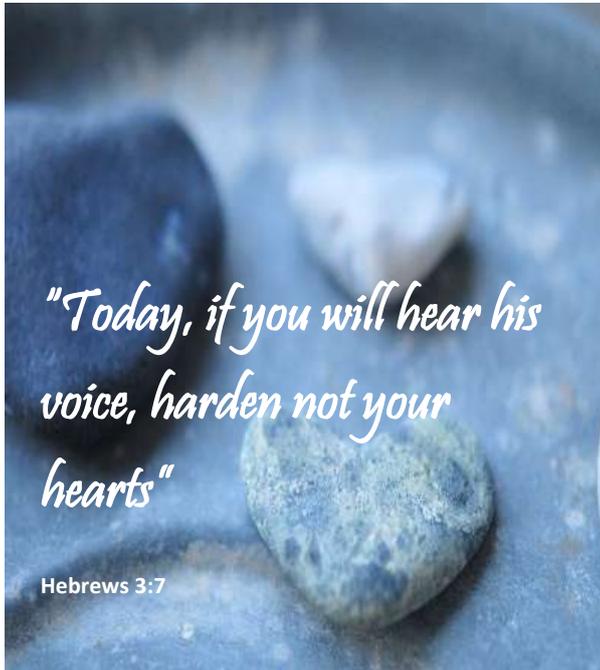


RIVONIA CATHOLIC CHURCH INTOUCH



Dear Parishioners

Harden not your hearts

The first Reading at Mass, Thursday, first week of Ordinary time, is from Hebrews 3:7-14. The text speaks about hearing a call and responding. With reference to this text, we could identify the voice as coming from different aspects. The voice is our conscience.

The Voice is the word of God, of course. The voice to which we are called to respond could come from various quarters and be regarded as an authentic voice. Some time back, we were notified that the elections for the new Parish Pastoral Council must be completed by 24 March 2019. The present Council has reached the end of its three-year term.

The call of the Archbishop to proceed with the elections of the new PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) is certainly, a voice. There is also an accompanying voice. This voice asks you to give consideration to offering yourself as a member of the PPC. At our confirmation, we told the Bishop that we receive the strengthening graces of the Sacrament of Confirmation to enable us to do good works of faith. Certainly, committing yourself to work with the PPC would be a blessed response to the call. 11 March will be the first anniversary of the opening of the New Church. On the weekend of the 8th and 9th of December, the Finance Committee spoke their thanks to all the parishioners for the support in the commitments and contributions they make to Parish finances. Let me here say, I repeat our thanks.

To look upon the new church always touches me in many ways. The Parish has this wonderful edifice for use in the years to come. In time, some further enhancements could be added. I always admire the Chapel of Our Lady in the New Church, the two beautiful windows and the votive candles to be seen burning, expressing the devotion of the parishioners.

The New Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Rivonia, is a voice, calling us to pray, to come together, to receive our mission, our sending forth at our Sunday Mass each weekend. The voice calls us to be witnesses, workers, evangelisers. Within our parish community and by extension, to those we meet with whom we interact in our daily lives.

May God bless you!

Fr Peter Doherty

Priest-in-Charge

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Rivonia



Tim
Simba

Parish
Pastoral
Council
Chairperson
(2016 – 2019)

Chairman's Final Report

As we begin a new year, allow me to present our final report as your PPC group that you elected in July 2016. In case some of you may be wondering why it is my final report, please be reminded that the tenure of this PPC has been reduced by a few months because His Grace the Archbishop of the Diocese of Johannesburg directed that all parish PPC elections be brought forward and new PPC members are to be in place by March 24, 2019 because of preparations for Synod 2019 later this year.

On behalf of Fr. Peter and the PPC, I take this opportunity to place on record our sincere appreciation and gratitude to each and every parishioner in our beautiful, growing and diverse Our Lady of Lourdes parish for your support, prayers and fellowship since we were elected. I now list below a few selected highlights of some of the notable events / programmes / achievements over the last three years that we are proud of as a community of believers:

- The opening of our new Church on March 11, 2018 and its subsequent blessing by Bishop Duncan Tsoke on behalf of Archbishop Buti.
- The concurrent launch of our new web site about the same time as the new Church's opening.
- The celebration of Fr. Peter's 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood which was blessed by a Mass con-celebrated by Bishop Duncan Tsoke representing His Grace the Archbishop.
- The launch of the Family Life Ministry and its very successful reaching out to many parents who

were brought together to remind them of how the Word of God can assist us all in our exciting road of parenthood.

