



# R.C. PARISH CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

## **COSCom Newsletter- Second Quarter 2026**

*"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them". - Acts 2:1-4*

### **Message from Fr. Sjaak**

Drifting into the sun. With the trees turning green again and flowers in full bloom, we see how nature teaches us to appreciate its beauty. Even though every season has its own appeal, it's nice to move from the wet and grey weather to warmer and more colorful seasons. [Read more.](#)

### **RECENT HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Easter and Holy Week**

Over the course of the nine days between Palm Sunday and Easter Monday, over 6000 people attended the seven services in our Church! Thank you to all our parishioners and the small army of volunteers working behind the scenes to make this Holy Week a very special one. We are truly blessed to have such a warm and dedicated church family.

#### **Twenty-two Neophytes Accepted into the Universal Church**

During the Easter Vigil, twenty-two adults were initiated in the Catholic faith. [Read more.](#)



#### **Yuppies and Yuppies Event**

On Saturday 11 April, an intergenerational meeting was held in the atrium between YAPPIES (Young Active Pensioners 65+) and YUPPIES (Young Ultra Peppy People 13-30 years) with the goal of bringing the generations together with food, drinks, and plenty of good conversation. It was a good opportunity to learn and build connections across generations.

## ANZAC Day

The Australian and New Zealand Embassies held a commemorative ANZAC Day Remembrance and Wreath Laying Ceremony, which was held on Saturday 25 April at the Commonwealth War Graves Section of the Westduin Cemetery in The Hague. Fr. Sjaak led the commemoration ceremony with prayers for all those who had laid down their lives in securing freedom during World War 2.



## Restroom Renovations

Our Lenten Campaign this year was in support of the renovation of the restrooms at the back of the church. The first phase of the project began on the Tuesday after Easter. Our sincere thanks to the benefactors and parishioners who have so generously contributed to this project.

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### COS Food Fair 2026

The COS Food Fair 2026 is being held on Saturday 13 June around the Church. Volunteers and home cooks are needed to help with organizing it. Please contact the parish office or Nnamdi at [nnamdi@parish.nl](mailto:nnamdi@parish.nl)

Join Us Around the Church !

# Food Fair 2026

Sat, 13 June 2026 12:00 - 16:00

Sign Up at the Welcome Desk after Mass

**FOOD - DRINKS - RAFFLE DRAW**

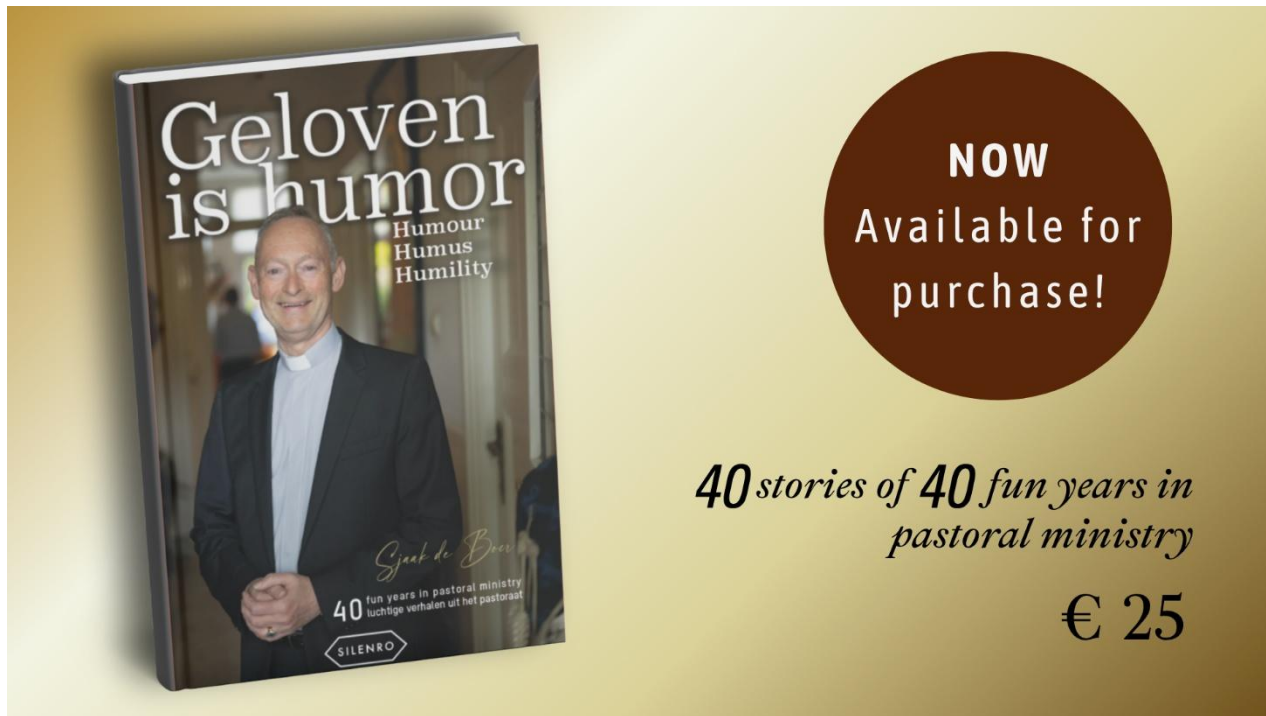
Proceeds go to charities around the world.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!**

