



Reformers: Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, Henry VIII, John Knox, Thomas Cranmer

Reformation

The early Church was no stranger to complaints, confusions, even conflicts. In the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-6 we read about a complaint made by the Hellenists against the Hebrew Christians concerning the way the Greek widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Just as interesting is the way the Apostles *dealt* with the complaint. They called an assembly of all the disciples – a council – which established an appropriate ministry of service. This ministry of service became known as the diaconate.

Conflict in the Church has always continued. Throughout history, major events weakened the authority of the pope. The Avignon papacy (when the pope lived in Avignon in France) during most of the 14th century did not help, especially with several rival popes. In this context many favoured the idea that an ecumenical Council should be independent of and above the Pope (Conciliarism). Then a crisis between the Latin and the Greek wings of the Church led to what is called the Great Western Schism (1054). The scandals associated with some of the Renaissance popes did not help matters. Calls for radical reform grew louder.

When the Reformation came it hit Western Europe like a tsunami. Led by Luther in Germany (1483-1546), by Calvin in France and Switzerland (1509-1564) and by King Henry VIII in England (1491-1547), it turned 'protest' in 'Protestantism'.

The immediate trigger for the Reformation was the misconceived selling of indulgences to finance the building of the new St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Luther re-enforced this by denying the value of good works and claiming we can rely on faith alone. It didn't take

Luther (an Augustinian Friar) long to draw up his 95 theses which he famously nailed to the door of the cathedral in Wittenberg.

Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531) introduced a more radical Lutheranism in Zurich, rejecting the Mass as a sacrifice, and considering the presence of Christ in the Mass as purely symbolic. He rejected the invocation of the saints and the celibacy of the clergy.

John Calvin introduced a rigid interpretation of divine predestination, dividing humanity into the elect and the reprobate. Calvin had to flee the violence that his form of Protestantism had stirred up in France; he found more scope for his form of Christianity in Switzerland.

Calvinism became the bedrock of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa. It provided a ready-made vocabulary taken from the Book of Exodus for a "chosen people" on a "great trek", predestined to be a "people set apart" (apartheid).

Naturally, Protestantism provoked all kinds of responses, especially in the countries most affected. Calvin and Zwingli tried to establish a theocracy in Switzerland. It is refreshing to note that the Second Vatican Council, nearly five hundred years later (1962-1965), stated that "Christ summons the Church, as she goes her pilgrim way, to that *continual reformation* of which she always has need, insofar as she is an institution of people here on earth". (par. 6, *Decree on Ecumenism*).

That "continual reformation" initially gave rise to what has been called the "counter-Reformation". From 1545-1563 the Ecumenical Council of Trent addressed the most immediate and most urgent issues arising from the Reformation. We shall examine this in the next *Link* article.



SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 138.

RESPONSE:

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy temple. **R**
2. I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
You have exalted your name and your promise
over all.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**
3. The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth, and wine to cheer the heart.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 24 Aug ST BARTHOLOMEW, A

Revelation 21:9-14; Psalm 145; John 1:45-51

Traditionally also known as Nathanael, Jesus described him as having 'no guile' (John 1:47). In other words, a person that is entirely free of deceit, hypocrisy, or hidden motives. Jesus praises his pure heart.

Tue 25 Aug (St Joseph of Calasanz, Pr)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3.14-17; Psalm 96; Matthew 23:23-26
St Joseph was a pioneer in providing free public education for the poor. He said, "All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest of patience, and, most of all, profound humility."

Wed 26 Aug Liturgy of the Day

2 Thess 3:6-10.16-18; Psalm 128; Matthew 23:27-32
The next time you are at Mass listen closely for the word 'peace', and try to experience the fullness of it meaning. Let us open our hearts and minds to receive the fullness of this gift from God.

Thu 27 Aug St Monica

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalm 145; Matthew 24:42-51

"Keep praying, for it is impossible for a child of so many tears to be lost." (A famous piece of advice a bishop gave St Monica as she wept over her wayward son, Augustine)

Fri 28 Aug St Augustine, BD

1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Psalm 33; Matthew 25:1-13

"People go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers ... and they pass by themselves without wondering." – St Augustine

Sat 29 Aug Passion of St John the Baptist

Jeremiah 1:17-19; Psalm 70; Mark 6:17-29

"He must increase; I must decrease." This most famous quote of the Baptist captures the very essence of his passion and life – stepping aside so that the Light of Christ can shine. Allow Christ's light to shine in your life.

