

# Parish of Our Lady of Fatima

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## 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Third Sunday of Lent

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### Feasts of the Week

Monday

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Year C**

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

### Entrance Antiphon

*My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

### Responsorial Psalm

### Psalm 103

***The Lord is compassionate and gracious.***

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

The Lord does just deeds,  
gives full justice to all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
So strong his mercy for those who fear him.

***The Lord is compassionate and gracious.***



### Gospel Acclamation

***Glory and praise to you, O Christ.***

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

***Glory and praise to you, O Christ.***

### Communion Antiphon

*The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest where she sets her young: your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.*

# This Week's Diary

<b>Monday</b>	Mass Diocesan Finance Board Meeting RCIA	9.00am 4.00pm – 7.00pm 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Fr Justin's Day of Rest Gospel Sharing Griefshare Meeting	9.15am 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Adoration and Benediction Mass Choir Practice	5.00pm 6.00pm 6.45pm – 7.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Men's Prayer Group Mass Rosary Team Meeting	5.00am – 6.00am 6.30am 9.30am
<b>Friday</b>	Mass Stations of the Cross	6.30am 5.45pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Mass Confessions	8.00am 11.00am & 4.30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Masses	7.00am; 9.00am & 5.15pm

**Please pray for the Sick, especially Parishioners**

<i>Anthea Jack; Sr Catherina; Joy Lees; Cameron Smith; Bernard D'Unienville; Jenny Ducray; May Dormehl; Maryse Bowman; Gladys Cole; Roger Brouard; Randy Tryon; Gordon Urquhart; Caron Martins; Milly van Gogh; Teresa Latouf; Daphne Rahmer; Elsa Pearton; Gladys Meyer; Gerrit Snyders.</i>	<i>Pierette Lenferna; Sandra Teodosio; Daniel Singery; Verna Cavanagh; Mervin Moonsamy; Pat Sturgess; Hannah Donaldson; Jean Leclezio; Maria Dus; Jabu Ntuli; Gill Yelland; Stella Gomes; Leigh Went; Debbie Macpherson; Lynne Brouard; Adrienne Paul; Amanda Ngongoma; Maria Teodosio.</i>	<i>Fr Brian Reid; Monique Saint-George; Bernie Patterson; Rosanne Maharajh; Carol Urquhart; Treven Heera; John Haswell; Peggy du Plessis; Jenni Johnson; Ron Akal; Geoffrey &amp; Lynne Roberts; Eileen Chapson; Margaret Beechey; Shirley Kuzmanich.</i>
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## Relatives

<i>Tris Tillard's sister; Jo James' nephew, granddaughter &amp; son; Louise Kin's sister; Joy Lees' grandniece; Renee Armstrong's sisters; Maryse Bowman's nieces; Alma Osborn's grandson; Annette Hoyer's parents; Hugh Elliott; Heather Rorick; Stuart McGregor; Sharon Ellis' sister; Margaret Beechey's mother; Marjorie Mawbey's niece; Maude Quenet; Nancy Chettiar's sister; John Bremner's nephew; Candice Houseman &amp; Tracy Mendonidis' mother; Denise Irvine's daughter; Maryse Wardell's mother; Ann Appelgren's husband &amp; sister; Anna Kalinowska's mother; Hendrika Brock; Peter Squires; Irene Helsdon's niece.</i>	<i>George Urquhart's mother; Lynne Tillard's brother; Titi Pitso's brother; Tottie Bremner's nephew; Susan Munks' mother; Norlie McDonogh's sister-in-law &amp; brother; Elsa Pearton's granddaughter &amp; son Michael; Lyn Campbell's mother; Mary Ann Salvage's 4 brothers; Michelle Lock's father; Claire Booth's brother; Theresa Hoogewerf's aunts; Gail Hansen's mother; Ruth Florence's mother; May Dormehl's brother-in-law &amp; daughter; Rita Abraham's sister; June Tatchell's mother; Brenda Bennison; Fr Des brother &amp; nephew; Peggy du Plessis' brother, sister &amp; daughter-in-law; Fergus McDonnell.</i>	<i>Jean &amp; Pauline Leclezio's son &amp; daughter-in-law; Ben Morasutti's son Jos Janice Cottingham's brother; Nomusa Mkhwanazi's brother; Michael Quarsingh's brother; James White; Duncan Miller's father; Bronwyn Murgatroyd's mother &amp; son; Mark McCall's nephew; Terry Beechey's brother; Maureen Pistorius; Lisa Grant's father; Rory McDonogh's niece; Eleanor Scott's husband; Marie Claude Maujean's grandson Luc; Maureen Hutton's son &amp; grandson; Jack Garbutt's son-in-law; Maureen Chadwick's husband.</i>
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**HOSPITAL CARE** Please advise the parish office if you or a family member will be going to hospital so that we can provide pastoral care.

