



R.C. PARISH

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Koningin Marialaan 2 | 2595GB The Hague, NL



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Dear Parishioner, Parish Alumni, or Online Visitor,

During the last 2 years, we have all been moving 3 steps forward and 2 steps back. It has been difficult for everybody to plan and cancel events and invent alternative plans to keep our lives on track.

A lot of energy was also taken up in our parish with the constantly changing of rules and requirements around COVID. All this meant that in 2021, we had very small numbers of people physically present in church, and meetings with groups decreased dramatically.

Even though there was less social life, the pastoral challenges were much more intense. The number of people who were feeling isolated and deprived of contact and material help increased. We had to raise our commitment to the lonely, the sick, and the homeless. When government support systems shut down, we remained physically accessible. Most of our financial resources went to the payment of salaries and to support various people in need.

With the decrease in rental income, covering the costs for maintaining our buildings suffered. One of the projects that needs our urgent attention is the church tower. Almost no maintenance has been done on the church tower for almost 70 years and some things can no longer be postponed. Therefore, we decided to dedicate the Kerkbalans 2022 campaign to this cause.

The total cost for the repairs is estimated at € 150,000. With the city's promised subsidy of € 21,000, the € 45,000 raised from the legacy of a parishioner's last will & testament, and the € 7,000 raised by the Bezuidenhout neighborhood, that leaves an amount of € 77,000 to be raised through your generosity.

Your contribution will help us to:

- Sponsor a meter of masonry - € 25
- Illuminate one of the 48 numbers - € 100 each
- Illuminate one of the 8 hands - € 250 each
- Repair the metalwork per clock - € 2000

Any contribution to carry out this project in 2022 would be very welcome and much appreciated. Would you like to help us to preserve this iconic monument and restore it to its former glory? You can donate via the Tikkie of Paypal codes below.



Scan the above or click [here](#) to donate via Paypal



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Another option is to fill out the [Donation Form](#) on our website. To do this, you can either click on [Donation Form](#) or copy and paste the following link: <https://parish.nl/donations/>.

Many generous volunteers have worked extremely hard to keep our community together and reach out to those in need. To all our volunteers who are the "Treasures of the Church", you are the real human capital on which we can build. We cannot thank you enough!

To all our regular donors who have continued to contribute and keep us afloat through online donations, thank you so much for your weekly, monthly, or yearly contribution! You have made it possible for us to survive financially! We hope that you continue to do so, or even consider adding a donation to our Kerkbalans campaign. Long term donations of 5 years or more are eligible for tax deductions. Feel free to send an email to finance@parish.nl for more information.

I wish you every strength and courage during this challenging time and assure you of my prayers.

With many thanks and greetings,



Fr. Sjaak de Boer PhD

Pastor, R.C Church of Our Saviour

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The tower being built in 1955 after the accidental bombing of the Church during World War II

- Photo from National Archives



The Roman Catholic Church *Onze Lieve Vrouw van Goede Raad* (Our Lady of Good Counsel), where our parish the Church of Our Saviour now resides.

- Photo from P. van Breukelen, Haags Gemeentearchief October 1955

Visit our [website](#) regularly to check on how close we are to reaching our goal!