

Parish of Our Lady of Fatima

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Feast of the Holy Family

Year A

Missal References

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Next Sunday's Scripture

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Next Sunday

Epiphany of the Lord – Year A

Feasts of the Week

Tuesday

St Sylvester I

Wednesday

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday

Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Friday

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Welcome to all newcomers, holiday makers and visitors to our parish.

We hope you enjoy your stay and pray for safe travels.

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128

***Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways.***

... By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be blessed and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Sion.

May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

***Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways.***



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. ***Alleluia.***

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

This Week's Diary

Monday	Mass	9.00am
Tuesday	Gospelsharing	9.30am
Wednesday	New Year's Day Mass	9.00am
Thursday	Communion Service	6.30am
Friday	Communion Service No Adoration or Mass in the afternoon (First Friday)	6.30am
Saturday	Mass	8.00am
Sunday	Sunday Masses	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.15pm

Please pray for the Sick, especially Parishioners

<i>Anthea Jack; Sr Catherina; Joy Lees; Cameron Smith; May Dormehl; Jenny Ducray; Gladys Cole; Caron Martins; Lynne Brouard; Randy Tryon; Maryse Bowman; Gordon Urquhart; Elsa Pearton; Milly van Gogh; Teresa Latouf; Daphne Rahmer; Maria Dus; Gerrit Snyders; Gladys Meyer.</i>	<i>Daniel Singery; Sandra Teodosio; Pat Sturgess; Verna Cavanagh; Mervin Moonsamy; Stella Gomes; Hannah Donaldson; Jean Leclizio; Debbie Macpherson; Amanda Ngongoma; Adrienne Paul; Maria Teodosio; Monique Saint-Georges; Bernie Patterson.</i>	<i>Jabu Ntuli; John Haswell; Carol Urquhart; Rosanne Maharajh; Peggy du Plessis; Ron Akal; Jenni Johnson; Eileen Chapson; Jan Huiskamp; Biran Bushnell; Shirley Kuzmanich; Patrick Murgatroyd; Nirasha Kannigadu; Lynne Roberts.</i>
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Relatives

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

The Southern Cross Catholic Newspaper is available in the Baptistry for R12

Gospelsharing There will be gospelsharing on Tuesday 31st December at 9:30am, followed by Irish Coffee and snacks.

Mini and Junior Church It will begin again on Sunday 12 January 2020.

New Year's Day Mass

All are encouraged to attend Mass at 9.00 a.m. on the first day of the New Year, which is the *Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God* and *World Day of Prayer for Peace*.

THE PARISH OFFICE will reopen this Tuesday, 2 January 2020

Thank you to all who contributed to the joyful celebration of our recent Advent services and Christmas Masses. In alphabetical order:

- Altar servers
- Choir
- Cleaners and polishers
- Cooks for Confessors' dinner
- Decorators of the church and tree
- Flower arrangers
- Launderers and linen carers
- Maintenance and electrical teams
- Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ministers of hospitality
- Ministers of the Word
- Musicians, instrumentalists
- Nativity scene preparers
- Office helpers
- Projectionists
- Sacristans
- Tea team
- Anyone omitted

Wishing all our parishioners and visitors a blessed, happy, healthy, secure and peaceful 2020.

John, Tottie and Tammy Bremner send their greetings and love from Alton, England.

Volunteers to serve tea and coffee after *all* Masses

We would like to serve tea and coffee after ***all three Masses***. We need more volunteers. Please contact Ana at 031 563 5554 or email admin@fatima.org.za

Society of St Vincent de Paul - 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*

SSVP Bank Details:

Account Name	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul		
Bank	First National Bank	Account No	62033860786
Branch	Durban North	Branch Code	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**.

Car Park Courtesy

Parking is tight in our small car park. If your vehicle is blocking the way for other vehicles, please move it immediately after Mass to avoid traffic congestion.

Let us try to be courteous to one another in the car park.

Denis Hurley Centre Notice

Immediate Vacancy for Fundraising Manager

The Napier Centre 4 Healing is looking for an experienced professional fundraiser to help support its efforts to transform the lives of street-dwelling drug users.

For more information on how to apply see poster on notice board or website or email HR@napiercentre.org Applications close on 31st January 2020.

Engaged Encounter

All who wish to marry in our Archdiocese must give *six months' notice* to their parish priest and attend the Engaged Encounter weekend. The next weekend will be 21-23 February. **Book early to secure your place!**

Pilgrimage to Holy Sites in Italy: 17-26 May 2020

Join our pilgrimage to Italy in the footsteps of the Apostles Peter and Paul, St Francis of Assisi, St Clare, St Benedict, St Padre Pio and other great saints. Renew your faith in Jesus Christ as you visit, celebrate Mass and pray at places steeped in the faith of centuries of pilgrims.

Many photos of the places we will visit can be seen on our **Pilgrimage Facebook Page**: facebook.com/groups/685911015223206/. **Itineraries** and **reservation forms** are available in the baptistry, in the foyer downstairs and on the above Facebook Page.

Cost: R32 495 pp sharing based on 2019 exchange rates (subject to fluctuations).

Includes return flights from *Johannesburg*, airport taxes, 7 nights accommodation (dinner, bed and breakfast), guides, coach, entrance fees, basic insurance.

For further information contact Fr Justin.

CALENDAR OF MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

For centuries it has been the practice in the Church to offer Holy Mass for the faithful departed on the anniversary of their death. The Mass diary for 2020 is open for Mass Intentions please contact the Parish Office **to book Masses for the next 12 months** on the anniversary of the death of your family members and friends – and others! The Mass stipend is R40.00 per Mass.

