



# Port Elizabeth Oratory

## Parish of St Bernadette

Sunday 26 January 2020: 3rd Sunday of the Year (A)



### Bd Sebastian Valfré of the Oratory - Thursday 30th January

Sebastian Valfré was born in 1629 in Alba in Piedmont, now north-west Italy, and joined the Oratory in Turin on St Philip's Day (26 May) 1651. As a priest, he was especially known for teaching Catechism, hearing confessions, giving spiritual direction, and helping the poor and sick. He was greatly devoted to the Shroud of Turin. He died in 1710.

We honour Bd Sebastian with Benediction at 17:15 on Thursday.



### The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (next Sunday, 2 February)

Celebrated on 2nd February, forty days after Christmas, the feast of the Presentation (sometimes called "Candlemas") falls this year on Sunday. The feast commemorates the solemn presentation of Our Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem (Luke 2: 22-40). It is observed in the older Catholic calendar (followed at the 10am Mass and Vespers) as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, focussing on Mary's participation in the Temple rites as the Scriptures attest.

On this feast, our lighted candles symbolise him who is the light of the whole world, and he, whose grace illumined the heart and mind of his Holy Mother, now illumines us by his entrance in this world. *The 8.30am Mass on Sunday will be preceded by the traditional procession which will start in the hall. Please gather in the hall before 8.30am.* All other Masses start in the church with a simpler rite of the blessing of candles. At all Masses please bring candles for lighting at Mass or use in the procession; you are welcome also to bring candles to have blessed for use at home.

**Church Opening:** The parish church is open for prayer via the Fordyce Road entrance only, from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) between 08:00 and 12:30, and again between 16:00 and 18:00. Come in and spend some time with the Lord in prayer.



### World Day of Prayer for the Sick

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### Torchlight & Healing Service

Tuesday 11 February, 19:00. All Invited.

Our parish, named after Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, celebrates the *World Day of Prayer for the Sick* by inviting you to a torchlight procession and healing service. Bring friends and family in need of spiritual, physical or emotional healing, or pray for your own intentions.

#### 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 748  
 Sunday Missal 316  
 Collins - Old 288  
 Collins - New 377  
 Roman Missal 162

#### Psalm response:

The Lord is my light and my salvation

#### Extraordinary Form:

3rd Sunday after Epiphany


## Announcements

Genevieve Stone, daughter of Greg and Carla, will be baptised on Saturday 1 February.

**Oratory Draw:** The next draw takes place on Sunday 26 January after the 8.30am Mass


The **SVDP Monthly Distribution** takes place in the hall on Saturday 1 February at 8am. Parishioners are welcome to come along and assist.

**General Audience**  
Please collect a copy from the foyer.



**SVDP: Grocery Wishlists**

26 January - Peanut Butter (400g bottle)  
02 February - Samp (2,5kg bag)  
09 February - Tinned Fish (400g tin)  
16 February - Sugar Beans (500g bag)  
23 February - Brown Sugar (1kg)

**PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE** **75<sup>th</sup>**   
**ANNIVERSARY**

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

## Parish Notices

**Second Collection:** There will be a second collection at all Masses *next weekend (1/2 February) in aid of the Missionary Childhood*. Envelopes are available in the benches this weekend.

**Repository:** Liturgical calendars for 2020 (R20 each) and Sunday Missals (R325) are on sale in the Repository, and from the Parish Office.

**Oratory Draw:** Supporters from 2019 are kindly invited to sign up again for 2020.  
*EFT bank details: Friends of the Oratory, First National Bank, Branch code: 211- 217 (Walmer) Acc number: 62177534544*

**Reading at Mass at St B'S:** parishioners are invited to participate in a readers workshop taking place on 15, 22 and 29 February, from 09:30 - 11:30 each day. Those who complete the course and show sufficient proficiency at public reading will be eligible to read at Mass during the remainder of this year. It is necessary to have been a parishioner here for at least 3 years, confirmed in a Catholic parish, and not in an irregular marriage. Please bring to the workshop an up-to-date copy of the Sunday Missal and a liturgical calendar, both available from the repository.

**Rosary for Rain:** Wednesday 29 January. All are invited to pray the Rosary in the Church on Wednesday 29 January after the 8.30am Mass, from 9:15 to 9:45 (approx.). Let us join together in prayer to pray for much needed rain in the drought stricken areas. Refreshments will be served after our time of prayer.

