



Rivonia Catholic Church
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone". God gathers us into community to be members of the body of Christ, so that we might never be alone. Let us offer our thanks to the God who made us and called us to be God's very own people.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for October 2018

Evangelisation: The Mission of Religious: That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves and be present among the poor, the marginalised and those who have no voice.

Weekday Mass Times

Monday	08 October	08h30	
Tuesday	09 October	08h30	St John Leonardi, Pr
Wednesday	10 October	06h30	St Daniel Comboni, B
Thursday	11 October	08h30	St John XXIII, P
Friday	12 October	08h30	
Saturday	13 October	No Morning Mass	
Confessions	Saturdays	11h30-12h00 and 16h30-17h15	

Mass times for Sunday

Saturday	13 October	17h30
Sunday	14 October	07h30, 09h30, 17h30

Prayers for the Sick and those who care for them:

Churchill Ebersay, Marcelle Christian, Gerhard Pretorius, Marilyn Davies, Fabio Renieri, Peter Combes, Maria Xavier, Therese Ingle, Marion Boers, George Chadinha, Tony de Quintal, Betty Maluleka

Prayer for Vocations

God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through life, which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same.

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

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

Baptism Talk: The next talk will take place on **Wednesday 31 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 18h00 in the Office meeting room. Kindly contact the parish office to confirm attendance.

NB: Catechism and Confirmation classes will resume on Sunday 14 and Monday 15 October respectively.

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Duncan Tsoke at the **17h30 Mass on Saturday 13 October 2018.**

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 Masses this weekend.** 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.

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The EMHC will hold their retreat on **Saturday 20 October at 9h30** in the Hall. This retreat is open to any parishioner who would like to come along and join us! Contact **Michelle: 0732208063** for further details.

Second Collection: the second collection at all Masses during October, is in aid of the **Pontifical Mission Society.**

Sandwich-making: Will take place in the Hall after the 17h30 Mass this Sunday. Please place donations of bread, jam and peanut butter in the box provided outside the Church.

Feeding Scheme collection: Tables will be manned after all Masses on the **13/14 October 2018.** Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated!

Far East Rand Catholic Deanery : Fund Raising Golf Day: Sunday 4 November 2018 at 11h00 at the Reading Country Club, to raise funds for the Mary Mother of Mercy Shrine in Magaliesberg. **Bookings: Sean 082877 2691.**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Reflections

1. Scott Hahn

What God Has Joined: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Listen Here:](#)

Readings:

[Genesis 2:18–24](#)

[Psalm 128:1–6](#)

[Hebrews 2:9–11](#)

[Mark 10:2–16](#)



In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Deuteronomy 24:1–4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

[Read More:](#)

2. **Word on Fire by Bishop Robert Baron**



THE BIBLICAL VIEW OF MARRIAGE

[Click Here](#)

3. **The Jesuit Institute South Africa**



(available after 12pm Fri)

[Click Here](#)

4. Lifeteen



[Click Here](#)

Spiritual Enrichment



ST. FRANCIS AND THE DRAMA OF THE LITTLE THINGS

When we obey God in the obvious, normal, little things of day to day living, it does something powerful in us. In today's Spiritual Smoothie, Fr. Bartunek gives some suggestions to help us become more in tune with the Holy Spirit so that we can start responding to His call. [Watch Here](#)



They're No Angels

In movies or TV shows, angels can lend a dash of whimsy or a dollop of gravitas. More importantly for purposes of commercial appeal, Hollywood angels give a story a sense of being "spiritual" without being overtly "religious." [Read More:](#)

October is the Month of Our Lady and Month of the Rosary

Pope Francis has asked that during the month of October all Catholics pray the Rosary daily asking Our Lady and St Michael the Archangel to intercede for the protection of the Church at this moment of Spiritual Turbulence (read Sex Abuse Scandals).



Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission

Take a sneak peak at what went down at the Divine Renovation conference held by Alpha South Africa - [Click Here](#)

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over ten weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

After getting arrested, Xola tried Alpha in prison. Watch his personal story - [Click Here](#)