When you have requested a Mass please make a special effort to attend the Mass

Mass Intentions

29th December 2019 – 5th January 2020

Sunday	7.00am	Maria Gouveia RIP (<i>Maria da Silva</i>)
	9.00am	Pro Populo
	5.15pm	For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Monday	9.00am	Celebrants Intention
Wednesday	9.00am	Elizabeth Carelse RIP (<i>Denise Bouah</i>) and Lee Rennie Chapson RIP (<i>Eileen Chapson & Family</i>)
Thursday	6.30am	Communion Service
Friday	6.30am	Communion Service
Saturday	8.00am	Pious Lists
Sunday	7.00am	Pro Populo
	9.00am	Bill Beechey RIP (<i>Beechey Family</i>) and Angela Summers RIP (<i>Megan Shorey</i>)
	5.15pm	Lucille Houston RIP (<i>Houston Family</i>)

29th December 2019

Meditation:

Like all godly Jewish parents, Joseph and Mary raised the child Jesus in the reverence and wisdom of the Lord. Joseph was given a unique task as the guardian and protector of Mary and of Jesus.

What can we learn from the example and witness of Joseph?

Joseph is a man of God, a man of unquestioning obedience and willing service. He is a man of prayer and a man of God's word. Through faith he recognized the hand of God in the mystery of the Incarnation - the Son of God taking on flesh as the son of the virgin Mary.

Joseph is a man of action, diligent in the care of his family and ready to do the Lord's bidding.

Joseph fearlessly set aside his own plans when God called him to "take to the road" and to leave his familiar surroundings - his home, friends and relatives, and the security of his livelihood in order to pursue a hidden mission God entrusted to him as the guardian of the newborn King.

God has a plan for each one of us. With the plan God gives grace and the assurance of his guiding hand and care.

Do you trust your heavenly Father for his plan for your life?

Are you willing to sacrifice your own plans for the sake of God's plan?

Are you willing to give God unquestioning service and to pursue whatever mission he gives you?

"Lord Jesus, make me a faithful servant of your word and guardian of your truth. Help me to obey you willingly, like Joseph and Mary, with unquestioning trust and with joyful hope."

Daily Quote from the early Church Fathers:

The holy family flees to Egypt, by John Chrysostom, 547-407 A.D.

But why was the Christ child sent into Egypt?

The text makes this clear: he was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, 'Out of Egypt have I called my son' (Hosea 11:1).

From that point onward we see that the hope of salvation would be proclaimed to the whole world. Babylon and Egypt represent the whole world. Even when they were engulfed in ungodliness, God signified that he intended to correct and amend both Babylon and Egypt.

God wanted humanity to expect his bounteous gifts the world over. So he called from Babylon the wise men and sent to Egypt the holy family.

Besides what I have said, there is another lesson also to be learned, which tends powerfully toward true self-constraint in us. We are warned from the beginning to look out for temptations and plots. And we see this even when he came in swaddling clothes. Thus you see even at his birth a tyrant raging, a flight ensuing and a departure beyond the border. For it was because of no crime that his family was exiled into the land of Egypt.

Similarly, you yourself need not be troubled if you are suffering countless dangers. Do not expect to be celebrated or crowned promptly for your troubles. Instead you may keep in mind the long-suffering example of the mother of the Child, bearing all things nobly, knowing that such a fugitive life is consistent with the ordering of spiritual things. You are sharing the kind of labor Mary herself shared. So did the magi. They both were willing to retire secretly in the humiliating role of fugitive." (excerpt from *THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, HOMILY 8.2*)

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12



Birthdays – January 2020

The following parishioners are celebrating birthdays this month. If your name is not here, or if there is a spelling error, please contact the office so that we can update the parish roll. A happy and blessed birthday to you all!

Day

- 1 Christopher Mawbey
- 2 Reneé Castel
- 3 Mary Salvage, Linda Areias
- 4 Junior Mbuluyo, Lorna Mc Mullen, Joy Hansen
- 5 Liam Casey, Marian Biggar
- 6 Norma Southwood
- 7 Eileen Channon
- 8 Colin Young
- 9 Geoffrey Roberts, Carol Kent-Urquhart, Nontuthuko Nsele
- 10 Terayza Samuels, Gail Hansen, Maryse Wardell, Kirsten Smith, Reneé Armstrong
- 11 Richard Mitchell
- 12 Ambrose Sithole, Doreen Kannigadu, Bronwyn Curtis, Mia Balakistan, Pravi Naidoo
- 13 Rosemary Coward, Ralph Mutwala, David Swanson, Raégane-Leigh Vertuin
- 14 Byron Kearns, Joe Sardinha
- 15 Lynne Phipson, Tracey Pirie
- 16 Chips Cairns, Wesley Kisten, Donné van den Akker, Paige Went, Rae Went, Rob Mossop, René Moonsamy
- 17 Alisande Bradshaw
- 19 Lynette Campbell, Roy Hutton
- 20 Norman Newberry, Dominique Gerber, Kelsey Ramiah, Garryn Stephens
- 21 Myron Quarsingh, Maria Lourenco
- 22 Mary Sardinha
- 23 Thembisile Nene
- 24 Jarryd Colborne
- 26 Delwyn Houston
- 27 Dominic Jackson, Hannah Maujean, Clotilde Ive, Nicole Blackburn
- 28 Joenelle Mquebu, Richard Smith
- 29 Bridget Widdows
- 30 Ethan Seagreen
- 31 Majorie Olivier, Snarambar Arumugam, Judy Coull, Jacqueline Nagan, Damian Stephen

Birthday

Blessings