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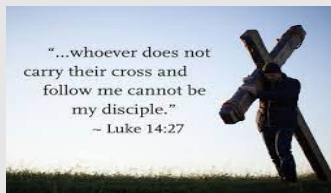
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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

INTRODUCTION:

We who are gathered here today are called by the same name. We are called 'Christians.' The word means that we are followers of Christ. He is the Christ. We are the Christians. Today we reflect on another similarity we have with Christ. It is a very important similarity:

Christ carried his cross and we have to carry our cross. We read the words of Christ: "Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

GOSPEL – Luke 14: 25 - 33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

PRIESTS' VESTMENTS

Two anonymous donors sponsored 4 new vestments. Fr Marek would like to thank them very much.

FUNDRAISING

We will be hosting a Golf Day on 20/09/25 to raise funds. Sponsorship letters are available for anyone who would like to sponsor a hole or make a donation. We will be selling raffle tickets for R20 each. The prize is an **air fryer**.



**1 September
2025 to
4 October 2025**

PRAYER FOR SUCCESS OF PARISH MISSION

O Jesus, most holy Redeemer, our Master and our King, it is to Thy Sacred Heart, that ocean of love and goodness, that we owe the inestimable blessing of a Mission. Touched with compassion at the sight of our miseries and the eternal unhappiness that threatens us, Thou hast resolved to save us. The missionaries who are coming to us are Thy representatives; in Thy person they will break for us the bread of God's Word and will bring to us the joy of forgiveness. Grant, O Lord, that we may be faithful to Thy grace and correspond zealously with the advances of Thy mercy. Let the preaching of Thy eternal truths enlighten and quicken our minds, and deeply move our hearts, so that we may realize our shortcomings and sincerely repent of them. To the poor souls plunged in the darkness of ignorance and error do Thou grant the life of faith. To those who have saddened Thee by a wicked life, do Thou give the grace of a sincere conversion. Bestow fresh fervour upon the lukewarm, and upon the just true progress in the way of virtue. Send forth Thy Holy Spirit

upon all of us, and the face of this parish shall be renewed. And thou, O Mary, immaculate Virgin and Mother of Perpetual Help, thou art the refuge and advocate of poor sinners; the more guilty they are, the more claim they have upon thy tenderness. It is for this reason that we make bold to implore thy powerful and motherly protection with all confidence. Our salvation is in Thy hands, plead our cause and intercede for us with thy divine Son. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patroness of the parish of North Richland Hills, pray for us during the blessed days of this Mission. Amen.

MARIA RATSCHITZ PILGRIMAGE 14 September 2025

Transport to Maria Ratchitz on the 14th of September. Lloyd's Transport will be R100 per person. If you need transport, please contact Nokwazi at RPP or Marge at St. Jude. Please make a payment by Tuesday the latest.

THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT RPP & ST JUDE ON SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2025.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For our relationship with all of creation:

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Tue 09	10:00	Mass @RPP
	18:00	PPC Exec meeting RPP
Wed 10	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 11	09:00	Mass @ RPP followed by Adoration
	18:00	Benediction
Fri 12	17:30	Mass @ St Jude
Sat 13	17:30	Mass @ RPP
Sun 14	08:00	NO MASS IN LADYSMITH Pilgrimage to Maria Ratschitz

UPCOMING EVENTS

13/09 Exaltation of the Holy Cross (bring your crosses for blessing)
14/09 Pilgrimage to Maria Ratchitz
16/09 PFC -Executive Committee @RPP
20/09: Golf Day – Fundraising
24/09: Heritage Day cultural cuisine
24/10 to 02/11: PARISH MISSION

SICK & ELDERLY

Please pray for the sick & elderly of the parish, family & friends especially: Nokuthula Kubheka, Penny Powell, Jean Smith, Dolly Bimbrish, Alvin Govender, Mavis Makhubo, Norman Browne, Khohli Kunene, Barbara Amod, Sebenzile Molefe, Margarida De Franca, Joyce Chetty, Netta Liebenberg, Mthokozisi Mthembu, Avenel Aarons, Siva Naidoo and Francesca Poonsamy.

SEPTEMBER IS HERITAGE MONTH

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children."



DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
06/09//2025	Celeste		Luiz / Nokwazi	Laura & Harry Price R.I. P	Yogini
07/09/2025	Brenda	Nombuso	Fabian / Lindiwe N	Emma & Julius Hlongwane R.I. P	
13/09/2025	Michelle		Evelyn / Gil	Langelihle Dumezweni & Themba Hlongwane	Nonhlanhla
14/09/2025	NO MASS IN LS				