

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:14-17.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98.

RESPONSE:

The Lord has shown his deliverance to the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel. **R**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-13.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

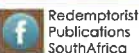
The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those
who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 13 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 98; Luke 11:29-32

The faith of so many people centres around miracles and signs, but God wants to give us so much more. If we could but recognise who Jesus really is for us, we would receive riches beyond our desires.

Tue 14 Oct (St Callistus I, PM)

Romans 1:16-25; Psalm 19; Luke 11:37-41

Pope Callistus was a merciful and courageous leader, emphasizing the importance of forgiveness, reconciliation and service to the Church. He had a desire to uphold the merciful nature of Christ's teachings.

Wed 15 Oct St Teresa of Avila, VD

Romans 2:1-11; Psalm 62; Luke 11:42-46

Speaking on the presence of God, St Teresa said, "We need no wings to go in search of him, but have only to look upon him present within us", and "Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

Thu 16 Oct (St Margaret Mary Alacoque, V)

Romans 3:21-30; Psalm 130; Luke 11:47-54

Known for her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St Margaret Mary said, "My greatest happiness is to be before the Blessed Sacrament, where my heart is, as it were, in its centre."

Fri 17 Oct St Ignatius of Antioch, BM

Romans 4:1-8; Psalm 32; Luke 12:1-7

St Ignatius was known for his focus on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. "Do everything as if He were dwelling in us. Thus we shall be His temples and He will be within us as our God – as He actually is."

Sat 18 Oct ST LUKE, E

2 Timothy 4:10-17; Psalm 145; Luke 10:1-9

"There is an urgent need for the emergence of a new generation of apostles anchored firmly in the word of Christ, capable of responding to the challenges of our times..." – Pope Benedict XIV

Sun 19 Oct 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121; Luke 18:1-8

It is so difficult to not be in control of things. "Trust God, trust Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth. Make your intention clear that you will follow as called, without exception." – Barbara Holmes

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
P=Pope; M=Martyr; D=Doctor; V=Virgin; B=Bishop; E=Evangelist

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'... one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.'



Our word 'church' comes from the Greek word *ekklesia* which means the assembly of those who belong to the Lord, or, as Vatican II put it, the People of God. The Book of Revelation says that God himself is its light. The early Fathers of the Church went on to say that the Church shines the light and love of Christ into the world. We can think of the Church as being like the moon: the moon has no light of its own but reflects the sun's light onto the earth.

Christ has returned to the Father in his resurrection and ascension. But through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of believers, Christ is incarnate continually through all time in the Church. It reflects, through the lives, actions and words of believers, Christ's light and love in the world. "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14).

The reflected light came to be described theologically in terms of the four 'marks' of the Church: one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

The Church is **one** because it acknowledges one Lord, confesses one faith, and its members are born of one baptism through the power of the one Spirit. We form one body – the body of Christ, who is one.

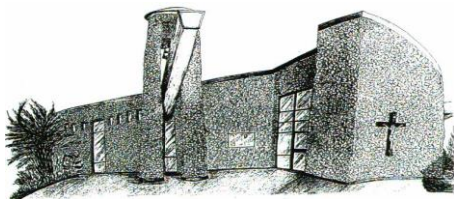
The Church is **holy**, despite being made up of ordinary sinful people like ourselves. It is holy because it is God's work, made holy by the abiding presence of Jesus who promised his disciples that he would be with them until the end of time. So, it is the presence of Christ in our midst, through the Holy Spirit, by the will

of the Father, that makes the Church holy. As Scripture says, Jesus gave himself up for us to make us holy and it is the Spirit of holiness which gives life to the Church. Jesus was at home with sinners – those who humbly acknowledged their sinfulness and need for him. The Church is the community of sinners in continual process of conversion.

The Church is **catholic** (small c, the word meaning universal) because it is for everyone and is open to everyone. Christ came for all nations and all people. Outwardly we see minor differences, for example, how liturgies are celebrated in various rites with various cultures and contexts. But the beliefs are the same. The Church is enriched by each of those unique encounters with the living God.

And because Christ's message is for all, by its very nature the Church is **apostolic**, continuing the mission given to the twelve apostles, reaching out to all. Furthermore, whenever there has been a dispute about what to believe, it has always been settled by measuring it up against the original teaching of the apostles. As St John Henry Newman put it, although a seed doesn't look like the fully grown tree, everything is there. There is continuity in belief from apostolic times.

The four marks describe the Church. But description becomes responsibility as we work towards unity, manifest holiness, become more universal, and remain true to the mission of the apostles.



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Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive, as a Parish, to grow into disciples of Jesus Christ, Reaching out in Faith into a wider Community.

Prayer of the Church (Divine Office):

15 minutes before weekday Masses.