**Secular Oratory:** The Tuesday evening meetings of the Secular Oratory resumed

last week (19:00, parish centre). After the Rosary and a talk by one of the Fathers, the evenings continue with prayers in the church (including a period of silent prayer), finishing with recreation (tea & coffee) in the Oratory house. We have begun the year with a four week reflection on the Bible's advice on stress and worry. Why not join our group of Secular Oratorians and be spiritually refreshed each Tuesday by common prayer and fellowship?

**Catechism & Faith formation:** Edge and CGS classes for 2020 have started; dates for First Confession and First Holy Communion classes will be advised. Should you have missed registration for your child, please email parish@pe-oratory.org.za for details (Forms are available on the website). Registration for Confirmation classes is this Thursday (30 January) evening in the Parish Centre, please email roosj01@gmail.com for further information.

## News from the Diocese

The Family Ministry Team of the PDO is presenting a **Retreat Enrichment Day for Married People** on Saturday 8 February 2020 at St Martin de Porres church hall, Kobus Road, Gelvandale, from 09:30 to 13:00. Tea and coffee will be served. You are welcome to bring your own snack. A donation of R30 per person is requested, but if payment is a problem you are still welcome to attend. Take time out and reflect with God on your marriage. For bookings please contact:

Denise on 041-3730675 or info@pastoraldevelopment.org  
whatsapp 071 079 9702

## Prayer List

Silvia Warwick; Liz Glass; Michael Hechter; Nicholas Camp; Othandwayo Tyokwana; James Chapman; Kirsty Henderson; Brydie Dolan; Desiree Cornell; Shane Merifield; Edith Staltz; Melanie Gartenbach; Harry O'Brien; Sean Bateman; Tony Hall; Jenny Cullum; Drew von Bratt; Val Duigan; Patrick Talbot; William Chapman; Robert Dale; Elizabeth West; Tony Stephens; Don Robertson; Jacqueline Moore; Alain de Robillard; George Randall; Denise Cornish; Stella Rensburg; Elizabeth Black; Sandra Ferreira; Maureen Hackney; Sr M. Illtyd; Kathy Brown; Thomas Radley; Mary-Ann Silva; Clinton Ashworth; Wilma Vancoillie; Elaine Herholdt; Angie Betz; Kurt Kruger; Joan Adams; Wesley Neethling; Alex Harvey; Ben Williams; Sharon Geldenhuys; Lionel Rowe; David Naude; Ivan Venter; David Sheehan; Louis Nortje; Jo de Lauwere, John Coxon; Ren Wightman; Jimmy Watts; Ellie Watts; Sue Warren; Leah Wintermeyer; Ellie Oosthuizen; Michael Oelschig jnr; Les Greensmith; Daniel Abrahamse; Glynn Brown; Brian Duigan; Thalita Robinson; Enzo Barchietto.

Liturgical Week		Mass Intentions
<b>3rd Sunday of the Year</b>  Feria / St Angela Merici St Thomas Aquinas Feria  Bd Sebastian Valfré St John Bosco  Bd Benedict Daswa Presentation of the Lord	<b>Sat. Vigil Sunday</b>	18:00 Andrée Desterbecq RIP 7:00 Ints of the Holy Father; 8:30 Pro Populo; 10:00 Andrée Desterbecq RIP; 18:00 In thanksgiving (Barchietto family)
	<b>Monday Tuesday Wednesday</b>	8:30 Ints of Michelle Leyland (Mowatt family); 17:30 Bernard Hicks RIP (Anniv.) (His family) 8:30 Gordon Cuff RIP (Anniv.); 17:30 Michael Duigan RIP 8:30 For rain and an end to the drought; 17:30 Bernard Nagle RIP (Anniv.) (Derek & Jill Meiring)
	<b>Thursday Friday</b>	8:30 Roald Pearson RIP (Anniv.) (Sieglinde & family); 17:30 Ints of the Oratory 8:30 Ints of the Care Ministry at St Bernadette's; 17:30 Val Daverin RIP (Illenberger & Daverin families)
	<b>Saturday Sunday</b>	8:30 Ints of the friends & benefactors of the SVDP; 18:00 Michael Duigan RIP (Clarke family) 7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 Felix & Ursula Wolf RIP (Newton family); 10:00 Ints of Carmel Thormeyer (Boezio family); 18:00 For the sick of the Parish