



Port Elizabeth Oratory

Parish of St Bernadette

Sunday 24 November 2019: Solemnity of Christ the King (C)

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This Sunday, the last of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. As we reflect on the kingship of Jesus, we pray that as "God has put all things in subjection under his feet", so Christ may triumph over sin and death "until he has put all his enemies under his feet", and that his reign may come to its final completion, in which he will "deliver the kingdom to God the Father". (cf. 1 Cor. 15:24-27)



Advent Oratory

Our Advent Oratory takes place again this year on Thursday evenings leading up to Christmas (5th, 12th, 19th December). As our annual celebration of Our Lord's holy Nativity approaches, the Advent Oratory is a special opportunity to focus upon the spiritual meaning of our Christmas preparations and to reflect prayerfully upon the mystery of the Incarnation.

Programme: Confessions, 17:00-17:25; Blessing with relic of St Philip, 17:20. Oratory, 17:30-18:15, a talk in church on an Advent theme (by one of the Oratorians) followed by a period of silent prayer and then some Oratorian prayers and chants (finishing by 18:15).

As a result of the Advent Oratory there will be no evening Mass on the Thursdays of Advent; instead, during Advent, there will be an early morning Mass on Thursdays at 06:30.

General Audience

Please note that there is no General Audience this week as Pope Francis is travelling abroad.

First Holy Communion

There is First Holy Communion at the 8.30am Mass this Sunday, 24 November, so Mass will be slightly longer than usual. This will be a joint celebration of First Holy Communion for our parish and for St Dominic's Priory School. After Mass, for practical reasons, parents and immediate family only are invited to join the First Communicants in the hall for refreshments.

Please keep in prayer: Alyssa Apostolis, Nathan Boland, Isabella Costa Gamaleri, Gabriella Dos Santos, Enzo Figueira, Ethan Hayes, Jocelyn Holmes, Aidan Kisbey-Green, Hloma Mbelekane, Lubanzi Mbina, Reabilwe Moloto, Isabela Moreira, Agatha Ozoh, Liam Pereira, Aria Pizzardi, Allegra Pizzardi, Liam Roy, Liliana Stickells, Ava Strong, Andrew Theunissen and Simbonile Venske.

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Pledge Update:

The first six tiles of the puzzle are now up on the Anniversary Pledge Board! Please continue to support our fundraiser. Pledge forms are available in the church foyer and the parish office.

Mass Times

Saturday 18:00 (Vigil) Gregorian Chant
Sunday
 07:00 Said
 08:30 Choir
 10:00 Extraordinary Form (Latin, with Chant)
 11:00 Walmer Township
 18:00 Youth
 Mon - Fri: 08:30 & 17:30 Sat: 08:30

Rosary: Mon - Sat after 8:30am Mass
Divine Mercy: Monday after Rosary

Confessions

20 mins before *all* Sun. morning Masses; Sunday evenings from 17:30; Saturdays from 17:00; Fridays 16:30 - 17:20. At other times on request

Solemn Vespers Sunday 17:00

Blessing with the relic of St Philip Thursdays 09:00 & 17:20

Exposition Friday 16:30; Saturday 17:00

Benediction Saturday 17:40 Sunday 17:30

Sunday Readings:

Daily Missal 1488
 Sunday Missal 1003 Collins - New 913
 Collins - Old 720 Roman Missal 437

Psalm response:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Extraordinary Form:

Christ the King (External Solemnity)

Dates to Diarise

01 December - Parish Braai
 01 December - Sewing Sale & Draw
 04 December - Newman Society
 06 December - Organ Recital
 07 December - SVDP Distribution
 20 December - Carols by Candlelight

Announcements

Ryan Mulvihill and Shelby Hastie will be married on Saturday 14 December 2019



SVDP: November Wishlist

03 Nov - Sugar Beans (500g)
 10 Nov - Brown Sugar (1kg)
 17 Nov - Peanut Butter (400g)
 24 Nov - Samp (2,5kg bag)

Carols By Candlelight

The Port Elizabeth Oratory
 St Bernadette's Parish
 Invite you to enjoy carols by candlelight in the Oratory Garden

Friday 20 December starting at 18:00

Parish Notices

Catechism: Last classes for the year, for all age groups, take place this weekend, 22 - 24 November.

