

## 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

**09/01 17h30** Spec. Intention for Natalie Zackey and Family. A. Vanoli, Fr. G. B. Guadagnini & Fr. G. Spigolon cs

**10/01 18h00** For a Particular intention, For the lost souls, Joao Ambrosio de Gouveia, Jose Fernandes Barreto, Maria Correia Lima Barreto, Maria Fernanda Fontes Pinheiro, Antonio Ferreira Guedes & Josefina Pereira Guedes.

**11/01 18h00** Fr. M. Raccanello, Fr. T. Carlesimo & Fr. D. Orsi cs

**12/01 18h00** Parish Intentions

**13/01 08h00** Fr. G. Buffo, Fr. G. B. Pegoraro & Fr. M. Bortolazzo cs

**14/01 08h00** Parish Intentions

**15/01 18h00** Fr. L. Bocciarelli cs

**Monthly Int. / Trintário:** For the souls of Joao Tome de Vasconcelos & Conceicao Teixeira de Vasconcelos, Souls in Purgatory

## Baptism of the Lord Sunday – Year B:



The biblical sites are often tied to a theological significance. The sea, the mountain, the desert, the Galilee of the Gentiles, Samaria, the Jordan River, the land beyond the Lake of Genezareth are much more than simple geographical indications (often not entirely

accurate).

Luke does not specify the place where the baptism of Jesus took place, but John alludes to it: "It happened in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing" (Jn 1:28). The tradition has correctly located the episode in Bethabara, the ford where the people of Israel, guided by Joshua, crossed the river and entered the Promised Land.

The gestures of Jesus present explicit references to the passage from slavery to freedom and to the beginning of a new exodus to the true Promised Land. Bethabara has also another recall, less obvious, but equally significant: the geologists ensure that this is the lowest point on earth (400m below sea level).

The decision to start the public life from there cannot be random. Jesus came from the heights of heaven to free people. He went down into a deeper abyss to show that he desires the salvation of every person. He wants to save even the most derelict, the one dragged by guilt and sin in an abyss no one imagines the possibility of getting out. God does not forget and does not abandon any of his children.

**"And the grace of God appears, bringing salvation to all people."**

**Daily Masses:** As the Church is currently closed for attendees at mass, we wish to inform our parishioners that we continue to live stream our masses on Facebook. Please search for our Facebook page [Saint Patrick's Catholic Church](https://www.facebook.com/SaintPatrickCatholicChurch).



**Mass Intentions:** we are still accepting Mass Intentions. Please send the Intention and date via whatsapp to Fr. Jorge on 0795833647 or Vera on 0796044346. Payments may be made to our bank account or dropped off at the Church.

**Catechism:** Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, we have not made a final decision about the resuming of our catechism classes. We are keeping in mind the current statistics and also following our president's recommendations. We will inform you once a decision has been made.

### 18th-25th January is Week of Prayer for

### Christian Unity: An Ecumenical Christian

#### Prayer by Pope Francis

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love. Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community. Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognizing him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each brother or sister who makes a new start. Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.

## Fr. Pablo has travelled to Mozambique:

Fr. Pablo has travelled to Mozambique to start his service at the Parish there. He was here with us awaiting his Visa which was granted to him during the festive season. We wish him God's blessings on his new journey.

### Prayer for the end of the virus

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation.

We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.

