



# St Patrick's Catholic Church, Benoni, South Africa

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*For our safety, the Parish remains closed at this time.*

Dear friends

6 September 2020

As you are aware, our much-loved Southern Cross newspaper – which is 100 years old this year – has been adversely affected by the pandemic like so many other businesses. A reduced weekly paper will continue but only online and a new “Southern Cross” magazine will be published monthly (digitally and in print) at a cost of R30 per issue from September. Have a look at their website for details: [www.scross.co.za](http://www.scross.co.za) We will be getting copies for sale at the parish office.

Spring is almost sprung and there is optimism in the air! May our Lord keep us hopeful and cheerful.

God bless you all.

Fr. David

## Quote

“Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” St Francis of Assisi.

## Joke

The lawyer making the will was intrigued by one of the requests. “But why do you want your ashes to be scattered over Eastgate?” he asked. The woman explained, “It’s to make sure that my daughter visits me at least once a week .”



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## Prayer List at 6 August

**Pray for all who are ill especially:** Bruce Herholdt; Stephen Zackey; Cole; Harry; Jenny Murphy; Sharon Jaffar; Rose Crammond; Sean Gallagher; Cleone.; Josie, Brian and family; Iris and Brian's mother; and Jenny.

*I offer the prayer of anointing for all who are ill.*

**Give thanks and pray for the continuing recovery of:** Ellen and Graham Fisher; Pat Pollitt; Ken; Monique, Noel, Gemma and Aleyssa.

**Pray for all those who have died:** especially Maggie Marx.  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Please update this list on the WhatsApp Group or  
SMS Father David at 060 3272998 (Parish mobile)

## **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday Missal p.388

Daily Missal p. 1235

*“Love your neighbour as yourself” (Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10)*

Have you ever noticed that the commandments that we hear the most are the ones we have the hardest time keeping? Look at the second reading today for example. We all have to deal with people who try our patience or rub us up the wrong way. Then there's the pull of the world, urging us towards a self-centred approach to life. At the very same time, we hear in the back of our minds, Jesus telling us to love one another, even to prefer one another to ourselves.

This is a demanding call from our Lord, isn't it? Like him, we should seek to serve instead of being served (Matthew 20:28). He asks us to take the “lowest place” at the banquet (Luke 14:9). He even warns us that if we aim to be first, we will be last, but if we aim to be last, we will be first (Matthew 20:16).

In the reading from Romans today, God is motivating us to do a little self-examination. How have you done lately in loving your neighbour as yourself? Think about hurtful things you may have said about another person. Think about ways you may have failed to defend someone or judged someone unfairly. Maybe too, you neglected to help someone who needed you.

These are uncomfortable questions to ask. God, however, knows your heart. He knows how much you want to do good, even though you fail at times. He also knows that he has placed his Spirit in you to give you divine strength and to make changes that seem impossible. So don't be afraid to open up to him and ask him to help you. Remember, God is love, right through; and that love is generous and overflowing. Let him love you and you will find yourself loving other people more and more.

*“Heavenly Father, forgive me for putting myself first. By your Spirit, teach me how to love.”*



**St Patrick's Holy Land Pilgrimage has been moved to next year - October 2021.**

**There is place for one more pilgrim.**

**Contact Fr David for details.**

We are all looking forward to the day when we can return to mass at St. Patrick's. God willing, this day may be on the horizon. Without Sunday collections during lockdown, your financial support in donations and Dedicated Giving has been nothing short of wonderful. We are not out of the woods though and so may I ask you to continue your generous support at this time.

Our banking details (unchanged) for collections and donations are:

**St Patrick's Catholic Church**

**Standard Bank: Branch code 013042**

**Current Account No. 021095612**

Cash can be handed in on Thursdays at the parish office between 09h00 and 12h00 or kept until we return to mass.

St Vincent de Paul Society supports all in need – irrespective of colour or creed – in our parish and beyond.

Donations can be made to:

Society of St Vincent de Paul,

Nedbank, Northmead, Benoni

Branch code: Universal or 19484200

Current Acc.No. 1012534707

Cash donations or clothing can be handed in at the Parish Office on a Thursday between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. or given to the chairman Aubrey Young (071 470 6444) or Dave Chennells (vice-chairman.) Please note that a receipt is always given for any cash donations.

Thank you so much.