



# Port Elizabeth Oratory

## Parish of St Bernadette

Sunday 16 February 2020: 6th Sunday of the Year (A)

### Feast of the Chair of St Peter - 22 February



This feast recalls the authority of St Peter, who by the will of Christ was given pastoral oversight over the entire Church (cf. Matthew 16:18-9) and whose office of teaching and governing continues in the succession of the Bishops of Rome, the Popes. The "Chair" spoken of in the title of the feast is the *cathedra*, the official chair of a bishop, from which St Peter spoke in preaching.

### Lent is Approaching...

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 26th February. This holy penitential season is a wonderful annual opportunity to renew our Christian discipleship, especially by the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As well as the special opportunities offered in church at this time (e.g. Stations of the Cross), each of us can consider ways we can sanctify this season, individually or as a family, by practices of Christian devotion and self-denial.

**Ash Wednesday** is a fast day for those between their 18th and 59th birthdays. This allows for one full meal and up to two light snacks if necessary. It is also a day of abstinence for those aged 14+, which forbids the eating of meat, on this day. There will be a special collection at all Masses on Ash Wednesday for the Port Elizabeth Oratory.

**Friday:** The church's universal law prescribes abstinence on every Friday of the year, but the bishops of South Africa give us the option of replacing abstinence from meat with abstinence from alcohol, tobacco or luxury foods, or with acts of charity or exercises of piety. (This excludes Good Friday, however, when we all abstain from meat.) There is no specific requirement in South Africa for the Fridays of Lent, but traditionally these are penitential days of our own choosing. Many Catholics honour the tradition of meat-free Fridays during Lent.

### Lenten Oratory: starts Thursday 5th March

Our annual Lenten Oratory will be held on the Thursdays of Lent, starting on 5th March. You and your family are invited to attend this time of prayer in the Church between 17:30 and 18:10, replacing the evening Mass. Come early for confessions, available from 17:00, and veneration of the relic of St Philip at 17:15. Note: the usual evening Mass is transferred to Thursdays to the mornings at 06:30 (use the side doors for Holy Mass).

### Shrove Tuesday: Confessions

Morning: 07:30 - 08:30 / Afternoon: 16:30 - 17:30

### Ash Wednesday: Mass Times

Morning: 06:30 (til 07:10) & 08:30 / Afternoon: 13:10 (EF) & 17:30

### Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent. Starts 28 February at 17:00. (No Exposition)



On Tuesday 11 February, people of different parishes and denominations gathered at St Bernadette's for the annual Lady of Lourdes Healing Service. Among the comments received:

*"It was lovely to pray the Rosary with so many people. And to think, we were praying also with so many others around the world"*

*"I really appreciated the Healing Service. The procession by candlelight was a highlight"*

#### 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 823  
Sunday Missal 327  
Collins - Old 297  
Collins - New 388  
Roman Missal 190

#### Psalm response:

Blessed are those who walk in  
the law of the Lord!

#### Extraordinary Form:

Sexagesima Sunday

## Announcements

The Friends of the Oratory Draw will take place on Sunday 23 February.

The Anniversary Fund Draw will also take place in the hall on Sunday 23 February.

### General Audience

Please collect a copy from the foyer.



### SVDP: February Wishlist

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

Eighty nine tiles are now up on the Anniversary Pledge Board and our fundraising total stands at **R222,500.00!** Please continue to support our effort. Pledge forms are available on the table in the church foyer and in the parish office.

It's our **FLIPPIN' AWESOME** pancake supper!

Tuesday  
25 February

18:30, St Bernadette's church hall. Meal includes savoury and sweet pancakes, dinner rolls & salads. Please bring your own drinks & glasses.

R70 per adult      Contact Ann:  
R35 per child u/12      073 247 1316 or  
   the parish office

Tickets now available. Booking essential!

## Parish Notices

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

**Planned Giving:** The new Planned Giving boxes are available in the church foyer. The new Planned Giving year starts on 1 March 2020 and runs through to the end of February 2021. Please use only the new envelopes from 1 March; your Planned Giving numbers may have changed. For more details, please contact 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

**Life Teen** is a complete, comprehensive and interactive model of religious formation. Grounded in

the sacraments, high school teens are introduced to dynamic catechesis that removes the classroom desks and draws them into an interactive learning experience. Life Teen takes place on Sunday evenings after the 6pm Mass in the parish hall.

For information, contact:  
Pravesh on 083 700 3107

### Open Day: Grade Pre-R - Grade 12

St Dominic's Priory School Open Day: Grade Pre-R - Grade 12.

Pop in on Wednesday, 4 March 2020 between 15:00 - 18:30 for a tour of our gorgeous campus. Find out about our amazing school - a place where strong friendships, passion for learning and faith grow. Join the Priory family!

## GROW • SERVE • GIVE

**Stewardship Sunday is next weekend. Every Christian is a steward, and as such, each is called to Grow, Serve and Give. Moreover, we are called to do this as a team - this team is called St Bernadette's Parish. Let's do this together!**

### GROW

Sin damages; virtue strengthens. To learn how, join an existing Home Group or run one at your own home with your friends and family. All you need to run a group is good WiFi and a willing heart for Jesus and His Church. Alternatively, to join an existing group, contact the parish office via email. Entries close for this Series (Seven Deadly Sins; Seven Lively Virtues) on Sunday 23 Feb.

### SERVE

Each of us have specific gifts and talents the Lord has given for the building up of His Kingdom. This Parish has plenty of service opportunities for every person and every age. If you already serve as part of a group - well done and thanks be to God. If not, you are invited to come and see Fr Jonathan or Fr Gregory to find out what service group might suit you. Let us together "serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100).

### GIVE

Financial giving is an integral part of one's spiritual formation. It is beneficial in that it helps to prevent greed, which is a deadly sin, from taking a hold of one's life. Giving also supports the upkeep of our Parish, advances the mission of the Church, and the expansion of God's Kingdom on Earth: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matt 6:21).

Thank you for the generous manner in which you give, whether large or small, at this Parish. If possible, please regularise your financial support for our Parish by making a monthly contribution via EFT using the parish bank details and the reference "PG Surname".

Please look out next week for an update on Planned Giving at St Bernadette's.



## Liturgical Week

### 6th Sunday of the Year

Feria / Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

Feria  
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Feria / St Peter Damian  
Chair of St Peter

### 7th Sunday of the Year

### Sat. Vigil Sunday

### Monday

Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday  
Sunday

## Mass Intentions

18:00 Mannie Balanco RIP (Anniv.) (Balance, Mendes & Clarke families)  
7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 Claude West RIP (His family); 10:00 Special Int. (Boezio family); 18:00 Ints of Derek & Jill Meiring  
8:30 Rita Chowles RIP; 17:30 In thanksgiving for prayers answered (Ayleen Radley)

8:30 Jeanne Nel RIP (Anniv.) (Gouws family); 17:30 Avi Misri RIP (Misri family)  
8:30 For the sick of the Parish; 17:30 Ints of the friends & benefactors of the Oratory (The Oratory)  
8:30 Louis Nortje RIP (Anderson family); 17:30 For the Collegium students  
8:30 Yvonne Elaine Stow RIP (Anniv.) (Gouws family); 17:30 Ints of Ann Mowatt (André Mukheibir)  
8:30 Ints of the Holy Father; 18:00 Marge Assheton-Smith RIP (Terry Geere)  
7:00 Pro Populo; 8:30 For the recently bereaved (Care Ministry); 10:00 Mario & Ida Boezio RIP (Boezio family); 18:00 Ernst Bonnet RIP (Illenberger family)