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Mass Times

Monday to Friday 12:15 and 19:30 in the Chapel
Saturday 19:00 in the Church
Sunday 11:15 and 18:00 in the Church (English)

Confession

Daily half an hour before Mass. We hold confessions in a room at the front of the Meeting Centre.

Message from the Pastor

For some the school year has already begun, for others the academic year has yet to officially start. Work has resumed after summer vacation. We are all happy to start again, despite the necessary adjustments and limitations. In the Churches it's the same; all our activities have resumed. Masses, adoration, Confession, meetings, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, and Marriage preparation. The greatest temptation at present is perhaps to just forget the entire pandemic. Once, you've arrived and you are inside the Church, however, you're immediately reminded that we do have to keep physical distance (which is never emotional distance) and keep up the hygiene measures.

How fitting that the subject of the encyclical that Pope Francis is set to sign on 3 October in Assisi is personal presence in the spirit. The title in Italian is Fratelli tutti which phrase is taken from the Admonitiones (the Exhortations) by Saint Francis of Assisi, Chapter 6, About Following the Lord: Let us listen, all of us as brothers, to the good shepherd who took on the suffering for his sheep through the saving cross. The Lord's sheep followed him in self denial and persecution, in humility and hunger, in sickness and temptation, and the like; and for this they

received from the Lord eternal life. This is simply a working translation. I do not wish to presume the contents of the encyclical, which I have no knowledge of, but it should be clear that our specific circumstances also require an approach neighbourly love. The pandemic hits some harder than others, the effects of an infection vary from one person to another. For some, keeping physical distance is more than difficult than it is for others, and they suffer from loneliness. For others, the situation as it used to be can't return fast enough so that they continue snatching grabbing at the cost of others, if need be. That will not be the case with you.

Fratelli tutti, all of us as brothers, will follow the Lord as his sheep. Following Christ, however, means temptation and the cross. That unites us and strengthens us – if we act as brothers. Let me finish with a saying from St. Josemaria; it comes from the *The Forge* (no. 846): Constantly call to mind that at every moment you are cooperating in the human and spiritual formation of those around you, and of all souls – for the blessed Communion of Saints reaches as far as that. At every moment: when you work and when you rest; when people see you happy or when they see you worried; when at your job, or out in the middle of the street, you pray as does a child of God and the peace of your soul shows through; when people see that you have suffered, that you have wept, and you smile.

Fr. Wim Veth

Liturgical Calendar

Tu 3 Sept.	St. Gregory the Great, pope <i>mem.</i>	Mass in the Chapel	12:15
		Mass in the Chapel	19:30
Fr 4 Sept.	1 st Friday of the month	Mass in the Chapel	12:15
		Mass in the Chapel and Adoration	19:30
Sa 5 Sept.	23 th Sunday of the year	Gregorian Mass XIII Credo IV Organ	19:00
Su 6 Sept.	23rd Sunday of the year	Gregorian Mass XI Credo III <i>Holy Mass in English</i>	11:15 18:00
Tu 8 Sept.	Birth of the Virgin Mary <i>feast</i>	Mass in the Chapel	12:15
		Mass in the Chapel	19:30
Sa 12 Sept.	24 th Sunday of the year	Gregorian Mass XIII Credo I Organ	19:00
Su 13 Sept.	24th Sunday of the year	Gregorian Mass XIII Credo I <i>Holy Mass in English</i>	11:15 18:00

Ma 14 Sept	Exaltation of the Cross <i>feast</i>	Mass in the Chapel	12:15
		Mass in the Chapel	19:30
Tu 15 Sept.	Our Lady of Sorrows <i>memorial</i>	Mass in the Chapel	12:15
		Mass in the Chapel	19:30
We 16 Sept.	Sts. Cornelius, pope and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs <i>memorial</i>	Mass in the Chapel	12:15
		Mass in the Chapel	19:30
Sa 19 Sept.	25 th Sunday of the year	Gregorian Mass XV Credo II Organ	19:00
Su 20 Sept.	25th Sunday of the year	Gregorian Mass XV Credo II Holy Mass in English	11:15 18:00
Ma 21 Sept	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist <i>feast</i>	Mass in the Chapel	12:15
		Mass in the Chapel	19:30
We 23 Sept.	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) <i>memorial</i>	Mass in the Chapel	12:15
		Mass in the Chapel	19:30
Sa 26 Sept.	26 th Sunday of the year	Gregorian Mass XI Credo IV Organ	19:00
Su 27 Sept.	26th Sunday of the year	Gregorian Mass XI Credo IV Holy Mass in English	11:15 18:00
Tu 29 Sept.	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Archangels <i>feast</i>	Mass in the Chapel	12:15
		Mass in the Chapel	19:30
We 30 Sept.	St. Hieronymus, priest, Doctor of the Church <i>memorial</i>	Mass in the Chapel	12:15
		Mass in the Chapel	19:30

Half an hour before 12:15 Mass the Rosary will be prayed in the chapel. You can add your intentions to the notebook on the small table (at the entrance to the chapel).

