

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of our Redemptorist Community here at Bergvliet, I would like to take this opportunity to greet each of you, and to wish you all the joys and the peace that come from the wonder of the great solemnity of Easter and of the truth that Our Most Holy Redeemer is indeed Our Risen Lord.

This Easter is marked for us in a special way because since Easter of last year, the Church as a whole, and our own Archdiocese has undergone significant changes. Last year, on the morning after Easter Sunday, our beloved Pope Francis went home to God. We give thanks to God for his life and his witness of hope to the Church and to the world. As we continue to live through times of great violence and global insecurity, I would like to remind you of Pope Francis' words to the world given on the last day of his life:

**“Sisters and brothers, especially those of you experiencing pain and sorrow, your silent cry has been heard, and your tears have been counted; not one of them has been lost! In the passion and death of Jesus, God has taken upon himself all the evil in this world and in his infinite mercy has defeated it. He has uprooted the diabolical pride that poisons the human heart and wreaks violence and corruption on every side. The Lamb of God is victorious! That is why, today, we can joyfully cry out: “Christ, my hope, has risen!” (Easter Sequence).”**

Shortly after the death of Pope Francis, we had the election of our new Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV. In his own quiet manner, he continues to serve the Church and the world and constantly asks us to make prayer for peace an essential element of our daily lives. Let us celebrate this Easter Sunday by committing ourselves to becoming instruments of peace in our sadly broken world.

In recent days we have also celebrated the Installation of Archbishop Sipuka as the new Archbishop of Cape Town. We wish him every blessing and joy as he takes up his new appointment, and we look forward to welcoming him to our parish when the opportunity arises.

I am very thankful that, here in our beloved parish at Holy Redeemer, we can witness so many signs of abundant hope in our midst. We are truly blessed in the huge number of people who attend Mass each Sunday, with the number of our children and young people who attend Catechism each week, and the number of active ministries in our parish. We also take great delight that this Easter we are able to welcome so many new members of our parish community who have just completed their Easter journey through RCIA. We were able to experience the Season of Lent together as a spiritual journey of prayer and fasting and almsgiving. May we now celebrate the Easter season with great joy and hope in our hearts.

We are fully aware of the many difficulties being faced by so many of our families, including the many financial problems of South Africa today. That is why we thank you for your constant generosity to the parish and especially to those most in need.

As always, we ask you to be generous in your Easter offering, which goes to our Redemptorist community here, so as to assist us in our pastoral and social ministry to so many people. You will find the banking details over the page.

Above all, we would like to wish each of you a very blessed Easter, and a renewed gift of faith, so that our parish may continue to be a welcoming place, a place of hope and a home for all those who worship here. Alleluia! Jesus is risen.

Fr Gerard, CSsR

## HOLY WEEK 2026

- Holy Thursday 02 Apr 2026

Mass of the Last Supper: 7.00pm

- Good Friday 03 Apr 2026

Stations of the Cross at 10.00am and  
Children's Stations outside.

**Main Good Friday** Celebration of the Passion of  
Our Lord & Veneration of the Cross at 3.00pm

- Holy Saturday 04 Apr 2026

Easter Vigil Mass – 7.00pm

**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON Sat 04 April 2026**

- Easter Sunday 05 Apr 2026

Holy Mass: 7.30am, 9.30am

**THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON Sunday 05 April 2026**

If you prefer to make an Eft payment our details are:

**Nedbank Tokai,  
Redemptorist Community  
Branch code: 104309  
Account code: 1043009256**

## EASTER 2026