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## Fr. Sjaak's Latest Book

Fr. Sjaak will celebrate his 40th Ordination Anniversary on Sunday 25 October 2026. To mark this occasion, he wrote a book about some of the most amusing moments of his career. Written in both Dutch and English, the book contains 40 stories from his life and ministry. The book will help you discover that being a priest can be a lot of fun and can place you in the most unexpected situations and experiences. [Read more.](#)



## Confirmation

The Confirmation Mass will be held on Ascension Day, Thursday 14 May 2026 at 11.00. Fr. Jan Thomas Limchua from the Papal Nunciature in The Hague will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 30 teenagers.

## First Holy Communion

On Trinity Sunday 31 May, 73 children will make their First Holy Communion in our parish! There will be a special Mass for this event at 12:30. There will be no evening Mass on that day.

## COS Hand in Hand

Our refugee program has grown over the years. The weekly Dutch and English language classes have doubled in participation. The Football Project now brings nearly 100 refugees together. The positive energy on the pitch helps to form new friendships with our volunteers and parishioners. The Ambassador from Cameroon has taken the initiative to spearhead a match between footballers from the Cameroon community and our refugee footballers on Sunday 17 May to celebrate Cameroon's National Day. On the other hand, youths from several shelters will go on a day out to Duinrell Park in Wassenaar on 16 June.

## Retreats 2026

Several retreats have happened and will happen with participation from our parishioners.

- January: Apha Course Retreat
- March: Confirmation Youth Retreat together with some parents
- 30 April - 6 May: Lourdes Retreat with the Order of Malta
- May: Emmaus Women's Retreat in Helvoirt
- June: Meditation Group Retreat in Belgium. The Meditation Group meets every Monday at 19.30.

## **Cross Examination Podcast**

Don't forget to sign up and listen to our podcast, "[Cross Examination](#)".

## **Dates for your Agenda**

- 10 May Mother's Day/ Mass Celebration of Cameroon's National Day at 10.00. Free coffee, tea, and finger food after AM Mass courtesy of the Embassy of the Republic of Cameroon
- 14 May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord; Confirmation Mass at 11.00
- 24 May Pentecost Sunday Masses at 10.00 & 17.30
- 25 May Pentecost Monday Mass at 10.00/ Office Closed
- 31 May Trinity Sunday:
  - Morning Mass at 10.00
  - First Holy Communion Mass at 12:30; NO EVENING MASS
- 06 Jun Soul Kitchen
- 13 Jun COS Food Fair 12.00 – 16.00 around the church premises
- 14 Jun End of Pastoral Year
- 13 Sep Meet the Parish/ Opening of the New Pastoral Year/ Open Monument Day

## **Save The Date:**

On Sunday 25 October, Fr. Sjaak will celebrate his 40th Ordination Anniversary with a festive Mass at 11.00 AM followed by a reception.

**We wish all our parishioners, benefactors and well-wishers a  
happy and relaxing Summer 2026.**