- The launch of a new ministry which spearheaded Bible appreciation sessions led by and presented by Br. Mike Chalmers of The Catholic Bible Foundation. His sessions entitled "Windows on God's Word" were popular with parishioners and encouraged us to read the Word, improve our personal relationships with the Lord Jesus Christ and guided us on how to interpret God's Word and apply it to our lives.
- The growth in numbers of parishioners volunteering to serve was particularly noticeable in three ministries and these are: The Sacristans, EMHC and the newly established Welcoming Committee.
- Our young people are full of energy. The future of the Church is bright. The future is young. In Our Lady of Lourdes, we have consistently supported our youths and special mention and special thanks to each parishioner who supported the fund-raising efforts of our young ambassadors – The WYD group - who recently departed to Panama for a youth jamboree, prayers and fellowship led by Pope Francis and attended by thousands of young Catholic Christians from across the globe.
- Our youth ministry has taken off well and growing each month.
- Our Catechists continued their noble efforts in teaching our young parishioners as well as preparing them for Baptism and Confirmation.
- We continued with our small Christian groups and met and shared the Word in our communities through Renew Africa programme.
- The Choir has attracted new voices and helps us praise and worship at each Sunday Mass and other prayer gatherings.
- The CWL has continued to grow and their generosity in supporting our priests is noted
- Our Sandwich making efforts are growing and we aim high as we try attempt to make small differences in those on the peripheries or the poor.
- We have a Vocations prayer group which we hope will culminate into a Vocations Ministry in the not too distant future – God willing.

We have a number of areas in which we could have done better and therefore a lot of work and prayers are called for in the following areas / ministries:

- Justice & Peace
- Refugees & Migration ministry.
- Retreats particularly for Proclaimers.
- Catholic Men’s Group.
- Volunteers are also required in the Repository.

Once more, many thanks to the PPC members and all ministry coordinators for service and fellowship done with excellence and diligence. Finally, I take this opportunity to encourage parishioners to offer themselves for election to the new PPC. The only qualifications being that of regular attendance of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass services and leading a prayerful life of love and participation in our Church community.

The Parish Pastoral Council of Our Lady of Lourdes Rivonia 2016 to 2019:

- Fr. Peter Doherty – President**
- Tim Simba – PPC Chairperson**
- Beryl Mohr – Vice Chairperson**
- Monica Martin – Secretary**
- Maabo Motlhose – PPC Member**
- Stephan Orege – PPC Member**
- Adrian D’Oliveira- PPC Member**

The Parish Finance Committee:

- Fr Peter Doherty**
- Melissa Coetzee (Acting Chairperson)**
- Cliff Brooke**
- George Skinner**
- Nonhlanhla Jiyane**
- Marian Symons**
- Tim Simba**

A New Face in the Parish Office



We welcome Diane Williams who is assisting in the Parish office as a Secretary. Diane has been a parishioner for many years.

World Youth Day Pilgrims 2019



Theme: “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk: 1:38)

This year World Youth Day (WYD2019) is being held in Panama City, Panama. The Pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Johannesburg departed this past weekend (11 January 2019) and will return to SA on the 1st February 2019. They have already touched down safely in Panama and are spending their first week living with Panamanian families in a local Diocese not far from Panama City, sharing their home, food and hospitality. It is very hot and humid in Panama at present, but the local people are making up for the weather by their friendly and joyful acceptance of our Pilgrims into their homes and their country. Our Pilgrims will travel to Panama City on 21st January 2019 where they will be joined by Pope Francis on the 24th January 2019. The Pope will spend about a week with the world representation of Pilgrims, culminating in a Vigil on Saturday Night and Holy Mass on Sunday (26/27 January 2019). The next World Youth Day (WYD2022) will be held in Portugal,



according to a statement made by Religion online on 02 December 2018.