Calendar of Activities Meeting Center

Date	Activity	Time	Info
Th 3, 10, 17, 24 Sept.	Eucharistic Adoration, Night time Adoration	Start 11:00	Gerda Hoogland 06 - 27 28 66 32
Th 17 Sept	Prayer: 1,000 Hail Marys	17:00	Vanessa Barboza 06 - 18 68 60 29
Fr 18 Sept.	Morning of recollection for women	10.00- 13.00	Helga Ohmes 06 - 34146680
Ma 21 Sept	Evening of recollection for men	19.00- 21.30	Anton Schins 06 - 45276930

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The Lion's Den

In my last column I wrote about the bees that visited the lavender plants on my balcony in great numbers. Afterwards, I read online how such creatures, particularly honey bees, live. How they divide their work is really quite impressive. A bee knows from the beginning why it is on this earth. You're born a queen bee, a drone, or a worker bee. The queen doesn't do anything. The drone bees mate with her, she lays eggs and leaves the rest to the help. As a worker bee you are constantly flying around. Through your efforts you ensure, through pollination, that all kinds of things bloom and grown on this earth and you also produce honey, so that you can make it through the winter yourself. Still others have the job of chasing strangers away from the entrance to the hive. Bees that are carrying insecticides on their wings or feet are also refused at the door. For centuries there has been a kind of natural lock down in place at hives.

In the meantime, many of us have visited many 'foreign' countries and also let many 'foreigners' in. But that all stopped, suddenly. Shops closed their doors, barbers laid down their scissors, cafes stayed empty, the elderly received no visitors, choirs were forbidden to sing, and what to me was the worst of all... The churches closed.

I saw the devil practically rubbing his hands in delight. He was already so happy with the increasingly empty pews. Would this be the final blow for all those stupid believers? The elderly had it the hardest and many of them were very down in the dumps. And it can be very dark there. All this made me think of the Bible story about Daniel.

Under King Darius he was an important minister, was very well esteemed and appointed to a high position. The other ministers had decided amongst themselves that not just any foreigner, a Jew no less, would be in a position of authority above them. Cunningly they proposed a law to the king that would prohibit subjects from kneeling before gods. It would only be permitted to kneel before the king.

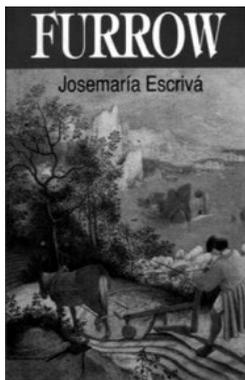
Violation of this law would result in being thrown into the lions' den. The king signed the ordinance.

Because Daniel did not follow the rule, and despite the prohibition, still kneeled each day for his God, he was thrown into the lions' den. The

opening to the lions' den was sealed with a stone. Those who had devised this plan were satisfied... Be gone nasty foreigner! Early in the morning, after a sleepless night, the king rushed to the lions' den and had the stone removed. To his relief Daniel appeared unharmed. Just as this story, the stone is being gently pushed aside from the virtual hole in which so many sit. It is slowly becoming lighter and perhaps people are beginning to see to a rope ladder. It was there the whole time but it had been too dark to discover. Step by step we can climb up and in limited numbers go back to Mass again.

Adriana Madderom

Furrow in September



In the monthly column based on the book *Furrow*, we read this time a passage appropriate for the month of May.

352: It hurts you to see that some use the technique of speaking about the Cross of Christ, only so as to climb and obtain positions. They are the same people who consider nothing they see as clean if it does not coincide with their own particular standards.

—All the more reason, then, for you to persevere in the rectitude of your intentions, and to ask the Master to grant you the strength to repeat: *Non mea voluntas sed tua fiat!* — Lord, may I fulfil your Holy Will with love!

