



Archdiocese of Cape Town

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Newsletter from the Archbishop's office

Dear Bishop, Monsignor, Father, Deacon, Sister, Brother

I trust that you are well and coping with the continued lockdown. The different levels of lockdown, given by President Ramaphosa, encourage us that there is a well-thought out process, even if it is going to take some time before we are all free to move and associate as we would like. I wish to bring the following to your attention:

New Bishop of Oudtshoorn:

I am delighted to inform you that Fr Noel Rucastle has been appointed Bishop of Oudtshoorn. His appointment was made public in Rome today at 12 noon today, 4th May 2020. On behalf of all, I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Fr Noel and the Diocese of Oudtshoorn.

A call to Prayer:

The Holy Father has requested that all Catholics pray the Rosary during the month of May, particularly on Saturdays. Please respond to Pope Francis' call and please inform your parishioners through whatever means you can of his request and encourage them to pray the rosary. His Holiness has also given two prayers to Our Lady that can be used at the end of the rosary (or can be prayed whenever one wishes). The link to his letter and prayers is:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html

Furthermore, for the sake of unity and cohesion within the Archdiocese, I request that all Catholics, in addition to the other prayers we have distributed and to supplement them, pray the *first prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady* (slightly modified) at 12 noon every day:

*O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.*

*Protectress of all people,
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.*

*For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.*

Amen.

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;*

*Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,*

O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

I also attach Xhosa and Afrikaans translation of the above prayer.

Please know that I keep you all in my prayers and wish you every blessing in these difficult days.

Sincerely in Christ



+Stephen Brislin
Archbishop of Cape Town

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