Fundraising

Pilgrims and parents worked very hard for the past 2 years to raise the R45 000-00 necessary per Pilgrim for WYD2019. From selling their famous cupcakes, to chicken, mince, potato and cheese samoosas, as well as boerewors rolls, our Pilgrims and parents worked tirelessly as a team to reach our financial goal. Our parishioners were phenomenal in their support of our 2 raffles and our "Movie Evening" which were all a resounding success and helped to push us through the final stage of our fundraising activities. The 7 Pilgrims from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Rivonia who attended WYD2019 are:

Mercedes Royston
Amber Klassen
Malenga Ntsanwisi
Danielle Smith
Charlene Tsamba
Victoria Giuricich
Andrea Giuricich

Vote of Thanks

None of this could have been achieved without the loyal support of our Parish, comprising of Fr Peter, the PPC and Chairman Tim Simba, Parish Staff Diane and Marian, and of course, **YOU**, our faithful parishioners. On behalf of the Pilgrims and parents of the WYD2019 Committee, a huge **"Thank You"** to all of you for your contribution and your consistent and unflinching help, and for never complaining whenever you were called on for your assistance and guidance. Thank you for all the prayers, sacrifices and anonymous donations made towards our cause. Our Pilgrims will hold each one of you up in prayer at Mass with Pope Francis on Sunday, 27 January 2019. Please continue to pray for the success of WYD2019, that the Holy Spirit may make a home in the hearts of all our youth.

Feedback

We look forward to the safe return of our Pilgrims and for the exciting feedback and photos that they will provide during the parish update session that will be held at all Masses on a designated weekend that will be announced after their return to SA.

I pray that the Holy Spirit may be infused in all our lives, so that we, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, may reach that point of absolute abandonment of ourselves to God and exclaim in true faith

"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word"

Yours in Christ
Jeremy Smith
WYD2019 Committee - Chairman

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

"Help for Today, Hope for tomorrow"

After many years, the Family Life Ministry was revived in our parish.



In September 2017, with a team of 6 members we successfully launched Parenting Skills Program (PSP) using resources from the archdiocese of Cape Town.

25 Parents successfully participated in the course which ran for eight consecutive weeks, culminating with Family Mass celebrated by Fr Andrew.

The PSP program was successfully rolled out again in 2018. A special family mass was celebrated by Fr Peter and certificates of attendance were handed to all participants. In 2019, we look forward to working with Antonio Rabello who heads the anti-abortion campaign and expressed his interest to be part of the Family Life Ministry.

By the Grace of God, we hope to see this ministry growing by collaborating with other ministries. We look forward to more parishioners volunteering and participating in the ministry.

Lead: Monica Martin - 0845806156
Assistant Lead: Beryl Mohr - 0827721932
Team Members past & present: LeRoux Viljoen, Linda Viljoen, Patricia Chigora, Anna Moabelo, Beatrice Kahangwa, Zelda Tate, Glen Ford.

Kind regards
Monica Martin

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*“Let the children come to Me and do not hinder them; for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.”
Matthew 19:14*

The aim of Children’s Liturgy is to educate the child, to help them practice their faith and to grasp a better understanding of the Mass proceedings. All readings, prayers and songs are aimed at children so they may appreciate the Gospel through enjoyable participation.

The number of children attending Children’s Liturgy ranges from 15-30 children at a given time. We are blessed with six leaders assisting with training to ensure children focus and learn from each session. Each session lasts for 30 minutes during Sunday 09:30 mass.

Classes are fun filled yet structured in keeping with our faith. After 22 years of service, Beryl Mohr has handed over the ministry leadership to a team of enthusiastic young ladies in the parish.

*Blessings
Beryl and the Liturgy team*

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto: Fundraiser

Many parishioners are aware of the space in the piazza, kept aside to erect a grotto Our Lady of Lourdes as she appeared to St Bernadette. This feature shrine will be an extension to the beauty of our new church and will be a place of meditation, prayer and quiet time.

Our first fundraiser, **An Evening Christmas Market** was hosted by Marian Symons and Beryl Mohr on **Friday 30 November 2018**. The aims of this Market were to keep Christ firmly at the centre of Christmas preparations and celebrations and to raise funds for the erection of the Lourdes Grotto.

The old church was beautifully decorated to accommodate twenty stall vendors who sold a variety of items ranging from homemade items, arts and crafts, food, decorations and much more. A total of

R16,870 was raised. Thank you to Fr Peter, vendors and to all who donated towards and supported our fundraiser.

Watch the space for the next fundraiser. Volunteers most welcome to assist.



CHURCH CHOIR

St. Augustine is credited with the saying that he who sings prays twice, and although a church choir’s job is not just to sing beautifully, it is rather to use music as a ministry, helping to change the world into a more loving and peaceful place.

