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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon closed

Tue – Thu 08h00-14h00

Fri 08h00-17h00

PARISH ACCOUNT – NEDBANK

LADYSMITH ACC. NO 1330037359

BRANCH NO: 133025

REF: Name or Pledge Number.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION:

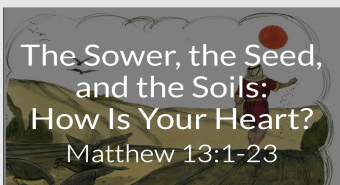
Saturdays: 5:00 – 5:20 PM

Sundays: 7:15 – 7:45 AM

and on request

HALL BOOKINGS

Gil Hoffman 082 871 9183 or Parish secretary



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A

INTRODUCTION:

Nobody forced us to come to church today. We freely accepted the invitation of God. The inviting Word of God was sown into us like a small, seemingly powerless seed. The germination of the seed within us depends on our acceptance of the word. The fact that we are here is some sign that we are willing to let God's seed grow in us. Sometimes we know we are not good soil for God's Word so we have to ask for forgiveness.

GOSPEL: MATHEW 13: 1 – 23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

PILGRIM VIRGIN

The **Traveling Mary (or Pilgrim Virgin)** is a Catholic devotional tradition where a statue, icon, or image of the Virgin Mary rotates from home to home. Families host the statue for a set period (typically one to two weeks), using the time to pray the rosary, read scripture, and foster community together.

There is a list in the porch for those who would like to have a traveling statue of Mother Mary. visit their home. Please specify whether you are a Saturday or Sunday Parishioner.

We will start on the weekend 11/12 July 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS RPP

26/07 Grandparents Day

BLOOD DONATION

SANBS people will be back on the 2nd of August. If you would like to donate blood please put your name on the list. They will only return if there are 15 or more people on the list.

DEANERY MASS COLLECTION

The final amount collected was R18207.50 from RPP and St Jude combined.

Thank you very much for your generosity



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Note to Parents – Confirmation Retreat (18 July 2026)
10am to Saturday evening Mass.

Dear Parents,

We warmly invite you to join us for our Confirmation Retreat themed "Sealed with the Spirit – Living as Witnesses of Christ."

⌚ Time: Fr. Marek will address all parents at 09:45 before the retreat begins.

🍪 Snacks: Kindly bring some light snacks for the mid-morning break.

🍽 Lunch: The parish will provide lunch for all participants.

👤 Attendance: Please note that attendance is compulsory for all candidates.

⚠ Important: Non-attendance will mean that the candidate will NOT be eligible to make their Confirmation next year.

This retreat is an essential part of the spiritual preparation for Confirmation — a day of prayer, learning, and fellowship that helps our young people grow in faith and understanding.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in nurturing their journey with Christ.

Parents, please confirm the attendance of your child.

Warm regards,
Retreat Coordination Team
Contact: Sandra – 079 922 5566

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY:

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Mon 13	18:00	NO MUSIC PRACTICE
Tue 14	10:00	Mass @ RPP
Wed 15	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 16	09:00 18:00	Mass followed by Adoration Benediction
Frid 17	17:30	Mass @ St Jude
Sat 18	09:45 17:30	Confirmation retreat Mass @ RPP
Sun 19	08:00 10:00	Mass at RPP Mass @ St Jude

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, Netta Liebenberg, Mthokozisi Mthembu, Avenel Aarons, Francesca Poonsamy, Dolly Govender, Lorraine Schirge, Ingrid Denzin & Margarida de Franca.

Father Marek's 20th Ordination Anniversary

You are invited to attend a lunch in honor of Fr Marek's 20th Ordination Anniversary.

Date : 19 July 2026 at RPP after mass.

Contributions are welcome for:

Sweet table—desserts, cakes, biscuits etc

Salad table

Drinks table – cool drinks, juice

If you would like to contribute towards the tables or monetary, please contact Marjorie [0744232686](tel:0744232686) (St Jude),

Bhavna [0810282402](tel:0810282402) (RPP) or

Jo-Anne [0828388456](tel:0828388456) (RPP)

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
11/06/2026	Celeste	Sal / Celeste	Bernadette / Choeleen	Marjorie Govender R.I. P	Sandra
12/06/2026	Nombuso	Anton /Henry/Fabian	Lindiwe N / Barbara K	Vincent van der Byl Thanksgiving	
18/07/2026	Nokwazi		Gil / Evelyn		Marjorie
19/07/2026	Ntokozi	Cyril	Nonhlanhla / Fabian	Fr Marek & Fr Musa Mass intention	