**The Southern Cross Catholic Newspaper** is available in the Baptistry for R10

**Living Faith booklets** for adults and children are available in the Baptistry at R25.

**The Second Collection today** is for the Lenten Appeal.

## LENTEN MATERIAL

Daily Lenten reflection booklets are available at both entrances to the Church.

### RCIA Scrutinies

The following will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night:

- The Elect (Catechumens)** (not baptised): Bernalee Daniels, Thembelihle Ngcobo, Kaylee van der Westhuizen.
- Candidate** (baptised in another church): Lea-Anne Clayton.
- Baptised Catholic completing her initiation**: Alexia Robert.

Today we begin celebrating the Scrutinies which are ancient rites of self-searching and repentance in which the Elect and Candidates uncover and heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in their hearts and are strengthened in all that is upright, strong and good. We pray that they will be delivered from the power of sin and Satan, be protected against temptation and be given strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**We wish Elizabeth Akal a happy and blessed 105th birthday on Tuesday!**

### Grief Share

**This Tuesday, 26 March** at 7:00 pm in the hall.

We extend a warm invitation to anyone dealing with grief to come and join us.

And, if you participated in the last process you're welcome again – it will be different!



**MORNING PRAYER** Friday mornings at 6.15 am - before the 6.30am Mass.

**Lenten - Work Party** All who put their names down to assist with work parties in the parish office and others who are willing, please contact Ana (Tel: 031 563 5554) and let her know if you can assist on **Friday mornings** during the Lenten season.

### WEEKDAY MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

Let us make a special effort to attend at least one **weekday Mass** *every week* in Lent and to attend **Stations of the Cross** at 5.45 pm **every Friday**.

### LAETARE SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, 31 March**, will be "Laetare" ("Rejoice") Sunday. The liturgical colour will be rose so people may wish to wear something in a shade of "rose" or pink.

**EVER WONDERED WHAT GOD IS SAYING TO YOU? HOW TO LISTEN TO HIM, OR EVEN TALK BACK? OR JUST IN NEED OF A GREAT WEEKEND AWAY WITH FRIENDS? THEN...**

### LIFE TEEN CAMP 2019 – "SPOKEN"

Date: This Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> - Sun, 31<sup>st</sup> March. **Pray** for our teens.

Venue: Hella Hella Adventure Centre (*Richmond*)

What: An action-packed weekend away for all our High School Teens, with an exciting mix of "Spoken" **Life Teen Sessions** & Hella Hella's **Team Building Activities**.

Cost: R550 per teen, incl. Bus Trip (*register at Parish Office / Life Teen this Sunday*)

Info: Contact Brad Tomlin on 072 502 1866

Life Teen Tonight: No Life Teen (*School Holidays*) | Next Week: No Life Teen (*School Holidays*)



## Society of St Vincent de Paul – Notices

### SSVP GRAB-A-BAG PROJECT

With our presentation at the Masses last week, you will note that SSVP has started its annual Grab-a-Bag Winter appeal for the parishes and outlying communities in BERGVILLE (Pop. 135132; Households 29510)\* and ESTCOURT (Pop. 215182; Households 46953)\*. We are asking for donations towards the cost of purchasing **maize-meal**, 10 kgs [R50 each]; **sugar beans**, 2kgs [R50 each]; and **blankets** [R50 each], for these two regions. Donations may be made in any combination, or in any amount, and **SSVP Members** will be able to **assist you after all Sunday Masses**. Delivery of these items will be made on Saturday, 11 May 2019. (\*Source: Local Government Handbook, 2017)

### APPEAL FOR FOOD

Please bring **at least one** of the following food items to Mass and place it in the Food Basket before all Sunday Masses. *Cup a Soup packs, 1kg mealie meal, Baked Beans in tomato sauce (410g), Pilchards in tomato sauce (410g), etc*

### SECOND HAND CLOTHES

In conjunction with the GRAB-A-BAG Project, SSVP are also asking for donations of unwanted or second-hand **clothing** and **footwear** to take up to the Bergville and Estcourt parishes. Donated clothing can be left at the Parish Office, during office hours.