The choir not only leads and enlivens the congregation in well-known hymns, but also encourages them to expand their knowledge to learn and to sing less well-known hymns, or recently composed music. The church choir has the responsibility to heighten the liturgy, and to sing texts that congregations need to hear: comforting in times of crises, praising in times of joy, and inspiring in challenging times.

Importantly the church choir serves as a small-group within the church, for faith formation and support for each other. New members are always welcome, no audition necessary!

If you would like to be part of this group contact us at the 9.30 am mass each week or text/call Colette 083 346 4201.

SYNOD 2019

What is a SYNOD?

A Synod is a council of a church, usually convened to decide an issue of doctrine, administration or application. The actual meaning of the word "Synod" is "journeying together".

Workshops were held on March and July 2018 at the Cathedral Small Hall led by Odilon Molapo (Head of the Evangelisation Department) and Fr Bruce Botha (Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation). In 2019, the Synod champions Beryl Mohr and Monica Martin appointed by Fr Peter, are tasked with the responsibility of canvassing the groups, sodalities and parishioners at large regarding the areas which they think the Church needs to focus on for the next ten years. It is also important to ask ourselves "who are the missing voices" in the church? Have we as 'People of God' grown in faith, hope and love?

These may be tough questions to respond to, so please take time to think deeply for a personal response to share with us via a questionnaire which will be distributed or placed on the parish website in due course.

We look forward to consulting with different ministries and request for more parishioner involvement to implement Resolutions and Actions within our parish as we continue in our faith formation.



Catechetics.



Junior Catechetics:

During 2018 approximately 40 children made their first communion. A few weeks prior to this celebration the same children together with their parents and catechism teachers went on a retreat to Hennops river. The theme of the retreat was "the road to Emmaus." They all had a wonderful day.

There were 45 children in the first reconciliation class of 2018. They had a morning retreat on the church property, during which they each made their first reconciliation.

A big thank you Father Peter.

We also had a big turnout for the children's mass which was attended and enjoyed by all the children in the grades R to Grade 7 plus our senior groups. Many of the children actively participated in the mass.

We ended the year with a very beautiful Nativity concert.



Confirmation:

The final year (grade 10) confirmation class of 2018 enjoyed an excellent year both in terms of attending the weekly classes as well as a 100% attendance at their retreat. They were all confirmed in October by Bishop Duncan Tsoke. It was a wonderful celebration as well as the first Confirmations to take place in the new church.

The Grade 8 and Grade 9 classes also had a successful year.



Spred: (Special religious development.)

There is a small Spred group in the parish with three “friends” plus faith companions, a co-ordinator and liturgical presider. We are anticipating that one of our children could possibly make her first communion this year.

SPRED VISION:

That all people with developmental limitations may take their rightful place in the parish community. That the weakest members of our community will be the leaven to transform our churches.

God Bless

Cherryl Brooke

Catechetical Co Ordinator



A new season of Alpha starts on the 6th February 2019, all are most welcome to join. Every Wednesday Evening at 19h00



What is Alpha?

The alpha course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith that gives guests an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. Alpha is fun, relaxed and totally non-pressured Listen, learn, discuss and discover. Ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is off limits.



The Alpha Youth Series is a brand-new interactive series exploring life, faith and meaning. Each episode looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. It's for young people with no Christian or church background.

Lectio Divina

Praying with Scripture

An encounter with the Living Word

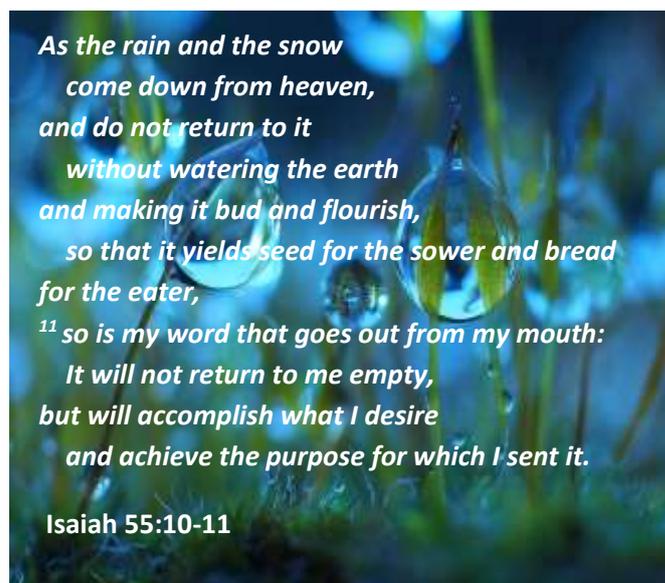
Every Monday night from 6pm – 7pm a small band of parishioners gather to pray with scripture. Some of us have been meeting for over 15 years and others have joined more recently. We are united in our desire to deepen our relationship with God by reading and praying with scripture. In our gathering and sharing and praying, we build community.

