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Sundays: 7:15 – 7:45 AM
and on request

HALL BOOKINGS
Gil Hoffman 082 871 9183 or Parish secretary



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

INTRODUCTION:
Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We remember with joy that the mother of our Lord was taken up into heaven in body and soul. The assumption of Mary into heaven shows us strikingly what God has planned for all of us. He will make our bodies perfect and beautiful. God wants us all to live with him, body and soul.

GOSPEL: Luke 1: 39 -56
Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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 week), 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 Mary visit their home. Please specify whether you are a Saturday or Sunday Parishioner.

THANK YOU

To Sandra, Mia and Sal who renovated the statue of Our Lady at the entrance to the church.

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

The Nurses Guild would like to thank all those who donated blood last Sunday. Of 24 people who registered ,12 people were able to donate. The other 12 could not donate due to medical reasons, no SA I.D or no show. Still with 12 they will be able to save 36 lives. We are now in their data base and they will give us a date for their next visit.

PILGRIMAGE TO NGOME CANCELLED

Those who have paid will be refunded. You are welcome to make a private pilgrimage to Ngome.

We may organise a one-day trip on a later date.

STAINED-GLASS WINDOW BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED

A panel of the window near the organ has been as been restored. The missing piece has been re-created & the panel cleaned and reinforced. A painstaking job, taking months to match colours and glass for missing pieces. The windows date from circa 1945. Thank you, Jonathan Edwards.

A **SPECIAL FUND** will be created to restore the other windows as & when funds are available. Please consider a donation to the fund, perhaps in memory of a deceased loved one especially those who were long-standing parishioners.





SSVDP SCHOOL SHOES' PROJECT



The Society of St Vincent De Paul is **seeking sponsors for 26 pairs of school shoes** for children from Gr R to Gr 7.

The cost of leather school shoes ranges from R200 upwards. Donations of any amount will be most welcome.

Bank acc details:

SSVDP
Standard Bank branch 051001
Acc: 220917248
Ref: Shoes

UPCOMING EVENTS @ RPP

25/08 Executive Meeting @ RPP
27/08 Men of the Parish
30/08 Children's Mass.

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28/08 Executive after Mass
30/08 Children's Mass

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST:

For evangelization in the city:

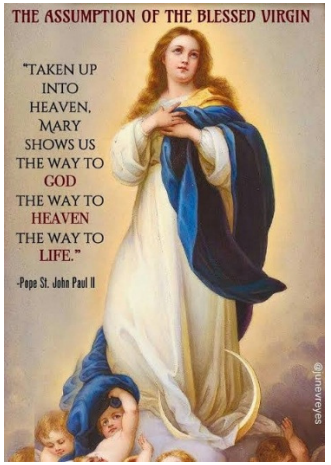
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Mon 17	18:00	NO MUSIC PRACTICE
Tue 18	10:00 18:30	Mass @ RPP PFC @ RPP
Wed 19	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 20	09:00 18:00	Mass followed by Adoration Benediction
Frid 21	16:30	Adoration @St Jude followed by Mass @ 17:30
Sat 22	17:30	Mass @ RPP
Sun 23	08;00 10:00	Mass @ RPP Mass @ St Jude Mini Isivuno Business Owner Liturgy Meeting after Mass

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, Gugu Radebe, Niri Naidoo & Vincent van der Byl.



DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
15/08/2026	Nokwazi		Michelle / Luiz	Teresa Ribeiro	Lindiwe Mfusi
16/08/2026	Lindiwe H / Angel	Cyril	Brenda / Bernadette		
22/08/2026	Choeleen		Nokwazi / Luiz	De Franca family thanksgiving	Yogini
23/08/2026	Fabian / Angel	Nombuso	Leah / Lihle		