

My dear fellow parishioners of St Patrick's here in Benoni

I recently heard of the story of a dog which dislocated his tail from wagging so much in joy at his family being at home all the time. These next few weeks are going to be trying at times for all of us but there will also be joys and graces as we experience Holy Week and Easter in ways we could never have previously imagined before.

One of the deep worries at this time will be about the loss of income. St Patrick's, like all other parishes, is completely dependent on your giving in the collection and in Dedicated Giving (used by about a fifth of the congregation). During these weeks ahead, while we cannot get to mass, may I ask you to continue giving your collection to the Parish each week by making payments into our Parish account or by using envelopes to hand on once mass begins again. Without this, we simply won't be able to pay our lights and water or the staff's salaries. To all those who are on Dedicated Giving by envelope, please bring these once mass starts again and to those using EFT or debit order - thank you for helping the Parish keep its head above water. Knowing your generosity in the past (last Sunday's collection was no exception), I am sure that I can count on you at this time. These are the Parish's banking details:

**Standard Bank**

**Name: St Patrick's Catholic Church**

**Current account number: 021 095 612**

I will be saying mass each day for the intentions as booked and I will pray for us all, for all facing illness and financial difficulty, and for an end to this scourge.

May God bless you all.

Your sincerely

Fr. David Evans

P.S. The bulletin will be available each week on our website ([www.stpatricksbenoni.co.za](http://www.stpatricksbenoni.co.za)), Facebook, email and Whatsapp (where we have the details). It will provide spiritual resources for this time.

You can contact me on the Parish cellphone: 060 327 2998

*Our Lady, Patroness of South Africa, and St Patrick pray for us.*