The name ‘*Lectio Divina*’ is Latin for ‘divine / holy reading.’ It is an ancient form of prayer crystallised during the middle ages in the monasteries. Very few

people were able to read, and so the monks found an ingenious way to combine daily scripture reading with personal prayer. The monk who could read, read the scripture passage aloud to the gathering of others. It was read slowly, with great reverence. The same reading would be read over and over again, and the listeners savoured this 'feast of words'. They would listen attentively, with their heart and were invited to choose any part or word of the reading that appealed to them. They would listen, waiting for the particular word or phrase that it seemed God was saying to them that day. When an individual monk heard his 'word / phrase' he would get up & leave and take the treasure of his word away in his mind and heart, and chew over it, in his cell. This would then become the focus of his private prayer & meditation for the day. The monk who read the scripture would read and re-read the same passage, until there was no-one left, and the reader would then go to his own prayer.

This ancient form of prayer has been adapted for our contemporary world. When we gather to pray Lectio, the meeting has a particular structure. Each person brings their own bible to the session. We source the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. We start with an opening prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to the word that we will read together. The Gospel is then read out loud for the first time - just to get a sense of what it is about. The second time it is read, we are searching for a word or phrase that resonates in our hearts. After the third reading, we share with one another only, if we choose to do so. Once the sharing is complete, the same scripture passage is read once more. This time, we rest in the word, letting it seep into our inner being. The gathering then closes with a brief prayer giving thanks for the 'soul food' we have received from the scriptures. The beauty of Lectio, is that the scripture reading is front of mind during the week and one has the opportunity to reflect more and 'chew' upon it during the week. When the Gospel is then proclaimed on the Sunday, the text is familiar and further understanding is given by listening to the scripture proclaimed, as well as the interpretation and unpacking during the homily.

Lectio Divina is not bible study. It is not an exercise of the mind, but rather a prayer of the heart. It is an encounter with the living Word through scripture. Anyone is welcome to join Lectio. We particularly encourage parents of Confirmation students to try it out, as we meet during the hour that Confirmation classes are taught. We meet in the room opposite the church office and adjoining the Adoration Room. Everyone is welcome. Should you have any questions, please contact **Marija: 082 787 6406**.



The Jesuit Institute

The Jesuit Institute is passionate about building bridges between faith and broader society.

Don't miss out... make sure that you are registered to vote

"All of us have a right and a duty to participate in the life of our country. Elections are an important opportunity for us to exercise our God-given dignity and to choose who should govern us for the common good — don't miss out, make sure that you are registered to vote." —

***Bishop Sithembele Sipuka
President of the Southern African Catholic Bishops'
Conference***

What is the point of registering to vote?

Elections don't seem to change anything... We all feel negative about politics from time to time. All around us, ordinary South Africans are battling with unemployment, crime, poverty, bad schools, overcrowded hospitals, and an uncertain future. And yes, too many of our politicians seem to be interested only in power, not in serving the people. But we must not stop working for a better country...

How do we respond?

One thing is certain: if we turn our back on politics, if we give up our right and our duty to vote, things will certainly not improve. Voting CAN make a difference. It can send the right people and parties to the Provincial Legislatures and to Parliament; it can give good politicians a boost, and it can shock the bad ones into working harder. Pope Francis reminds us: "Politics is a noble activity. We should revalue it, practise it with vocation and a dedication that requires testimony, martyrdom - that is, to die for the common good." In the past, many South Africans were prepared to 'die for the common good'; thankfully, very few are called to do that now. But we are ALL called to do what we can - and what we can all do is to vote. Carefully and prayerfully. Make sure you are registered in time to vote! For more about registering to vote, and to keep up with the latest information about the elections, visit the IEC website: www.elections.org.za You cannot vote unless you are registered as a voter!

What do I need to take with me?

Your bar-coded ID book, or new ID smart card, or a valid Temporary Identity Certificate. How do I check if I'm already registered? The easiest way is to check online at the IEC website www.elections.org.za / SMS your ID number to 32810 (R1.00 per SMS); or visit the nearest voting station on the registration weekend.

