



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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15 October 2017

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

PSALM RESPONSE:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES & FEASTS

SUNDAY <i>07h30 Calixte Houessou RIP</i> <i>09h30 Eugenia & Manny</i> <i>18h00 Pro Populo</i>	Is 25:6-10 / Ps 23 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 / Mt 22:1-14
MONDAY <i>Souls in Purgatory</i>	Rom 1:1-7 / Ps 98 Lk 11:29-32
TUESDAY <i>ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>	Rom 1:16-25 / Ps 19 Lk 11:37-41
WEDNESDAY <i>ST LUKE</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>	2 Tim 4:10-17 / Ps 145 Lk 10:1-9
THURSDAY <i>Pro Populo</i>	Rom 3:21-30 / Ps 130 Lk 11:47-54
FRIDAY <i>Beric Green RIP</i>	Rom 4:1-8 / Ps 32 Lk 12:1-7

* *Italics indicate Mass intention*

Proclaimers

07h30
Roly Adams
Sr. Joy

09h30
Alban Rolando
Sr Judy Coyle

Ministers of the Eucharist

07h30
Colin Lesar
Geofrey Sulamoyo
Tilly Michaels
Mary Salmon
Maeve Jacobs

09h30
Sabie Makgothi
Cathy Setlogelo
Hilary Masenda
Mike Fiore

Hospitals

Laura Geretto

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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Acc No: 002294192

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ACCOUNT

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Acc No: 202 648 532

PARISH NOTICES

Baptism Class

The next Baptism class will be on Saturday, 21 October 2017 at 10h00.

Please Help!

We are slowly starting on a new project, we would like to grow vegetables at Holy Trinity. We are looking for donations of, a few tyres to grow potatoes, any types of trellising to grow beans and tomatoes and compost. Please contact Kelsey if you are able to help. Thank you!

Pontifical Mission Society

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

St Vincent de Paul

There will be a second collection on Sunday, 27 September 2017. Please support.

Fundraising after Mass

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

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 Ephraim Ntsoele, Iris Howes, Mavis Theunissen, Joao de Vasconcellos, Teresa Da Silva, Ronnie Kunene, Paddy Madison, Meagan Petersen, Seignon Zinsou and Daniël Enslin . Please pray for all those who have died. May they rest in peace.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Part of the discipline (and a great privilege) of being a Jesuit is our practice of making an annual retreat. Fr Matthew made his recently, and I will already be making mine when you read this on Sunday. But one does not need to be Jesuit (or a priest or religious) to take advantage of this great practice within our tradition, even in an adapted way, such as Fr Russell did in our Parish Mission.

We often take St Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises* as the basis of our own retreats, and spend time revisiting the invitations and challenges that were first proposed to us as novices, and which we reaffirm regularly. Do I take seriously God's boundless love for all creation? Do I rely utterly on God's mercy to sinners? (You may recognise some of the familiar notes of Pope Francis' teaching.) Do I recognise the Trinity breaking into human history in a very special way in Jesus' Incarnation, and the difference that makes to us all now? And then: am I willing to confirm the choices I made for good against evil, no matter what the cost, and to be free to go where God wants, both literally and figuratively? Do I find God hard at work in all around me? How hard do I try to love as God does?

I will be spending eight days with the Carmelites at their monastery in Benoni. One of the sacrifices that St Ignatius made establishing the Jesuits was that we are not obliged to say the Divine Office in common with our communities every day as other religious congregations do but are allowed to say it privately, in order to be free and flexible in our mission, so it is always a great joy for me to spend time in a more monastic setting. (Other Jesuits may not agree with me!)

Graham Pugin SJ

PS: Where is God inviting me in my life now?

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Digitally speaking: Are your children safe?

By Russell Pollitt SJ

“When history writes the chapter entitled ‘the digital world’, will it celebrate the immense benefits that technology has delivered and the great human progress that followed? Or will it be a requiem of regret for childhood loss? As it stands today my fear is that history will judge us harshly unless we act now,” Baroness Joanna Shields said in her opening remarks at the Child Dignity in the Digital World Congress in Rome. The Congress was hosted by the Jesuit-run Pontifical Gregorian University.

Shocking statistics of child abuse were reiterated at the Congress which brought together experts from all over the world including sociologists, psychologists, lawyers, law enforcement, neurosurgeons, software developers and activists.

The statistics in South Africa are, on average, amongst the highest in the world. The Optimus Study in South Africa, released in May 2016, shows that the sexual abuse of children and adolescents is widespread and possibly worse than previously estimated. Previous studies show that girls were always more vulnerable to abuse. Optimus shows that boys and girls are equally vulnerable to some form of sexual abuse. 35.4% of children interviewed said that they had been sexually abused at some point in their lives.

The study revealed that some 784,697 young people aged 15-17 have been sexually abused in South Africa. Optimus noted that parental abuse of alcohol or drugs doubles a child’s likelihood of being sexually abused. The risk of being sexually abused is highest between ages 14-16 and that children with a disability were 78% more likely to experience some form of sexual abuse.

Sexual abuse online is only one form of abuse. Many young people today are also bullied online. Incessant bullying has led to severe depression and suicide. Studies have revealed that two hours of screen time increases risk factors for suicide and depression. Baroness Shields pointed out that if you chart data on children’s behaviour from the 1960’s you notice something alarming: “This so-called ‘iGeneration’ is sleeping less, going out less, dating less, and postponing behaviours that for decades marked the transition to adulthood.”

She went on to say that algorithms seem to know more about us than we do about ourselves. They have calculated insights into our thoughts, feelings, beliefs and intentions. “If a young person is depressed or suicidal, then chances are the social networks or communication app they are using will have the tools to recognise this.”

Participants at the Congress also heard that youngsters were harassed and abused by their peers. Children are hurt not only by strangers “out there” but by their own friends and, often, family members. They are often coerced to produce sexually explicit pictures of themselves – not just by strangers but by peers.

Many parents did not grow up having to contend with the digital world. Often, they do not have the knowledge or the tools to help their children navigate the digital ecosystem. We now live on a world where there are no clear lines, no boundaries. We need a more concerted effort in working together to protect our children and teach them digital integrity.

Next time you see your child in front of the screen or on WhatsApp you might want to think again about their best interests and well-being.