

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

YEAR A

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**Next Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday

St Blaise & St Ansgar

Wednesday

St Agatha

Thursday

Ss Paul Miki & Co

Saturday

St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Your merciful love, O God, we ponder in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 24

***The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!***



O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant;  
the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of hosts,  
he is the king of glory.

***The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, Alleluia.***

A light of revelation to the gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel. ***Alleluia.***

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

# This Week's Diary

<b>Monday</b>	Mass ( <i>Memorial of St Blaise, blessing of throats</i> )	9.00am
	Grade 1 Catechism	3.00pm-4.00pm
	First Communion Class	4.00pm-5.00pm
	Grade 6 Catechism	5.00pm-6.00pm
	Pastoral Council Meeting	6.00pm
	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gospel Sharing	9.30am
	Grade 2 Catechism	4.00pm-5.00pm
	Grade 5 Catechism	4.00pm-5.00pm
	First Confession Class	5.00pm-5.45pm
	Life Teen - Core Team Meeting	6.00pm-7.30pm
	GriefShare Meeting	7.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	School Mass	7.00am
	Grade 7 Catechism	5.00pm-6.00pm
	Adoration & Benediction	5.00pm – 6.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Mass	6.30am
	Dominican Associates Meeting	9.30am
	Confirmation Class	6.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	Mass	6.30am
	Men's Breakfast	7.00am
	Adoration & Benediction	5.00pm – 6.00pm
	Mass (First Friday of the month)	6.00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Mass	8.00am
	Confessions	10.00am & 4.30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Sunday Masses	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.15pm
	Life Teen	6.30pm

**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; Milly van Gogh; Teresa Latouf; Daphne Rahmer; Maria Dus; Gerrit Snyders; Gladys Meyer.</i>	<i>Daniel Singery; Pat Sturgess; Sandra Teodosio; 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; Jan Huiskamp; Eileen Chapson; Shirley Kuzmanich; Patrick Murgatroyd; Nirasha Kannigadu; Lynne Roberts.</i>
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**Relatives**

<i>Tris Tillard's sister; Jo James' nephew, granddaughter &amp; son; Hugh Elliott; Maryse Bowman's nieces; Louise Kin's sister; Alma Osborn's grandson; Annette Hoyer's parents; Heather Rorick; Stuart McGregor; Sharon Ellis' sister; Maude Quenet; James White; Marjorie Mawbey's niece; Nancy Chettiar's sister; John Bremner's nephew; Maryse Wardell's mother; Denise Irvine's daughter; Candice Houseman &amp; Tracy Mendonidis' mother; Ann Appelgren's sister; Irene Helsdon's niece; Anna Kalinowska's mother; Tottie Bremner's nephew.</i>	<i>Titi Pitso's brother; Fergus McDonnell; Michelle Lock's father; Peter Squires; Michael Pearton Norlie McDonogh's sister-in-law &amp; brother; Lynne Tillard's brother; Mary Ann Salvage's 4 brothers;; Richard Pearton's niece; Theresa Hoogewerf's aunts, sister &amp; cousin; Ruth Florence's mother; May Dormehl's brother-in-law &amp; daughter; Rita Abraham's sister; June Tatchell's mother; Fr Des brother &amp; nephew; Peggy du Plessis' brother, sister, daughter-in-law &amp; granddaughter; Ben Morasutti's son Jo; Nomusa Mkhwanazi's brother; Lisa Grant's father; Brenda Bennison.</i>	<i>Janice Cottingham's brother; Jean &amp; Pauline Leclizio's son &amp; daughter-in-law; Michael Quarsingh's brother; Duncan Miller's father; Terry Beechey's brother; Bronwyn Murgatroyd's mother &amp; 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 &amp; 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.

## World Day for Consecrated Life

Today is the World Day for Consecrated Life. Pray for our Dominican Sisters and novices and for all who have dedicated their life to God in the Consecrated Life. Pray that many more people will respond with generosity to God's call to offer their lives to serving God in this beautiful vocation.

