

## ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Parish Banking Details

**Acc. Name:** La Rochelle Catholic Church

**Bank:** Standard Bank. **Acc. Number:** 002848627

**Branch:** The Glen. **Branch code:** 006005

### Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 08h30-13h00.

### MASS TIMES

Monday	18h00 English
Tuesday	09h00 Portuguese 18h00 English
Wednesday	08h00 English
Thursday	08h00 English
Friday	18h00 English
Saturday	17h30 English 19h00 Portuguese
Sunday	08h00 Portuguese 10h00 English 14h00 Sotho/Zulu

### Intentions

**17/10 17h30** Abel Fernandes Belo RIP, Thomas & Beryl Middleton RIP, Fr. F. L. Merlo cs

**18/10 18h00** Joao Ambrosio de Gouveia and deceased family

**19/10 18h00** Bro. B. Celoria cs

**20/10 18h00** Fr. F. Elena & Cl. G. F. Viececi cs

**21/10 08h00** Fr. B. Morotti cs

**22/10 08h00** Agostinho & Antonia Coutinho

**23/10 18h00** Francisca Guerra RIP, Fr. G. Bergia cs

**Monthly Int. / Trintário:**

## XXIX Sunday – Year A:



**Rosary during October:** We will be praying the Rosary daily during the Month of October at 16h00 in Portuguese and 17h00 in English by the Grotto. All Welcome to attend.

### **ROSARY ROSTER on Saturdays 3pm GROTTO**

**24 October:** Nigerian, **31 October** Youth, 7 November Malawians, **14 November:** RENEW, **21 November** Proclaimers, **28 November** French, **5 December** SPRED

**Our Lady of Fatima Procession:** A Big thank you to all who assisted us with the Procession this year, the flower ladies, Donors of Flowers and to all who attended.

**Resuming of Parish groups:** We would like to inform all that some of our groups have started resuming their meetings. The Nigerian Prayer Group. Please be in contact with the leaders for more details.

**Collection Boxes:** Boxes have been placed at the back of the church for collections to comply with the regulations for Covid-19. We ask you to please place your church donations into these boxes. Thank you for your understanding.

## November 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of the dead and Pious

### List Explained: Origins-



Christians have prayed for their deceased. It is known that since the 2nd century, Christians visited the tombs of the martyrs to pray for the deceased. In the 5th century,

the Church already set aside a day of the year to offer prayers for all the deceased, especially for those who were not remembered or received prayers from anyone. It is known that in 998, Saint Odilon, abbot of Cluny, asked the monks to pray for the deceased. A little later, from the 11th century, Pope Silvestre II (1009), Pope John XVII (1009) and Pope Leo IX (1015) motivated the entire Christian community to dedicate one day of prayer each year for all departed.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** -In the year 1331, this annual day of prayers for the dead was definitively included in the liturgical calendar, beginning to be celebrated on the 2nd of November. That's because on November 1, the Feast of All Saints is celebrated. In 1915, because of the death caused by the First World War, Pope Benedict XV issued a decree for priests from all over the world to say three masses on November 2, with the intention of All the Faithful (that is, Christians) departed.

**Biblical passages** - Catholic doctrine is based on some biblical passages that substantiate the need for prayer for the deceased. These passages are as follows: in the Old Testament: Tobias 12:12; Job 1.18-20 and II Maccabees 12.43-46. In the New Testament: Mt 12,32. In addition to these biblical texts, the Church relies on a Tradition of almost two thousand years.

**Souls in Purgatory** - After celebrating the day of all saints, we have the day of the dead, when the church prays for all the deceased faithful who have already been saved, but are not yet in heavenly glory but in purgatory. In all the other 364 days of the year, we ask for the intercession of the saints who are in the glory of God, in heaven. On November 2, we do the reverse: we are the ones who ask God for the souls of the faithful, our

brothers and sisters, who are in purgatory. And our prayers, if offered with fervour and love for our deceased brothers, can shorten the sufferings they experience while still in purgatory. That is why it is so important to participate in Holy Mass and to raise our prayers to God for all the souls in purgatory. They need our prayers and we can relieve them.

**Indulgences** - Because of the great importance of praying for the dead, the Church offers indulgences, that is, relief from punishment for our sins, on the day of the dead. In order to receive this indulgence, we need to seek the sacrament of confession, to communion, to pray for the dead in the week before the day of the dead and to participate in Holy Mass on the day of the dead, offering it for the deceased faithful.

**Prayer for all the deceased** - "O God, that through the death and Resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have revealed to us the riddle of death, you have calmed our anxieties and made the seed of eternity that you planted in us to blossom: Grant to your dead sons and daughters the definitive peace of your presence. Wipe the tears from our eyes and give us all the joy of hope in the promised Resurrection. We ask this, through Jesus Christ your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. May all those who sought the Lord with a sincere heart and who died in the hope of the Resurrection rest in peace. Amen."

*At our parish we pray for the faithful departed during the whole month of November, for this purpose we have placed envelopes at the entrance of the church for you to write the names of your departed and place your donation inside. You then place your envelope in the box provided at the church altar.*

**BOOKING FOR MASS:** Dear Parishioners we continue to ask you to book for attendance at the weekend masses to avoid not being able to attend. **To book Please Contact Vera on the Parish Cell phone on 0796044346 via Whatsapp or email. All booking needs to be done between Mondays and Thursdays from 08h30 to 13h00.** For your booking please supply the following details: Name and Surname, Telephone number and age.