Prayer Circle:

Contact Cay Loader 0314664474 / 0789216797

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Our long-term Seriously Sick whose names are on the noticeboards, and or our currently –

Seriously Sick:

Tashnim Dos Santos, Michael Tunley, Fr Chris Neville, Merlyn Oakes, Andy Rossell & Cathy Barr.

CONFESSIONS: Please note that Fr Mike is available for Personal Confessions on Saturday afternoons from **16.00 - 17.00.**

ONLINE MASS: Live-streamed on Facebook at the **Sunday 9:00am Mass**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:

Sat 11 Oct 5.30pm

2025 Teenage Confirmants, their Sponsors & Families [Catechists]

Sun 12 Oct 7.00am

All Parishioners

Sun 12 Oct 9.00am

Victor, Theresa & Anthony Himunchul R.I.P. [Family]

Angelo James R.I.P. [Maree & Lavelle]

Venitia Pechey R.I.P. [Family]

Sheryl Fynn R.I.P. [Family]

Mon 13 Oct 8.00am

Lucy & Manuel de Gouveia R.I.P. [John de Gouveia]

Manuel Joseph R.I.P. [Family]

Tue 14 Oct 5.30pm St Callistus 1

Dea Castellani R.I.P. [Lilly & Betty]

Wed 15 Oct 8.00am St Teresa of Jesus

Lynette Pretorius' Healing [Family]

Peter Janneman R.I.P. [Ursula King]

Thu 16 Oct 5.30pm

Oblate Provincial

Fri 17 Oct 8.00am St Ignatius of Antioch

Elizabeth Kirk-Fuller's Special Intention

Sat 18 Oct 5.30pm

Holy Souls & Deceased Members of FOSS [Gaë]

Desmond Pierce R.I.P. [Family]

Ethnie Hodnett R.I.P. [Leonie Jacobs]

Sun 19 Oct 7.00am

Elizabeth Kirk-Fuller's Thanksgiving for Blessings Received

Alison Buss R.I.P. [Rosemary Squier]

Sun 19 Oct 9.00am

All Parishioners

Responsorial Psalm Response: (Sun 9.00am)

**The Lord has revealed
to the nations his
saving pow'r.**

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Sun 12 Oct

9.00am Mass – Presentation of Parents for Infant Baptism

10.30am Umhlangano kaAnna Ocwebileyo (St Anna Sodality) – Room 9

Mon 13 Sep

6.30pm Men's League Meeting – Hall

Wed 15 Oct

8.30am St Monica's Prayer Group – Church

Thu 16 Oct

6.30pm General Choir Practice – Church

7.00pm RCIA 2026 Topic: The Early Church / Overview of Church History – Hall

Fri 17 Oct

7.00pm Senior Youth – Hall

Sat 18 Oct

(10am Diocesan Jubilee Mass at Emmanuel Cathedral, Durban)

1.30pm C W L Meeting – Hall

NOTICES:

ST ANNE'S PARISH CHESTERVILLE: In order to assist them with completing their new parish church, parishioners are asked to assist with the purchase of a window. or two, or part thereof. The windows are of various sizes and costs. Please see the sheet with options on the noticeboards, and contact SFX parish office with your details if you would like to participate.

MUSICIAN URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR SUNDAY 9AM MASS CHOIR:

Please contact Desiree Manuel 0730660055 if you can assist.

CARE GROUP: This long-running parish group disbanded a few years ago. We would like to recruit new members to reform the Care Group, which engaged in Social Welfare work within the parish. Please contact the parish office if you would like to get involved.

2026 SPRINGS OF CARMEL BIBLE DIARIES:

(COST : R130 EACH)

All initial 120 copies have been ordered and allocated. As there were more requests than ordered, we have secured an additional 20 copies

(8 of which are already allocated), so 12 copies are still available. Please write your name down on one of the sheets provided at the church entrance, and include your contact number and how many copies you wish to order. Make full payment by the end of November in cash at the Repository, or by EFT into the parish account using **BIBLE (and your name)** as a reference. Email the Proof of Payment to either of the parish office email addresses.

RETRouvaille / HELP YOUR MARRIAGE: The next program for 2025 starts with Phase 1 on the weekend of Oct 31 to Nov 2. Please see the posters on the noticeboards.

DIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Saturday 18 October at 10am at Emmanuel Cathedral, celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Mandla Jwara CMM. The Archdiocese invites all parishes to attend. In keeping with one of the key aspects of the Jubilee Year being acts of charity, you are also encouraged to bring non-perishable items with you to the celebration. If you are unable to attend, the parish will have a trolley at the church entrance this weekend, where your contribution may be dropped off. All collected goods will be given to the Sisters of Charity and the Napier Centre for Healing.

DAY RETREAT AT ST DOMINIC'S HOUSE OF PRAYER: Saturday 18 October 9am – 2pm, led by Sr Léonienne LaBonté. Cost: R100 "Come walk with Mary on her Pilgrimage of Hope". See noticeboards for further information.

