

Church of Our Saviour Bulletin

The English Speaking International Roman Catholic Parish of The Hague

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(under the name 'Church of Our Saviour')

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Eucharistic Schedule:

Weekends at the church:
Sunday: 10.00, 17.30

Weekdays in the chapel:
Friday 09.30

Reconciliation:

Sunday 16.30-17.00 or by appointment

Religious Education 11.30-12.15, Pastoral Center



Fourth Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day!

Psalm Response:

"We are his people, the sheep of his flock."

Readings: ACTS 13:14, 43-52; PS 100:1-2, 3, 5;
REV 7:9, 14B-17; JN 10:27-30



Mass at 10.00

Please check the parish agenda on our website for a full updated schedule of events.

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GUESTS

To all the grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, relatives and friends (from various parts of the world) of the sixty-two children making their First Holy Communion this Sunday, a very warm welcome to you all.

It is a huge job to see so many children receive communion for the first time. During this weekend, five children were baptized and another three will receive first communion on separate dates. We would like to thank the children's parents and catechists for their dedication to the catechesis program. To prepare for this big day, these children came to twenty-two classes this pastoral year, did community service by helping to collect food for the homeless, and largely contributed to the lively spirit in our parish.

We celebrate this great feast with intense joy and gratitude and congratulate all our communicants. Their festive banners will decorate our church until Pentecost.

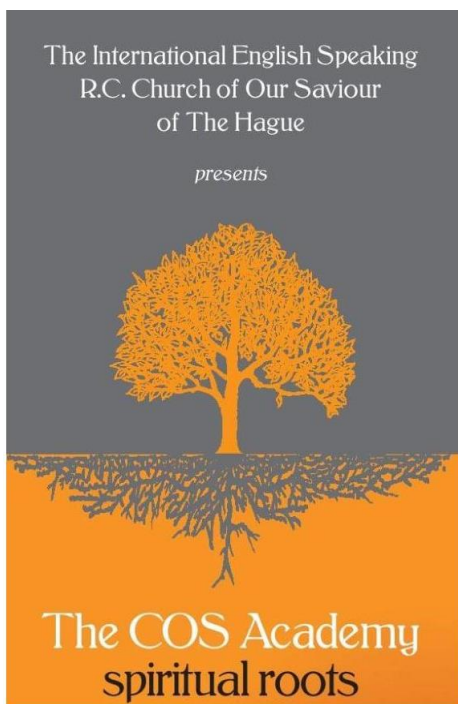
PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our mothers who untiringly love and care for us with every passing day. But today Lord, on this important "Mother's Day" we specially want to lift up all mothers throughout the land and thank You for the very special role they play in the lives of their children.

Thank you for the selfless love they so often show and for the grace and encouragement they are able to give, as well as their correction, wisdom and counsel. Thank you for the role model they so often provide and for the many sacrifices they willingly make on account of their children and families. We pray that you would provide the necessary health and strength they need to care for their families in their demanding tasks, and that You would grant each one multiplied grace, as they seek to carry out the many roles and responsibilities they each carry within their own homes. This we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOMS

A big hug to all our moms on this Mother's Day. Thanks for always being there for your family!



Come and Join
**Michiel Heere &
 Jorge Colombo**
 on their Talk about

The Knights of Malta
 on
Monday 13 May at 19.00-20.30

in the COS Loft,
 Helenastraat 8, The Hague.

Entrance is € 5 and
 may be paid on the day.

For registration, please contact the parish office at
office@parish.nl

VISITS FROM THE PAPAL NUNCIO AND THE ARCHBISHOP OF CAPE TOWN



Msgr. Aldo Cavalli

On **Thursday 30 May on Ascension Day**, **Papal Nuncio Msgr. Aldo Cavalli** will visit our parish to confirm our teenagers during the Confirmation Mass at 10.00.
 (Please note that there will only be one mass to celebrate this Feast day.)

He will also join the lecture on the Knights of Malta given by **Michiel Heere and Jorge Colombo** on Monday, 13 May.

On Sunday, **02 June**, we will also have the pleasure of the company of another Archbishop, **Msgr. Stephen Brislin**, who will celebrate the morning Mass in our parish.



