



Archdiocese of Cape Town

Office of the Auxiliary Bishop of Cape Town

Announcement

Requiescat in pace: Pope Francis

It is with sadness that we bring this to the attention of all people of faith in Cape Town. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Apostolic Chamber, made the following announcement from the Vatican on Easter Monday - 21 April 2025:

“Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favour of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God.”

May his soul rest in the peace of God. We will celebrate a Mass for him at noon at St Mary’s Cathedral on Wednesday 23 April 2025. At a later date, which will be announced in due course, we will celebrate a more formal *in memoriam* Mass in the Cathedral. We encourage all the faithful to engage in prayer at this time. Pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, and also pray for the Church during this *sede vacante* period.

Sincerely

+ Sylvester David OMI

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