSVP for catering purposes—info.joburghomeless@gmail.com.

Ngome

Our parish has arranged a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine in Ngome. This will take place on 15-17 December, 2017. We would like to encourage you to join this journey of prayer. The cost is R1500.00 per person. For further information please contact Oswald on 0820861334. This trip is a fundraising initiative for the 125th Anniversary. Please don't forget to reference this as Ngome-Your Name. Thank you.

Sponsors for RCIA candidates and catechumens

Several adult candidates and catechumens are looking for sponsors for their baptism and/or confirmations at Easter next year. If you are experienced in the faith, and would like to give guidance and support to one of them, please could you contact Victor Houliston (082 6885988 or victor.houliston@wits.ac.za).

#ChildDignity

The #ChildDignity in the Digital World conference hosted by the Centre for Child Protection within the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome has been on this week.

We have provided links to each talk here: <https://trinityjhb.co.za/childdignity-2017-conference/>. We strongly encourage parishioners and friends to listen to these talks.

Sick List

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the parish, especially Mavis Theunissen, Joao de Vasconcelos, Iris Howes, Teresa Da Silva, Paddy Madison, Ronnie Kunene, Meagan Petersen, Seignon Zinsou and Daniël Enslin. Please pray for all those who have died. May they rest in peace.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Many thanks to all of you who have already responded so generously to our Stewardship Appeal. We need every cent and appreciate what has already been promised.

I was struck by the strength of your response against the Shrine at Magaliesberg. If you wish to demonstrate your devotion to Our Lady in a way that will not be misconstrued as support for that shrine, there is a simple response. Each year, each parish is allowed a single fund-raising initiative which is exempt from Archdiocesan levy. Holy Trinity has not usually done this because we have been happy to give generously to the Archdiocese and able to afford it. In December, we will be making a parish pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Ngome. I would encourage as many as possible to join this pilgrimage. But even if you are unable to go to Ngome, any donation made will be free from Archdiocesan tax, so if you would like to be sure that your donation is not going to Magaliesberg, you could put it directly into the Ngome appeal, by marking your donation as 'Ngome' together with your stewardship number; if you actually intend going to Ngome, you need to add your name rather than your stewardship number.

After the Sunday Masses, Abuyile will be distributing sign-up forms for the Stewardship Campaign. If you have already signed up, please collect your stewardship number. Please use this as your reference for your EFT donation; if you would rather donate cash in the offertory, Abu will have envelopes available for you.

Graham Pugin SJ

PS: How can I best support the Church?

PARISH GROUPS

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Was Martin Luther (substantially) Right?

By Anthony Egan SJ

Five hundred years ago the Church was a mess. Ordinary Christians – most of them illiterate and poorly catechised – practiced a mix of piety and superstition. The average clergy were unevenly trained; some barely understood the Latin they used for Mass. Many bishops and even popes misused their position for financial gain. Pope Leo X authorised the sale of indulgences to fundraise the rebuilding of St Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Outraged a zealous German Augustinian monk-academic named Martin Luther produced a series of theological questions for debate on 31 October 1517. According to legend he pinned these Ninety-Five Theses on the door of All Saints Church, Wittenberg. The intellectual dispute over whether salvation was earned (or in the case of indulgences, bought) or a free gift of God escalated into a crisis that became the Reformation.

Luther, like Catholic reformers before and after him, as well as a few contemporaries (including Desiderius Erasmus and Ignatius Loyola, who remained in the fold) simply wanted the Church to clean up its act. But faced with an institution unwilling to change, unwilling it seemed to him to even discuss change, he decided to break from it.

Looking back to Luther, I see aspects of his thought that are repugnant (specifically his virulent antisemitism), some things debateable (i.e. deserving careful and critical discussion), but much that is worth considering.

No serious Christian can disagree with his emphasis on the centrality of Scripture, its careful interpretation and the need for all of us to be able to read it in our own languages. Similarly, while we can debate his theological interpretation of the Eucharist, few can disagree with his defence of frequent reception of communion – under both kinds. And in his insistence on personal moral conscience we must not only agree, but remember that in this he was reiterating Thomas Aquinas before him and anticipating the Second Vatican Council by 450 years.

Above all, we can only agree with Luther's affirmation, rooted in Scripture and tradition, that we are saved by God's grace alone and out of thankful experience of grace we do our good works. In 1999 the Joint Declaration on Justification by Faith of the Catholic Church and Lutheran World Federation in fact confirmed this. Many Catholic and Lutheran scholars have observed that this single largest stumbling block to reunion between our traditions has been removed.

This month as many celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we all need to take stock. We need to reflect on the ways in which superstitions still get in the way of faith, on the limitations of theological education for clergy and laity, and of corrupt financial practices within our traditions that exploit Christians today. And we need to recommit ourselves to the process of reunion of the Church.

Let's be honest: in many ways, we are still in a mess. We are always in need of reformation. But now, as then, do we listen to the reformers among us before it's too late?

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