Sun 30 Aug 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63; Matthew 16:21-27

"God is the infinity of love; therefore our love for each other is an incarnate manifestation of that infinite love, which is incarnate in our love for each other." – James Finley

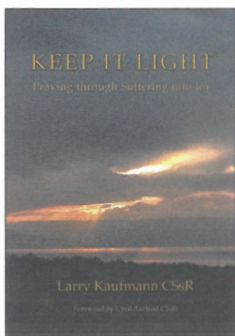
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MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 2026

22	Sat	17h00	
			RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho RIP Maria dos Reis & Jose Ferreira RIP Rev Deacon Clem Mathurine & Marie Mathurine Wedding anniversary Luis & Raquel Vocation discernment Fruit of the Womb
23	Sun	08h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Veronica & Joseph Ndlovu & Catherine Ndlovu RIP Raphael Phasane RIP Fai Mbuh Yang Daniel RIP Patrick Phenyane
		10h00	
		17h00	
24	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE
25	Tues	18h00	RIP Jose Batista Rodrigues
26	Wed	18h00	RIP Jose Batista Rodrigues
27	Thu	18h00	RIP Jose Batista Rodrigues
28	Fri	18h00	RIP Jose Batista Rodrigues

SICK LIST

We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers.



Richard Heslop, Shammy Naidoo, Kevin Demmer, Harold de Jongh, Gordon Milburn, Veronica Wheeler, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S, Leo Vest, Pat Vosloo and Jean Loudon

PARISH NOTICES

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee will be selling cookies after the 8am and 10am mass.

SAVE THE DATE

The parish fundraising event will be held on the 4th of October. Watch this space.

THANK YOU

To all who supported the archdiocese fundraiser we raised R68 555.00, and the chicken wings braai raised R20 991.00. Thank you for your generosity.

UNITE & IGNITE- YOUNG ADULTS

Matthew 18 21-25 Did Jesus have to die on the cross? Join us on Sunday 30th of August after the 10h00 Mass for fellowship and faith filled discussion. Please bring a plate of eats to share.



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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION

We invite you to a Family Day Celebration on the 26th of September 2026 starting at 09h00 till 15h00 in the Loreto school grounds. More information on the event is available on the notice board. Please contact Irene 0711607346 or Rose Mkhabela on 0829634847. For the couples celebrating the years of marriage applicable to the bishops blessing please contact Felicitus on 0826673984. For stall information contact Joyce Ditshoke 0826362587 or Dineo Lekganyane 0749945358.

BAPTISMS:

Our next baptism will be on the 4th of October after the 10am Mass. All parents wanting to baptise their children must contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr Daniel.

WEDDINGS:

All those wishing to be religiously married in the Parish must please contact the parish office **before booking the wedding venue** as there are matters of importance that need to be discussed.

PARISH FINANCES

TITHING:

All parishioners who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the notice board. Please check that your payment is registered. If you would like to tithe, please fill in the form in the box.

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NEWS

NGOME SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE

Please contact the parish office to ascertain that you are on the list and that your payment has been received. This will determine if your place on the bus has been confirmed.

Please send through all proof of payments to the office as the size of the bus will be determined by the number of paid people on the list as of the 15th of August.

The bus will leave the church on the morning of the 18th at 05h00 and will arrive at the church on the 20th in the late afternoon.

A copy of the itinerary is available upon request from the parish office.

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CARITAS

CHRIST THE KING OUTREACH PROGRAMME



We provide various food parcels, baby and adult clothing, all household items and toys to the less fortunate. We support various homes for both adults and children. Should you have items that you wish to donate these can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or left in the baskets at the back of the church over the weekends. We continue to assist many families in our parish with everyday necessities thanks to your generous donations. Should you wish to donate to this worthy cause our banking details are:

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