What if I can't make it on 26 and 27 January 2019?

You can register at a local IEC office at any time. There are IEC offices all over the country.

Look on the IEC website or phone the Electoral Commission at 0800 11 8000 to find out where your nearest office is.

Can I register if I'm not 18 yet?

Yes, as soon as you have an ID you can register - that is, from the age of 16. It's a good idea to register as soon as you get an ID; then you'll be ready to vote once you turn 18.

Article written by The Jesuit Institute

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Sacristan Ministry

Rivonia is a great parish. I would like to take this amazing opportunity to tell you about the role of the Sacristan Ministry in our parish but also to invite you to join our team of Sacristans. This is a very rewarding and meaningful ministry and enjoy making our liturgies go as smoothly as possible for our fellow parishioners.

Role of a sacristan

As Sacristan, we have three main roles: Safe keeping – (of the sacristy and most importantly, the Eucharist), Mass Set Up and Clean Up and clearing the altar and You will serve in all three roles when you are a Sacristan. Below is a brief explanation of each role:

- **Safe keeping:** We are responsible for assuring proper treatment of the Holy Species, namely that of the Sacred Blood and Blessed Sacrament during and after the celebration. We are also responsible for keeping the Holy Tabernacle secure.
- **Altar cleaning:** one hour of your time on a Saturday morning for you and your team to clean the altar, change the linen, empty and refill water fonts with holy water, etc.
- **Mass set up and clean up** vary slightly depending on the individual mass. Usually on the same weekend when you are scheduled to clean the altar. At every mass for that weekend, your team will be responsible for setting up for both Liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist which means preparing all the books, vessels, offertory, and incense when appropriate.

Which mass will I be assigned to?

We need sacristans at all of our weekend masses and at our daily masses. Your Sacristan Team Leader will try as far as possible to accommodate your requirements to work at the mass of your choice, but we ask that all sacristans help cover masses when there is a need, especially on Feast Days, Holidays, Sacraments, and sometimes when other sacristans can't cover their normal mass.

How often do I serve?

Depending on the number of sacristans assigned to a particular mass, you may serve once every five (5 weeks). Should you be able to assist other Sacristans to work at a mass when they are not able to then you would be working more than once a Month but this would be your choice, subject to your availability.

Time commitment?

Generally, the time commitment is 20 minutes before and 20 minutes after your mass. That may vary depending on the particular mass you serve and how fast you work. As you get accustomed to the duties, you are generally able to get it done a little faster.

Do we have meetings?

Our only meetings are when there are changes to our routine or when called for by either the Parish priest - in-charge or the Sacristan coordinator. Generally, the meetings and retreats are very few and average twice a year. There will be training sessions for all the new sacristans.

We rotate at daily Masses, weekend Masses, Holy Days, 1st Communions, Confirmations, and funerals. Training and meetings are held as necessary.

Will there be training?

In addition to training a full set of notes for your reference is available and you will also "shadow" an experienced sacristan until you feel confident enough to carry out your duties alone.

Who do I contact if I have more questions?

Feel free to speak to any of the sacristans that serve at our masses and talk with them about their experience as a sacristan. If you have any further questions, please contact Sacristan Coordinator Beatrice Kahangwa, 0722282185
Beatrice.kahangwa@gmail.com



EULOGY

Marion Boers – A Gentle Woman

Sadly, Marion Boers passed away on the 16th October 2018. She is survived by her husband Reinoud and their son Alexander and his family, Janneke and Emily. Marion served as a proclaimer in the Parish and initiated this InTouch magazine.

For over five-and-a-half years Marion suffered from the scourge of ovarian cancer. She had a massive operation in April 2013 was followed by seven chemo cycles. Marion was brave, she never complained and always had a cheerful greeting to all who came in contact with her. Her remarkable faith as a Catholic helped her through some difficult times.

Marion excelled in her professional life. She was an English language editor and translator in the State Language Bureau and was also a private language practitioner. She was involved in the Professional Editor's Guild. She received the Guild's highest honour of Life Membership. Marion went on to play a huge role in the South African Translator's Institute – SATI, eventually serving as SATI's Executive Director. Marion took on the role of FIT's president for six years until 2014.