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

There will be a **second collection** today for the outreach work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Doctor? Architect? Policeman? Astronaut? Teacher? Parent? Priest?

What will your **Vocation** be? Come find out...

**LIFE TEEN 2020 - WHAT IS LIFE TEEN?**

Our inspiring and engaging high school catechetical program which explores our great Catholic faith through Formation, Friends and Fun - **Sundays, from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.**

*All teens in Grades 8-11 are required to join us towards preparation for Confirmation.*

**MORE INFO?** Contact Brad Tomlin on 0725021866 or find us on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

**Junior catechism** begins tomorrow. The days and times are in 'This Weeks' Diary' above.

## Altar Servers Commitment Form

All *current* altar servers and those who wish to *begin* altar serving must take a commitment form from the table in the baptistry, read it carefully, fill it in and hand it in at *as soon as possible* in the sacristy or the office. *We can't begin altar servers' formation because so many servers have not submitted their Commitment Forms. We need commitment, please!*



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**All men** of the Parish are invited for a time of fellowship and breakfast (**R40**) after the 6.30 am Mass **this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

To assist with catering **please call Ana at the Parish Office on 031 563 5554 or email [admin@fatima.org.za](mailto:admin@fatima.org.za) by Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## Catechist commissioning

Next Sunday the Junior school catechists will be commissioned at the 7.00 am and 9.00 am Masses and the Life Teen Core Team will be commissioned at the 5.15 pm Mass.

## Volunteers to serve Tea & 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](mailto:admin@fatima.org.za)

## Repository

Volunteers are needed to help in the repository after the 9:00 am Masses. Please put your name and contact number on the list on the noticeboard downstairs by the entrance of the kitchen. **For more info contact Maureen Chadwick on 082 490 4062**

## GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners who have had the ashes of deceased family members interred recently (i.e. since 2018 to the present) and who wish to have their names inscribed on the memorial wall, please confirm details with Brigitte at the Parish Office via [finance@fatima.org.za](mailto:finance@fatima.org.za) or 031 563 5554.

## Subscribe to *Worldwide* magazine

The editor of *Worldwide* magazine, Fr Joseph Rebelo, will be promoting the magazine in our parish next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February. He will be grateful if you subscribe to the magazine and support the evangelising work of the Comboni Missionaries.

Normal subscription: R150.00; Donors subscription: R500.00. Thanks for your support!

## Society of St Vincent de Paul Notices

### 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:

<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.

**Streetwise** The Sisters who look after the children at Streetwise, also help feed around 40 – 60 people every week, with a simple meal of mealie meal with a tomato and onion sauce. They often don't have enough, so they are asking for 2kg mealie and/ or tins of tomato and onion. *If you are able to donate these items, you can drop them off at the Parish Office during the week.*

**Nazareth House** is having an open day on *7 February at 11:00am.*

There will be a tour of the facility, information about services and a Q&A session.

If you are interested please RSVP by 5 February via 031 261 2207 or email

[bianca@nazarethcare.co.za](mailto:bianca@nazarethcare.co.za)

**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!*

## Mass Intentions

### **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

<b>Sunday</b>	7.00am	For the sick and housebound of the parish
	9.00am	Pro Populo
	5.15pm	In Thanksgiving ( <i>Houston Family</i> )
<b>Monday</b>	9.00am	George Akal RIP ( <i>Marcelle Tschudin &amp; Alain Tschudin Jnr</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.00am	In Thanksgiving – Gabriella O'Brien ( <i>Maria da Silva</i> )
	6.00pm	George Akal RIP ( <i>Michael &amp; Claudette D`Ercole</i> ) <b>and</b> In Thanksgiving – Naomi Maujean ( <i>Theresa Hoogewerf</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	6.30am	Pious Lists
<b>Friday</b>	6.30am	In Thanksgiving – Men of the Parish
	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving – Larissa-Jane Houston ( <i>Houston Family</i> )
	8.00am	Eddie Latouf RIP & Duncan Pirie RIP ( <i>Tracey Pirie &amp; Family</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	7.00am	John Quibell RIP ( <i>Rory &amp; Norlie McDonogh</i> )
	9.00am	Philippe Bernon RIP & Allister Ritchie RIP ( <i>Lise Bernon</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	5.15pm	Pro Populo

# The Presentation of the Lord

Year A

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

**Meditation:** Do you know the favor of the Lord? After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfills the Jewish right of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb, she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favor is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Do you know the joy of submission to God? And do you seek to pass on the faith and to help the young grow in wisdom and maturity?