### SSVP Bank Details:

<b>Account Name</b>	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul		
<b>Bank</b>	First National Bank	<b>Account No</b>	62033860786
<b>Branch</b>	Durban North	<b>Branch Code</b>	220426

SSVP has also gone digital!! – This is the **Zapper code** for **SSVP**

which allows you to donate either **R100** or **R150** or **R200** **or your own amount.**



### Replacement of figure of Christ and installation of security cameras

The carved figure of Christ on the Cross near our driveway entrance has disintegrated and cannot be restored. A fibre-glass replacement, identical to the one at Blessed Sacrament parish, will cost R30 000.

As a result of thefts on our church property and in the neighbourhood, we would like to install security cameras and monitors at a cost of approximately R26 000.

Donations will be gratefully received. No pressure.

Contact our bookkeeper Brigitte by phone or at [finance@fatima.org.za](mailto:finance@fatima.org.za) or use the parish Zapper code.



## Mass Intentions

### 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	7.00am	Catherine Kent RIP ( <i>Rory &amp; Norlie McDonogh</i> ) <b>and</b> In Thanksgiving ( <i>Milly van Gogh</i> )
	9.00am	Sheila Power RIP ( <i>Megan Shorey</i> )
	5.15pm	Pro Populo
<b>Monday</b>	9.00am	In Thanksgiving - Isabel Akal ( <i>Michael &amp; Claudette D`Ercole</i> ) <b>and</b> Leigh Went ( <i>Went &amp; Pirie Families</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	6.00pm	Wong Ho Chie RIP ( <i>Kin Family</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	6.30am	Pious Lists
<b>Friday</b>	6.30am	Celebrants Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	8.00am	Stan Kalinowski; Mr & Mrs Witkowski; Jenny Jacobs; Nicola Tomlin; Philip Jerry – All RIP ( <i>Anna Kalinowska</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	7.00am	In Thanksgiving ( <i>Lise Bernon</i> ) <b>and</b> Cecil Hansen ( <i>Hansen &amp; Phillip Families</i> )
	9.00am	For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
	5.15pm	Pro Populo

### Appeal for Altar Servers

Parents and grandparents please encourage your children and grandchildren to become altar servers. With spiritual and practical formation they will grow in their faith, their love for God and their understanding of the Mass. Application forms are available in the baptistry and downstairs. Please contact Fr Justin if you need any information. We would like to begin formation soon.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST



**All men** of the Parish are invited for a time of fellowship and breakfast  
**this Friday 5 April.**

The morning **commences with Mass at 6.30am**  
and is **followed by breakfast** in the Parish Hall.



To assist with catering **please call Ana at the Parish Office on 031 563 5554**  
**by this Wednesday 3 April.** The cost of the breakfast is **R40,00 per person.**

### Denis Hurley Centre

The DHC has vacancies for positions at the Centre. For more information please see the noticeboards at both entrances to the church after Mass.

### Holy Triduum Retreat, Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday 18-21 April

Celebrate the holiest days of the year with Fr Urs Fischer CMM at St Lucia Retreat Centre, in a gentle, contemplative way with plenty of personal time. Liturgies, short talks and opportunity to meet with a spiritual director will help to lead you into your own deep prayer. Contact the Retreat Centre at 073 913 0888 or Sr Elisabeth Marie Ansart OSU at [stluciartrc@gmail.com](mailto:stluciartrc@gmail.com). Sister will not see emails until 29 March as she is on retreat.

### Taize Pilgrimage of Trust

Youth and young adults are invited to a five-day Taize interdenominational experience, with members of the Taize Community from France, from 25 to 29 September in Cape Town. See notice boards for details.

### Prayer for Elections

*Almighty Father, as we approach the elections, grant us the wisdom  
and courage we need in order to make the right choices.*

*Help us to carry out our duties as responsible citizens with respect for the rights of others.*

*By voting in a spirit of humility and service, may we bring hope to the poor,  
unity to all our people and a more secure and peaceful future for our children.*

*Father, do not allow us to become discouraged.*

*Inspire us to contribute to the rebuilding of our country with vigour and generosity. Amen.*

The **Fatima Fete** on 20<sup>th</sup> July will have something for everyone. That means we want to know what you'd like to see there.