Msgr. Stephen Brislin

Fr. Sjaak and Msgr. Stephen studied together at the Mill Hill seminary in London in 1980-83. During the apartheid regime, Msgr. Stephen had to make serious and dangerous choices about his loyalties in South Africa. He came to the Missionary Institute London as a guest-student of the Diocese of Kroonstad. He became the bishop there in 2007 and was promoted to the Holy See in Cape Town 2010.

DAY OF SPIRITUALITY FOR MEN

Come in your numbers and remotivate your spirits on **Saturday, 18 May from 10.00-16.00 in the COS Loft**. The price is € 15 which includes lunch and refreshments. For information and registration, please contact the parish office at **office@parish.nl** or contact **Siben** at **sibensendze@gmail.com**.

The theme for the day is the evolution of theology in gender-related role descriptions and models. Is it at all possible to link the two? This will be an interesting day to focus on the Father image of God and Mother Earth.

For those interested, please transfer the amount of €15 to Bank Account **NL34 ABNA 059.93.46.264** (under the name 'Church of Our Saviour'). Please include Men's Recollection and your name in the description. Thank you.

COS ACADEMY PRESENTS
**Men's
 recollection**
UBI CARITAS ET AMOR DEUS IBI EST
-Where there is Love and Charity there is God.

SATURDAY 18 MAY 2019
 10.00-16.00
 COS LOFT - HELENASTRAAT 8, 2595 HA, THE HAGUE
 COST €15
 INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH
 TICKETS ON SALE AT THE WELCOME DESK
 OR THE PARISH OFFICE

*Father Sjaak speaking on the changing roles of men.
 Deacon Paul sharing experiences and challenges in his
 calling as a father, provider and deacon.*

For more information, contact Siben: sibensendze@gmail.com
 Church of Our Saviour Loft, Koningin mariaalaan 2, The Hague

CORONATION OF OUR LADY

On **Sunday, 19 May**, we will crown Our Lady as part of the May devotion during the morning Mass.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ON 4 JUNE

The next meeting for all our group and event coordinators will be on **Tuesday, 4 June**. During the meeting, the Pastoral Year will be evaluated, and a vote will be held to evaluate the online bulletin. We invite all groups and events coordinators to be present or have your representatives present on that evening. **We start with a Mass at 19.30 and begin the meeting at 20.00, followed by a reception in the bar at 21.30.**

END OF THE PASTORAL YEAR

On **Sunday 23 June**, we will end the Pastoral Year with masses of Thanksgiving and an overview of this year's past activities. On a festive note, we will celebrate with a gala on **Saturday 22 June**. More information below.

SUMMER GALA AND AUCTION ON SATURDAY, 22 JUNE

In past years, Gala evenings were organised at prime locations such as the *Society de Witte, Hotel de Bijhorst, and The Pier in Scheveningen*. The location this year will be at a high-end hotel which will be announced as soon as arrangements are settled.

During this dinner dance evening there will also be a Benefit Auction for our church. For this auction we are looking for valuable objects or pledges that will be sold to the highest bidder – jewellery, portable antiques, travel packages, and dinner evenings, just to name a few. Any creative offer that can be auctioned will be most welcome and gratefully received through our parish office. A list of the auction items will be placed on our website before the event.

NEW CONCIERGES

We are happy to welcome **André Cruz** and **Lito Tomas** as our new concierges. They will share the job between them. We wish them well in their new task.

NEW VIDEO SCREEN IN ATRIUM

A new video wall will be installed in the Atrium which may be used for presentations at meetings, rentals, and will present an ongoing slideshow of the bulletin during coffee on Sundays.



The theme for this year's **PARISH RETREAT** is "**Wanted: Friends and Foot-washers**".
Retreat leader is **Fr Dominic O'Toole**, the parish priest of the English-speaking parish in Vienna.
The dates are **Friday, 27 September – Sunday, 29 September**. Venue is the beautiful Carmelite convent in *Sittard*.

Price is approximately € **150/160 p.p.** all included. Each room has its own bathroom. To get more details and sign up, please contact **Helena Schroder-Rogers** at helena@bbbc.nl.



If you would like to sponsor the **ALTAR FLOWERS** for any special occasion (in memoriam, wedding anniversary, birthday) or just in thanksgiving for your many blessings, please contact **Cheryl Carr** at carrbark@bart.nl.

