



Rivonia Catholic Church  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

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## ***25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B***

*Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He shows us that to follow him is to submit to each other in humility.*

### ***The Pope's Prayer Intentions for September 2018***

**Universal: *Young People in Africa*** – that young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

#### ***Weekday Mass Times***

Monday	24 September	08h30	Public Holiday
Tuesday	25 September	08h30	
Wednesday	26 September	<b>06h30</b>	Ss Cosmos & Damian, Ms
Thursday	27 September	08h30	St Vincent de Paul, Pr
Friday	28 September	08h30	St Wenceslaus, M
Saturday	29 September	No Morning Mass	
<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>11h30-12h00 and 16h30-17h15</b>	

#### ***Mass times for Sunday***

Saturday	29 September	17h30
Sunday	30 September	07h30, 09h30, 17h30

#### ***Prayers for the Sick and those who care for them:***

Churchill Ebersay, Nicky Callaghan, Mike Lawrence, Marcelle Christian, Lexi Oliver, Eliza Jockuat, Gerhard Pretorius, Bianca Minucci, Ventura Rosenthal, Charlie, Benedict Kirama, Marilyn Davies, Fabio Renieri, Peter Combes, Maria Xavier, Therese Ingle, Marion Boers, George Chadinha, Tony de Quintal, Carey Sachse

**Family Life Ministry – Celebration of Marriage:** The month of October is dedicated to married couples, reflecting on the Sacrament of Marriage and family at **all weekend Masses on 6 & 7 October 2018**. Our prayer is for your marriage to be made stronger than ever and to realise that the promise you made to each other, whether it was days, weeks or years ago, has an eternal impact on generations to come.

## **MARRIAGE PRAYER**



*Lord God, thank you for the gift of my spouse and our sacrament of marriage. Thank you for the life we have shared with each other and our children. In our marriage, continue to show us your way to live and love freely without fear or self-pity. Teach us wisdom and thoughtfulness, gentleness and trust. Make us quick to discover the best in each other and slow to find fault. Teach us never to take each other for granted. Encourage us to make time to grow together, to be generous with kind words and compliments and mean with criticism. Keep us from selfishness and hasty judgements, criticism and hurt. When we hurt each other, open us up to forgiveness. Instil in our minds, hearts and souls the passion and compassion of Jesus so that we may live our lives in unity for his glory. Amen*

## **PARISH NOTICES**

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**Father Peter will be on leave** from 19-28 September 2018. During this period, church services will be as follows:

***Weekday Masses:*** Masses will be replaced with prayer/bible services.

***Sunday Masses:*** Will take place as usual.

**Baptisms:** An appointment with the Priest is required before a child's baptism.

**Baptism Talk:** The next talk will take place on **Wednesday 3 October 2018 at 18h00.**

**Marriages:** A notice of at least three full months is required before an intended marriage.

**Marriage Talk:** For anyone wishing to enquire about the requirements for preparation for marriage. The next talk will be on **Wednesday 10 October 2018** at 1800 in the Office meeting room. Kindly contact the parish office to confirm attendance.

**Catechism and Confirmation Classes:**

***Catechism classes:*** Sunday mornings from 8h30-9h15 – Grades 1-7.

***Confirmation classes:*** Monday evenings from 18h00-19h00 – Grades 8-10.

**NB: There will be no Catechism classes this Sunday or Confirmation classes on Monday 24 September 2018.**

**Adult Enquiry Class:** Every Tuesday at 18h00 in the office meeting room.

**October: Rosary Month:** During October, Fr. Peter will join families of the parish for the Rosary in their homes. Please see the roster on the table at the entrance to the church.

**Jumble Sale:** The next jumble sale will take place on **Thursday 4 October 2018** in the Hall from 12h00-13h00. Thank you for your ongoing support!

**Sandwich-making:** Will take place in the Hall after the 17h30 Mass on **Sunday 7 October 2018.** Donations of bread, jam and peanut butter would be most welcome!

**Family of God Healing Seminar:** Takes place at St Charles Catholic Church, Victory Park every Tuesday from **9 September-30 October 2018 at 19h00.** Contact **Mary: 0828733372 or David: 0826071554** for further details.

## **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Sunday Reflections**

### **1. Scott Hahn**

**Servant of All: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Readings:

[Wisdom 2:12,17-20](#)

[Psalm 54:3-8](#)

[James 3:16-4:3](#)

[Mark 9:30-37](#)



In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see [Mark 8:31](#); [10:33-34](#)).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him. . ."

(compare [Matthew 27:41-43](#)).

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### **2. Word on Fire by Bishop Robert Barron**



**THE UNDOING OF ORIGINAL SIN**

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### **3. The Jesuit Institute South Africa**



(available after 12pm Fri)

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### **4. LifeTeen**



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## **Spiritual Enrichment**



**HOW TO IDENTIFY INSPIRATIONS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT:** Are you being inspired by God or by evil? Fr. Bartunek provides some useful rules of thumb that will help you to learn to identify the voice of God in your life. [Watch Here](#)

## **Divine Renovation**



In August Fr James Mallon hosted the Divine Renovation Conference. View the conversation that Fr Russel Pollitt had with Fr James Mallon (Author of the book Divine Renovation and Nqobile Ngcobo (Co-ordinator for Alpha in Africa) [Click Here](#) (Video - 33 minutes long)

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**Should You Accept These Six Weird Catholic Beliefs?** An American comedienne named Lea Rose Emery recently shared with the world an online article entitled, "The 12 Most Absurd Things Catholics Actually Believe In." In it she advises Catholics to wake up from their trance of going along with "weird Catholic beliefs they grew up with."

I decided to follow Emery's advice and "take a harder look" to see if I should reject these twelve beliefs that she thinks are absurd. Let's start here with the first six. [Read More:](#)