



Port Elizabeth Oratory

Parish of St Bernadette

Sunday 1 March 2020: 1st Sunday of Lent



The occasion of Newman's canonisation, on 13 October 2019, showing the front of St Peter's Basilica. The newly canonised saints displayed above will be the subject of our Lenten Oratory series.

Lenten Oratory: Starts this Thursday 5th March

Our Lenten Oratory starts this Thursday at 17.30. This year, each week, one of the Fathers will speak about each of the new saints canonised in Rome along with our St John Henry Newman last October: Mariam Theresia Chiramel Mankidiyan, Josephine Vannini, Irma Dulce Pontes and Marguerite Bays. Their inspiring examples of Christian sanctity, helping us on our Lenten journey, encourage us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

Come early for confessions at 17:00 and blessing with the relic of St Philip at 17:15. The Oratory talk and prayers start at 17:30 and finish by 18:10. As a result there is no evening Mass on Thursdays in Lent; it is replaced by an extra Mass at 06:30 (use the side doors for Holy Mass), as well as the usual 08:30 Mass.

Stations of the Cross: On Fridays during Lent

Stations of the Cross will start on Friday 28 February at 17:00. (No Exposition)

Fridays in Lent: 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.

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.

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 (suspended); Saturday 17:00

Benediction Saturday 17:40
Sunday 17:30

Sunday Readings:

Daily Missal 197
Sunday Missal 90
Collins - Old 130
Collins - New 168
Roman Missal 446

Psalm response:

Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Extraordinary Form:

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Announcements

Oaklyn Rennick, daughter of Clement and Lyndle, will be baptised on 7 March.

The SVDP Parcel Distribution takes place on Saturday 7 March at 8am in the hall. Parishioners are invited to come along and assist.

General Audience

Please collect a copy from the foyer.

SVDP: March Wishlist

01 March - Peanut Butter (400g bottle)
08 March - Samp (2,5kg bag)
15 March - Tinned Fish (400g tin)
22 March - Sugar Beans (500g bag)
29 March - Brown Sugar (1kg)

The SVDP Forty Day Challenge

Each day of Lent, remove one item of non-perishable food from your pantry, and at the end of Lent, donate these items to the SVDP for a disadvantaged family.



PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE 75th 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.

Members, leaders and friends of Life Teen (pictured alongside) attended the Pancake Supper last Tuesday, with Pravesh Dana and Michael Vieira serving as MCs for the evening.

Parish Notices

Lenten Appeal: The South African Catholic Bishop's annual appeal will take place each Sunday in Lent, starting on Sunday 1 March.

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: Congratulations to the winners of the February Draw: 1st prize Charmian Green, 2nd prize Meryl McLeod, 3rd prize Alan Lones.

Anniversary Fundraiser Draw: Congratulations to the winners of the February Draw: Gloria Mulligan (R500 Spar Voucher) and Eileen Scheckle (R300 Spar Voucher).

Life Teen: 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.

Newman Society: Wednesday 4 March in the Oratory; Prof. André Mukheibir on "Spare the Rod - Corporal Punishment and the Constitution". RSVP to the parish office by noon on Monday 2 March.

Tuesday Secular Oratory: Tuesday Secular Oratory restarts on 3rd March at the new time of 18:45.

Upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend: The next Retrouvaille Weekend takes place in Port Elizabeth from 17-19 April 2020. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next weekend please visit www.helpourmarriage.com or phone 072 783 6785.

Retreat Enrichment Day: The Family Ministry Team of the PDO is presenting a Retreat Enrichment Day for Divorced/Separated Persons on Saturday 14th March 2020 @ Mater Dei Hall, Cape Road, Newton Park, from 09h30 to 13h00. Tea and coffee will be served; you are welcome to bring your own snack. A small donation of R30 is welcomed, but if payment is a problem you are still welcome to attend (no questions asked). Bookings can be done with Denise: telephone 041-3730675, email info@pastoraldevelopment.org or whatsapp 0710799702.

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!

Oratory Collection: The Fathers of the Oratory wish to thank all those who contributed to the Ash Wednesday collection last week.

St B's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Thank you to all those who attended, served, cooked and worked behind the scenes to make the Pancake Supper possible. Some were new, others were seasoned pros, but all gave willingly of their time and energy. It was a wonderful evening and all contributions were very much appreciated. See you again next year!



Liturgical Week

1st Sunday of Lent

Feria / St Francis of Rome
Feria
Feria
Feria
Feria
Feria

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sat. Vigil Sunday

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Mass Intentions

18:00 For deceased members of the Assheton-Smith & Dewar families (Tony Assheton-Smith)
7:00 Ints of the friends & benefactors of the Oratory (The Oratory); 8:30 Pro Populo; 10:00 Ints of Operation Storm Heaven; 18:00 Louise Balanco RIP (Balanco, Mendes & Clarke families)
8:30 Colin Anderson RIP (Anniv.) (His family); 17:30 Donor's Ints
8:30 In thanksgiving (Sheila Sullivan); 17:30 Donor's Ints
8:30 For rain and an end to the drought; 17:30 Donor's Ints
6:30 Ints of the Holy Father; 8:30 Donor's Ints
8:30 Donor's Ints; 17:30 Ints of the friends & benefactors of the SVDP
8:30 Donor's Ints; 18:00 Avi Misri RIP (Jagwanth family)
7:00 Donor's Ints; 8:30 Ints of Fr Jonathan (His family); 10:00 Emil Mukheibir RIP (Anniv.) (André Mukheibir); 18:00 Pro Populo