COS SPECIAL DATES & EVENTS

- 13 May** – COS Spiritual Academy: **Michiel Heere & Jorge Colombo** on "Knights of Malta", COS Loft at 19.00
- 18 May** – COS Spiritual Academy: Men's Recollection with **Fr. Sjaak & Deacon Paul**, COS Loft at 10.00
- 19 May** – Feast of the Coronation of Our Lady
- 25 May** – Soul Kitchen Dinner (French cuisine) in the Atrium at 18.00
- 30 May** – Feast of The Ascension of the Lord – **CONFIRMATION MASS** with **Apostolic Nuncio** at 10.00 in Church
- 02 June** – Sunday Morning Mass celebrated with **Catholic Archbishop of Cape Town Msgr. Stephen Brislin**
- 04 June** – Pastoral Council Meeting for all Group and Event Coordinators and Representatives at 19.30
- 09 June** – Pentecost Sunday
- 22 June** – Summer Gala & Auction
- 23 June** – End of Pastoral Year



FR. BOSCO RETIRES AS HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

On Sunday, 19 September, our parish helper Fr. Bosco ends his task as pastor at the *Haga* Hospital. We wish him a fruitful retirement and thank him for his service to countless patients.

BEZUIDENHOUT CROWD FUNDING INITIATIVE FOR RESTORATION OF TOWER CLOCKS

Our community has invested a lot in restoring the inside and outside of our church building. This benefits not only our parishioners but also the neighbourhood of *Bezuidenhout*. The preservation of this city monument is an asset in this part of town. This is why in the coming weeks we will be distributing flyers to people living in our neighbourhood who benefit from seeing this beautiful church and its garden every time they pass by. Rather than asking parishioners once again to support another campaign, we will appeal to those living around the area for help in restoring the tower and the clocks. We hope they appreciate this impressive landmark which was one of the first constructions after the accidental bombing of the area during World War II. With our joint efforts, we hope to start work on this as soon as possible.



WEDDING PLANS? MOST WELCOME!

Couples intending to get married are welcome to complete their paperwork and preparations in our parish. Once these papers are approved by the diocese, they are valid worldwide. Please get in touch with our Parish Office six months prior to the event to begin the process. We will need a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate. In case of an interreligious marriage (with a partner from another denomination or a non-baptized person), a dispensation is required which takes a bit more time. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at office@parish.nl.

Congratulations to **Imran LOCKHART & Valene GEORGE** who celebrated their nuptials on 9 May in St. Maarten. Please continue to pray for the following couples preparing for their wedding:

25-05	Kenneth Jay R. BUHAWE & Heidi BOBIS	Cavite, Philippines
01-06	Amadeusz ANDVZEJ & Karolina TETLAK	Gdansk, Poland
01-06	Harold VAN DER MEER & Ligia CARDOSO ARBEX	Marlot, The Hague
15-06	Gergo BERCI & Reka HASNOVICSOVA	Torokbalint, Hungary

FR. SJAAK ON SABBATICAL

Fr. Sjaak will be on Sabbatical Leave from **Sunday, 18 August through Sunday 15 December 2019**. Seven years ago, he spent 4-1/2 months doing a course at Boston College. Now, after 21 years in our parish, he will take a four month leave to recharge his batteries. During this time, he will spend six weeks at home, visit his nine Godchildren around the world, and meet with COS alumni in the US. During his absence, a team of local priests will celebrate Sunday masses and will be available for emergencies during the week. There will be no resident pastor during these months which means that there will be less pastoral service during office hours. However, our office staff, parish assistant **Kyle** and **Deacon Paul** will do as much as they can. Of course, for emergencies, we will be able to contact a priest. The Parish Board will also provide ongoing administrative services. If you would like to support this sabbatical leave, then airmiles would be very welcome to help with our pastor's travel expenses. Donations for board and lodging and to cover the extra costs of assistant priests would also be much appreciated.

NON-PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please note – adverts are placed in this section as a service to our parishioners or to let people know of activities in the region that might be of interest. They are NOT an endorsement of people offering services, organizations mentioned, or goods or accommodations being offered.)

LOOKING FOR A BABYSITTING JOB

My name is **Marion**. I'm single and 57 years of age. I'm looking for a job as a babysitter. I can also do the shopping and prepare dinner. I'm available on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays and prefer working in The Hague. I was educated in Switzerland and speak French, German and English. Please contact me at **062 549 5312**. Thank you.