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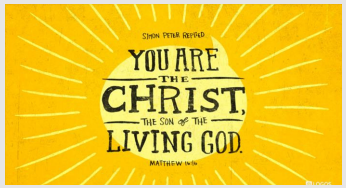
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CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays: 5:00 – 5:20 PM
Sundays: 7:15 – 7:45 AM
and on request

HALL BOOKINGS
Gil Hoffman 082 871 9183 or Parish secretary



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

INTRODUCTION:
Nobody likes to live in a house built on a shaky foundation. They constantly fear that the house will collapse on top of them at any time. Nobody likes to belong to a family that may dissolve at any moment. And nobody likes to belong to a church community which may disintegrate at any time. Our assembly around this alter is built on a firm foundation. It is built on Peter and the Apostles. Christ said" you are Peter and, on this rock, I will build my church."

GOSPEL: Mathew 16: 13 – 20
Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so, I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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.

ORDER YOUR OWN STATUE OF MOTHER MARY

Some people have indicated that they are interested in purchasing a statue the same as the one we are using for the Pilgrim Virgin, for their homes. If you would like to buy one, please send WhatsApp message to the Parish Secretary on 0763802065. When we purchased them, the cost was R400 each excluding the delivery. We will order as a Parish so we can save on delivery costs.

SSVDP SCHOOL SHOES' PROJECT



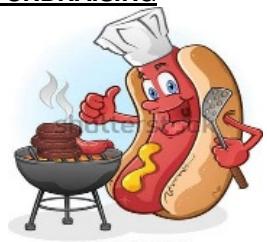
The Society of St Vincent De Paul is **seeking sponsors for 15 pairs of school shoes** for children from Gr R to Gr 7.

The cost of leather school shoes ranges from R200 upwards. Donations of any amount will be most welcome. Thank you to donations, last week, 11 pairs were donated.

Bank Acc details: SSVDP
Standard Bank branch 051001
Acc: 220917248
Ref: Shoes

CWA FUNDRAISING

On Sale:
Wors roll
Sweets
Cupcakes
30 August @ RPP



THE GREAT AMEN

- Why is it in BIG BOLD letters?
- Why do we SING it?

The Great Amen comes in at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer & it is the congregation's only participation in that prayer.

It is a proclamation of our faith and praise.

Meaning and Significance

- **The "Yes" to God:** The Hebrew word *Amen* translates to "truly," "so be it," or "I believe".
- **Seal of the Prayer:** It acts as the people's active assent and seal on the entire Eucharistic Prayer offered by the priest.
- **Active Participation:** It is considered the most important verbal response for the lay faithful during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- **Heavenly Union:** It unites the gathered community with the worship of heaven, the angels, and the saints.

NOW YOU KNOW.

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 24	18:00	NO MUSIC PRACTICE
Tue 25	10:00 18:30	Mass @ RPP Exec Committee @ RPP
Wed 26	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 27	09:00 18:00 18:30	Mass followed by Adoration Benediction Men of the Parish
Frid 28	17:30	Mass @ St Jude followed by Exec Committee
Sat 29	17:30	Mass @ RPP
Sun 30	08;00 10:00	Mass @ RPP Mass @ St Jude - Children's Mass and also Mini Isivuno for Business Owner

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.

CONDOLENCES



Sincere condolences to the Mvelase family on the passing of Mr Mvelase (Nonhlanhla's uncle). May our Lord comfort you in this difficult time. MHSRIP.

Memorial Service @ RPP on Friday :28/08 @ 12:00 noon.

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
22/08/2026	Choeleen		Nokwazi / Luiz	De Franca family thanksgiving	Yogini
23/08/2026	Fabian / Angel	Nombuso	Leah / Lihle	Alvin Govender B-day Mass Intention	
29/08/2026	Celeste		Choeleen / Gil	Evelyn & Noel Smith Thanksgiving	Thobile
30/08/2026	Brenda / Angel	Henry	Barbara K / Nonhlanhla		