

## EASTER LETTER 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In last year's letter Fr Gerard spoke of the many things that had been experienced in the parish in the months before Easter. It seems history is repeating itself! We began 2024 with Fr Gerard recuperating from a bad fall which shattered his femur. I want to thank Fr Gerard for his support and advice to me during the last few months, despite his pain.

In the middle of 2023, Bro. Richard returned to our community and has made a huge contribution already, working quietly behind the scenes as does Bro. Gavin. So together with Fr Seán, our community is five now and we all try to serve the parish according to our own abilities and gifts. I thank them for their support to me, too.

We, the Redemptorist Community, would like to thank everyone for all your support and especially for your good Lenten preparation for Easter. This was seen not only in the numbers who come regularly to Mass, but also in the many who attended the Lenten Novena meditating on *The Prayer Our Lord Gave Us* and our Friday evening Stations of the Cross. This is greatly appreciated.

As we come to the great celebration of Easter, the Paschal Mystery which is the very centre of our faith, our prayer as the Redemptorist Community for you, our parishioners, is

that each of you may find your hearts becoming the place in which Christ chooses to rest and to be raised from.

Our faith is that God makes his abode in each of our hearts and that Christ is incarnate in those who believe, and so is present in the world, through us, until the end of time. That life is nourished each time we come to Mass – Christ gives us his body given for us, each time we receive. And so the Easter Christ grows deeper within us.

As always, we are grateful for your ongoing contribution to those who are suffering in South Africa's precarious financial situation.

And we are humbled and grateful for your Easter Offering, which goes to the Redemptorist Community so that we can continue to serve you as a parish. For those who wish, the banking details are at the bottom of this page.

May we take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a blessed Easter and a renewed love for God so that our parish may become, ever more deeply, a presence of the living Christ, welcoming and serving all who come.

Fr Scott, C.Ss.R.

Redemptorist Community, Nedbank Tokai  
Account Number: 1043 0029 256

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 6.00pm  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30am  
- 9.30am  
- 6.00pm

**Holy Thursday:** 28<sup>th</sup> March - 7.00pm  
(*Mass of the Lord's Supper*)

**Good Friday:** **Stations of the Cross**  
in Church - 10.00 am  
and  
Children's Stations outside - 10.00am

**Main Good Friday Celebration of the  
Passion of Our Lord and Veneration  
of the Cross** - 3.00pm

**Holy Saturday:** 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Vigil** - 7.00pm

**Easter Sunday:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 7.30am & 9.30am

**THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS**  
on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