Marion and Reinoud loved to travel and embarked on many excursions together, filling their lives with exciting adventures and making friends all over the world. Marion's beautiful gentle spirit, selflessness, graciousness, kindness, quiet strength and determination, courage and cheerfulness, will be sadly missed by her family, friends and the parish.



evidenced by the substantial increases in mass attendances at daily mass and on the weekends.

We have completed the church within budget, and with a little indulgence from the Archdiocese, so the ten-year loan repayments will only now commence in February. But knowing your continued generous support of the parish I am confident enough to predict you will repay the loan within 6-7 years. But who is going to lead the Community Centre conversion of the old church?

The new church was a great 80th birthday present for Fr Peter and it was a great pleasure for me to see his excitement grow as it progressed to completion. He must once again be thanked for his courage in supporting us in this project, when others before him could not.

This project is a beacon of hope for greater lay participation in the planning and governance of the Church. After all we are the People of God, and we trust Archbishop Buti will see the wisdom of utilising the talents of the laity more fully in building the Kingdom of God in Johannesburg.

May God pour all his love and blessings on you all for the wondrous thing you have done.

George Skinner

Our New Home is A Year Old... Hallelujah!

We are coming up to the first anniversary of the completion of our new church dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes and from whom we got so much support over the seven years of its gestation. So we thought it would be appropriate to reflect on the generosity of you the parishioners who made this milestone in the parish's life possible.

This mammoth R26 million undertaking was a 'challenge-and-a-half' in itself for the Planning and Development Team, the professionals who managed the project, and for me personally. But when the Lord calls egged on by the pleas of Our Lady, we **have** to listen and you did by providing R14 million of the cost. Well done to you all!

Our beautiful, peaceful and calming church interior is a tribute to the late architect John Banahan, who in his 90th year saw our dream and his, materialise. Our new home has no doubt lifted all our spirits in our striving to hear and follow the Lord in our daily lives. This is



Ministries at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Below is a list of the various ministries in which parishioners in Rivonia are active. Should you wish to become involved in any of them, please call the office or the person whose details are given. Information on social and other activities is also given.

MINISTRY OF LITURGY		
Liturgy Planning Committee	Colette Szymczak	083 346 4201
Children's Liturgy	Jodie Howe	083 235 1356
Proclaimers	Thuli Malinga	082 479 2238
Sacristans	Beatrice Kahangwa	072 228 2185
Altar Servers	Charlotte Ague	079 592 6054
Ministers of the Eucharist	Michelle De Jesus	073 220 8063
Sunday choir	Colette Szymczak	083 346 4201
Youth Band	Antoinette De Klerk	082 825 3304
MINISTRY OF EVANGELISATION		
Alpha	René Minnaar	081 858 3039
Renew Africa	Cindy Smith	082 304 0784
CARE OUTREACH		
Ministry to the sick (visits by Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist)	Michelle De Jesus	073 220 8063
MINISTRY OF FAMILY LIFE		
Family Life - Parenting Skills Program	Monica Martin	084 580 6156
SPRED	Cherryl Brooke	083 307 9453
MINISTRY OF WELCOMING AND COMMUNICATIONS		
Welcoming Newcomers	Seja Tsanwani	082 978 0189
Communication/Website	René Minnaar	081 858 3039
MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
Adult Enquiry Class	Fr. Peter Doherty	(011) 803-1229
Baptism Preparation	Fr. Peter Doherty	(011) 803-1229
Junior Catechetics	Cherryl Brooke (Catechism co-ordinator)	083 307 9453
Senior Catechetics (Confirmation Teachers)	Ed Fivaz	084 562 8134
	Matthew Mohr	084 522 1932
	Ndivhuwo Nemukula	072 264 2712
MINISTRY OF PRAYER		
Lectio Divina	Marija Ruygrok	082 787 6406
Divine Mercy	Beatrice Kahangwa	072 228 2185
MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION		
Finance Committee	Fr. Peter Doherty	(011) 803-1229
Repository	Barbara Klopfer	072 180 7862
MINISTRY OF YOUTH		
Youth Co-ordinator	Matthew Mohr	084 522 1932
WYD Pilgrims	Jeremy Smith	079 422 4064
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL ACTION		
Feeding Scheme Tables		
Food Parcel Packing		
Jumble Sorting & Sales	Jackie du Pont	078 641 6564
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Saturday 17:30 Sunday 07:30, 09:30, 17:30

Francophone mass:

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15

Weekday mass times: 08:30am

Except: Wednesday at 6:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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