Contributions in the basket, Bank transfer or Givt app



More and more often people are paying for their purchases by bank card. To accommodate this we have introduced the possibility of donating to the collection with a bank card. Of course, coins and notes will continue to fit in the collection basket too. We have started using a mobile phone application for collection via bank card; it is called Givt. It is easy to use: choose the amount you would like to give, choose 'Next', choose the collection method 'in the church' and then swipe the smart phone along the sensor in the collection basket. The smart phone will pick up the signal from the sender in the collection basket. If you have an internet connection on your phone, the donation will be sent directly. If you have no connection, the transfer is saved in the application. Once you have a connection again, and you open the Givt app, your donation is sent immediately. Givt is free of charge and secure. Read more about

the application or download it via www.givtapp.net/download; or search for 'Givt' in the Apple Store or Google Play Store.

675 year anniversary of the Miracle of Amsterdam

In 2020, the Miracle of Amsterdam took place exactly 675 years ago. The anniversary will be celebrated in October and November 2020 in an exhibit in the Cathedral in Haarlem (the New Bavo) and in the Stompe Toren (in Spaarnwoude), as well as with Miracle walking routes that follow ancient pilgrimage routes to the Holy Site in Amsterdam (7-20km).

Exhibit October -November 2020 675th Anniversary of the Miracle of Amsterdam

When? From 10 October to 29 November 2020

Where? Cathedral (Leidsevaart 146, Haarlem) Monday through Saturday 10:30 to 17:00; Sunday: 12:00 to 17:00

Opening: 10 October 2020 at 14:00 officiated by Mgr. Hendricks

Stompe Toren (Kerkweg 26, Spaarnwoude): only on Saturday



24 October – Join us in walking the “Miracle” routes to Amsterdam

In the 15th and 16th centuries in Amsterdam, Haarlem and Leiden each year on the Tuesday following the feast of St. Gregory (12 March) the start of the Miracle Procession through Amsterdam the next day was promulgated before the city hall. On the occasion of the 675th anniversary of the Holy Miracle of Amsterdam, seven original pilgrimage routes to the Holy Site will followed once again. This year special attention will be paid at various places along the routes to the situation we find ourselves in in the Corona pandemic. Passing along old banning posts, we will enter the Amsterdam area, walking the final kilometres in silence. The routes end in a tour of the Begijnhof Chapel.

24 October 2020 Pilgrimage to the Miracle Site, Begijnhof

Route 1: Assendelft – Begijnhof Amsterdam
departure: 11:00, arrival: 14:00, 12km

Route 2: Monnickendam – Begijnhof Amsterdam
departure: 10:00, arrival: 14:00, 18km

Route 3: Diemen – Begijnhof Amsterdam
departure: 12:00, arrival: 14:00, 7.5km

Route 4: Duivendrecht – Begijnhof Amsterdam
departure: 12:00, arrival: 14:00, 7.5km

Route 5: Ouderkerk aan den Amstel – Begijnhof Amsterdam
departure: 11:00, arrival: 14:00, 12km

Route 6: Bovenkerk – Begijnhof Amsterdam
departure: 11:00, arrival: 14:00, 12km

Route 7: Haarlemmerliede – Begijnhof Amsterdam
departure: 9:30, arrival: 14:00, 20km

For more information please visit www.stichtingkatholiekerfgoed.nl.

Anointment and H. Communion

If you would like to receive Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion at home, please contact the Visit Group (Louis Firet, teleph. 020-61 39 003) or one of the priests.

Baptism of Children

All information for the preparatory course Baptism for parents and godparents is provided by father Rafael Ojeda, rector@olvkerk.nl or 020 2400 803.

Collections and Contributions

You can make a contribution by transferring it to our bank account number (see right column).

Mass Intentions

You can use the corresponding form that is located in the back of the church and in the Meeting Center in order request a particular Mass intention. The form indicates how you can make a contribution.

Address information

You can register as a parishioner, to receive the newsletter, or to give notice of change of address by sending an email to info@olvkerk.nl

Adoration in the Chapel

Weekly Adoration takes place in the chapel continuously from Thursday 11.00 -Friday 19.15. For information please contact Ms G. Hoogland, e-mail gerda.hoogland@live.nl or tel. 06 272 866 32

1,000 Hail Marys

On 17 September beginning at 17:00 1,000 Hail Marys will be prayed in the chapel. Intentions can be placed in the intention box.

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Thank you for your contribution.

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