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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



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

INTRODUCTION:
We have gathered for worship this Sunday in order to give thanks to God for inviting us to the faith. But there is a question we should ask ourselves: would we have joined the church if we knew that our membership would bring us joy as well as suffering? If we were told today that we would have to suffer for the sake of our faith, what would we do?

GOSPEL: Mathew 16: 21 - 27
Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."



NB: The Pilgrim statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will continue visiting homes for as long as there are people who want to take her home, even for a second or third time.



ORDER YOUR OWN STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

If you are interested in purchasing a statue the same as the one used for the Pilgrim Virgin, for your homes. Please send a WhatsApp message to the Parish Secretary on 0763802065. When we purchased them, the cost was R480 each including the delivery. We will order as a Parish. The order will be sent on the 1st of September 2026. Please make a payment before then.

SSVDP SCHOOL SHOES' PROJECT

THANK YOU everyone who made the donations.

If you still wish to support the cause, you can make donations to the account number below.

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

MARIA RATSCHITZ PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 13 September 2026. Transport @ R100pp will be available for those who would like to go. Contact Nokwazi the Parish Secretary @ RPP & Marjorie at St Jude to book your transport. There will be NO MASS in Ladysmith that Sunday. Mass will be as normal on Saturday at RPP.

ST ANTONINE'S HOME FOR THE AGED IN AMAKHASI - COLLECTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER

Second collection during Masses and there will be a box in the porch for donations in kind especially adult nappies.



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 31	18:00	NO MUSIC PRACTICE
Tue 01	10:00	Mass @ RPP
Wed 02	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 03	09:00	Mass followed by Adoration & Benediction @ 6pm
Frid 04	16:30	1st Friday of the month Adoration followed by Mass
Sat 05	08:00 09:00 10:00 17:30	First Saturday of the month confessions Mass Children of Mary Mass @ RPP
Sun 06	08;00 10:00	Mass @ 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, Ingrid Denzin, Margarida de Franca, Gugu Radebe, Niri Naidoo, Vincent van der Byl & Harald Schirge.

UPCOMING EVENTS @ RPP

12/09 Catechism teachers meeting @ RPP at 9am
18/09 (Fri) Exultation of the Holy Cross with Blessing of Crosses. Mass will be at 6pm @ RPP .NO MASS @St Jude
27/09 Heritage Day Celebration, ONE MASS @ RPP

ST JUDE

06/09 CWA -Isivuno
11/09 PFC meeting



CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences to the Cockroft family on the passing of Steve Cockroft. May our Lord comfort you in this difficult time. MHSRIP.

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
29/08/2026	Nokwazi		Choeleen / Gil	Evelyn & Noel Smith Thanksgiving	Sandra
30/08/2026	Brenda / Angel	Henry	Barbara K / Nonhlanhla	Shanti Singh R.I.P	
05/09/2026	Choeleen		Nokwazi / Evelyn	Laura & Harry Price R.I. P	Lindiwe Mkhasibe
06/09/2026	Nombuso / Angel	Fabian	Sacred Heart	Ashreetha Singh B-day Mass Intention	