## ***The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Savior of the world***

What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit.

He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "*a revealing light to the Gentiles*". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him. Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with you?

## ***The 'new temple' of God's presence in the world***

Jesus is the new temple (*John 1:14; 2:19-22*). In the Old Testament God manifested his presence in the "pillar of cloud" by day and the "pillar of fire" by night as he led them through the wilderness. God's glory visibly came to dwell over the ark and the tabernacle (*Exodus 40:34-38*).

When the first temple was built in Jerusalem God's glory came to rest there (*1 Kings 8*). After the first temple was destroyed, Ezekiel saw God's glory leave it (*Ezekiel 10*). But God promised one day to fill it with even greater glory (*Haggai 2:1-9; Zechariah 8-9*). That promise is fulfilled when the "King of Glory" himself comes to his temple (*Psalms 24:7-10; Malachi 3:1*). Through Jesus' coming in the flesh and through his saving death, resurrection, and ascension we are made living temples of his Holy Spirit (*1 Corinthians 3:16-17*). Ask the Lord to renew your faith in the indwelling presence of his Spirit within you. And give him thanks and praise for coming to make his home with you.

## ***Mary receives both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow***

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "*no one will take your joy from you*" (*John 16:22*). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the peace and joy of a life surrendered to God with faith and trust?

## ***The Holy Spirit renews our hope in the promise of God***

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age. Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us cynical and hopeless if we do not have our hope rightly placed. Anna's hope in God and his promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope.

Her hope and faith in God's promises fueled her indomitable zeal and fervor in prayer and service of God's people.

### ***Our hope is anchored in God's everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy***

What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus has won for us a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (*Romans 14:17*). The Holy Spirit gives hope to all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never fails because his promises are true, and he is faithful. The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trials, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way.

Is there anything holding you back from giving God your unqualified trust and submission to his will for your life? Allow the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his peace, joy, and love. And offer to God everything you have and desire - your life, family, friends, health, honor, wealth, and future. If you seek his kingdom first, he will give you everything you need to know, love, and serve him now and enjoy him forever.

*"Lord Jesus, you are my hope and my life. May I never cease to place all my trust in you. Fill me with the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit that I may boldly point others to your saving presence and words of eternal life."*

### **Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**

Isaiah 58: 7-10

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Matthew 5: 13-16

### **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/](https://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.*

### **Denis Hurley Centre Notices**

All are welcome at our **AGM** at the DHC on **Saturday 8 Feb at 3 pm** to hear feedback on our work and our finances (parking behind Emmanuel Cathedral).

Please also join us for a **Fundraising Afternoon of Jazz** with the Melvin Peters Quartet at the Durban Jewish Club on **Sunday 16 Feb at 3 pm** to celebrate Valentine's Day and to honour Mgr Paul Nadal. *Tickets available via Quicket or by emailing [tickets@denishurleycentre.org](mailto:tickets@denishurleycentre.org)*

**Caritas KwaZulu Natal** has a vacancy for a coordinator. There are details on the noticeboards at both entrances of the church. The closing date for applicants is **14 February**.

**Retrouvaille** is a programme for ALL marriages. It gives you the tools to help you in the bad AND good times. Give yourselves a Valentine present by attending the next programme that starts on *Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February*. Contact Peter & Maire (in confidence) on 082 850 0500.

### **St Lucia Retreat & Training Centre**

Will be hosting a few retreats during the Lenten season, if you are interested in attending the retreats or if you need more information please see the noticeboards at both entrances to the Church or call on 073 913 0888 or email [stluciartc@gmail.com](mailto:stluciartc@gmail.com)