If you have any ideas that you want to share of if you want to volunteer on the day contact **John Venter** on **078 499 1456**

*Building the  
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Communi + y*

### Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Joshua 5:9, 10-12

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

**Commentary**

**First Reading (Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15)** In ancient times, a country's deities were considered supreme; immigrants would adopt the names of the gods in the place to which they came – except the people of Israel. However, with a change of dynasties in Egypt a Pharaoh who did not remember Joseph, began to persecute and enslave the Israelites. Moses was adopted by the Pharaoh's daughter, so he was educated in the way that prepared him for a future mission. However, his first effort to defend his people by violent means was a failure. Years later, after he had matured in a foreign land God called him to deliver all who groaned under bondage.

The pattern for a call to be a prophet involved a divine intervention in a time of Israel's need. Moses was drawn by something strange about the burning bush but the word of God overwhelmed him. Fascination and awe go together in any authentic experience of God's presence. God bemoaned the suffering of Abraham's descendants and was going to deliver them from servitude so that they would be free to serve him in their own land.

The mission seemed to be beyond Moses' ability, so he objected. The answer, as always, is an assurance of divine help: 'I will be with you'. This is the background for the ancient Jewish interpretation of the sacred Name 'I am who I am' as a declaration 'I am present with you.' Since the Middle Ages both Jewish and Christian scholars have marvelled on the metaphysical implications of a title for the Supreme Being. However, the God of Israel is remembered throughout all generations as Deliverer and Bestower of gifts (Ex 3:15).

**Second Reading (1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12)** Both Jewish and Christian teachers emphasized the need for self-discipline in regard to food, drink and sexual desires. Because the Greeks knew that self-control was necessary for prowess in sports, St Paul used athletic activities as a basis for this point. Corinthian Christians and Paul himself would overcome temptation and lethargy by asceticism (1 Cor 9:24-27).

The second way to present this teaching presupposed a good knowledge of the Jewish Scriptures, in this case the books of Moses. These narratives are not just ancient history; their preservation in God's Word is 'for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come'. (1 Cor 10:11).

The approach developed in the later chapters of Isaiah became a common method for conveying the lessons of history. Persons, places and events of the past were meaningful for their own time and in themselves but they were a basis for interpreting later events. Thus, the prophet who encouraged the Jews in Babylonian exile to hope for divine help would pray in terms evocative of the Exodus (see Is 51:9-10). In a similar way, St Paul reminded his community that the ancient Israelites were their spiritual ancestors, initiated into intimacy with God through a 'baptism' which prepared them to eat 'spiritual' food and to drink spiritual water. Under threat of murderous rebellion by a thirsty crowd, Moses' appeal to God was heard; from the unlikely rock came forth an abundant stream. As with other memories of the desert wandering, later tradition recalled the gift of water as a constant sign of God's presence, pointing to the benefits of the final age. In humility Christians must acknowledge the potential of human weakness to invade the lives of the faithful. Knowing the history of past ages, we strive to excel in our response of faith to God's sacramental gifts.

**Gospel (Lk 13: 1-9)** The human tendency to dig into the past of those who have suffered tragedy is shown by some people listening to Jesus. He could read hearts so he could satisfy their curiosity! But Jesus pointed rather to the universal human need for a change of heart. Divine judgment is not exercised capriciously or arbitrarily. In the two cases cited, human brutality or engineering misjudgement would be explanations for the death of these unfortunate people.

Hearing this Gospel passage in the season of Lent challenges the Christian community to think about the call to repentance (a change of heart or attitude) that was fundamental to the ministry of John the Baptist and Jesus, even though Luke's portrayal of the Lord first makes this precise point here. The challenge, 'Repent or you will all likewise perish', is intended to exhort people so that they will examine their own conscience and respond to God's gifts. However, curiosity returned when a person asked: 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' To this Jesus again exhorted the disciples to strive for entry into God's kingdom by the narrow door/gate.

Will we have time to reform our lives? The parable about the unfruitful fig tree draws attention to God's patience yet warns against presumption. When wondering about a wayward neighbour, we should consider that God's grace is at work and should be productive when the person becomes open to divine gifts. With regard to ourselves, we should not dally, for two reasons. First, no one knows the time of death and personal judgment. Second, gratitude for the abundance of blessings in our lives should bring an ever more fervent response.