The **Sewing Group** is raffling a quilt. Tickets at R10 each are available *after the Sunday 8.30am & Sunday 6pm Masses, or from the Repository, or from the parish office.* The draw will take place on Sunday 1 December. Proceeds to the 75th Anniversary Fund.

Parish Office: The parish office will be closed from Tuesday 17 December 2019 and reopen on Monday 6 January 2020.

Mass Intentions: Please give your Mass Intentions (up to and including 12 January 2020) to the parish office before noon on Thursday 12 December.

Knights of Da Gama Boot Sale: Saturday 30 November 2019 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church Grounds, Cape Road, Kabega Park. Proceeds for charity. Gates open at 6am for Sellers & 7am for the Buying Public. Contact Duncan Taft Cell: 083 357 2238 for more information.

Farewell Organ Recital by Arnú Oelofse: Featuring the Hemiola Chamber Choir, at St Bernadette's on 6 December 2019, from 19:00 - 20:00. Entrance is free but a donation to the Oratory's Music Fund would be most appreciated.

Spiritual Books: If you have any Christian (preferably Catholic) books that you are willing to donate to the Collegium library, please contact Fr Lewis via the parish office.

Bishop Zungu's Advent Appeal

"The Season of Advent starts on the weekend of the 1st of December this year. For the 2019 Advent Appeal I would like to ask you to donate to the "Ongoing Formation of Clergy Fund". Priestly formation begins in the seminary and obviously should not end there, it should rather be a lifelong process. Lifelong learning/renewal of the Clergy should be essential for the effective ministry of our Clergy for the benefit of the people of God.



Ongoing formation programmes and activities organised and promoted by the Diocese during 2019: Further study at university level, Professional Conduct workshops, Orientation workshops for new Priests, SACOP – The Southern African Council of Priests, Marriage Tribunal training, Coolock renewal programme for Priests over 10 years in ministry, Exorcism Workshops, Annual Gathering of Recently Ordained Priests (AGROP) for all those Priests in ministry for five years and below, Ecumenism workshops, Vocations workshops, Child Protection Officers four-month course attended by one of our Priests in Rome, Annual Clergy Retreat, Annual Clergy Plenary Meeting, Aspirant Diaconate training and Sabbaticals.

I appeal to your continued support and generosity in assisting me with the ongoing formation of the Clergy in the Diocese of Port Elizabeth.

May God bless you and your loved-ones as you prepare for the Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

Bishop Vincent Mduduzi Zungu."

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

PARISH BRAAI 1 DECEMBER

Fellowship, fires and feasting!

Join us in the Oratory garden from 12 noon.
 Fires, tables and braai masters provided.
 Pack your meat, tongs and a salad to share. Please bring own glasses, crockery, cutlery and drinks.

Liturgical Week		Mass Intentions
Christ the King	Sat. Vigil	18:00 Peter Carrington RIP (His family)
	Sunday	7:00 Pro populo; 8:30 For the First Holy Communicants; 10:00 Mario & Ida Boezio RIP (Boezio family); 18:00 Ints of Richard and Glynis Spargo on their 40th wedding anniversary
Feria / St Catherine of Alexandria	Monday	8:30 Donor's Ints; 17:30 Vincenzo Bertolani RIP (Anniversary) (His family)
	Tuesday	8:30 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 17:30 Donor's Ints
	Wednesday	8:30 Donor's Ints; 17:30 For those on our Pious List
	Thursday	8:30 Ints of Yvonne Kew; 17:30 Donor's Ints
	Friday	8:30 Jennifer Lyn Spach RIP; Donor's Ints
St Andrew	Saturday	8:30 For those on our Pious List; 18:00 Donor's Ints
	Sunday	7:00 Ints of Charmian Green (Her family); 8:30 For the continued growth of a truly Catholic culture; 10:00 Ints of Operation Storm Heaven; 18:00 Pro Populo