

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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## 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

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**Next Sunday**

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

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday

The Seven Holy Fathers of the Servite Order

Thursday

World Day for Social Justice, Ss Jacinta & Francisco Marto

Friday

St Peter Damian

Saturday

The Chair of St Peter

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 119

***Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!***

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those who keep his decrees!

With all their hearts they seek him.

You have laid down your precepts  
to be carefully kept.

May my ways be firm  
in keeping your statutes.

Deal bountifully with your servant,  
that I may live and keep your word.

Open my eyes, that I may see  
the wonders of your law.

Lord, teach me the way of your statutes,  
and I will keep them to the end.

Grant me insight that I may keep your law,  
and observe it wholeheartedly.

***Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!***



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. ***Alleluia.***

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

## This Week's Diary

<b>Monday</b>	Mass	9.00am
	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
	Adult Formation - Symbolon	7.00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gospel Sharing	9.30am
	Life Teen - Core Team Meeting	6.00pm-7.30pm
	Grief-Share Meeting	7.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass	7.00am
	Adoration and Benediction	5.00pm – 6.00pm
	Mass - Sr Dominique Bernon's Silver Jubilee	6.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Men's Prayer Group Meeting	5.00am - 6.00am
	Mass	6.30am
	School Mass Gr 1-7	7.45am
	Rosary Group Meeting	9.30am
	Confirmation Class	6.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	Mass	6.30am
	Engaged Encounter Weekend	
<b>Saturday</b>	Mass	8.00am
	Catholic Women's League Meeting	8.30am
	Martha Group	8.30am
	Ordinations to the Priesthood ( <i>Cathedral</i> ): Siphiwe Mbili and Malusi Ngcobo	10.00am
	Confessions ( <i>No Confessions at 11.00 am</i> )	4.30pm
	Sunday Masses	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.15pm
<b>Sunday</b>	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; Daniel Singery.</i>	<i>Pat Sturgess; Sandra Teodosio; Verna Cavanagh; Mervin Moonsamy; Stella Gomes; Hannah Donaldson; Jean Leclezio; Debbie Macpherson; Amanda Ngongoma; Adrienne Paul; Maria Teodosio; Monique Saint-Georges; Bernie Patterson; Jabu Ntuli; John Haswell.</i>	<i>Carol Urquhart; Rosanne Maharajh; Peggy du Plessis; Ron Akal; Jenni Johnson; Jan Huiskamp; Eileen Chapson; Shirley Kuzmanich; Patrick Murgatroyd; Lynne Roberts; Nirasha Kannigadu; Viarium Gonsalves.</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; Titi Pitso's brother; Tottie Bremner's nephew.</i>	<i>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, daughter &amp; sister; Rita Abraham's sister; June Tatchell's mother; Fr Des brother &amp; nephew; Ben Morasutti's son Jo; Peggy du Plessis' brother, sister, daughter-in-law &amp; granddaughter; Nomusa Mkhwanazi's brother; Lisa Grant's father; Brenda Bennison; Janice Cottingham's brother.</i>	<i>Jean &amp; Pauline Leclezio'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.

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

## Thank you from Fr Rebelo and the Comboni Missionaries

Fr Rebelo, Fernando and Benjo thank us for the warm welcome. "We received a total of 14 subscriptions to *Worldwide* and two renewals. Another **30** people **promised to subscribe through the bank**. So far, 13 of them have done so. Therefore, **there are still 17 promises to be fulfilled**. We also received **R170** in **donations** and **R360** in **sales** of calendars, magazines and rosaries to help us in our missionary work.

May the good Lord bless you all for your kindness and generosity!"

Will those who said that they would subscribe through EFT please do their best to do so soon, before the slip of paper with the bank details and subscription reference is mislaid.

## LIFE TEEN 2020

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.*

*It forms part of the Confirmation programme.*

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

## Parish Anniversary

Tomorrow will be the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *blessing and opening* of our parish church.

We thank God for our beautiful "house of prayer for all nations."

"How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts" (Ps 84:1)

## Adult Faith Formation – Symbolon

The audio-visual faith formation programme, Symbolon, begins with a new series **tomorrow, Monday 17 February** at 7.00 pm. As we unpack the ways that we encounter God in our lives, we discover the transforming power of God's grace in the seven sacraments and consider some of the critical moral issues of our day. Ultimately, these ten episodes show us how to live a life worthy of the Gospel.

## Celebration of silver jubilee of Sr Dominique

**This Wednesday 19 February** we will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sr Dominique's Religious Profession.

We will begin with Mass at 6.00 pm, followed by supper in the hall. *All welcome.*

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

## Ordinations to the Priesthood

Siphiwe Mbili and Malusi Ngcobo will be ordained to the Priesthood by Cardinal Wilfrid Napier this Saturday 22 February at 10.00 a.m. in the Cathedral.

Please keep them in your prayers.

## SHROVE TUESDAY SOCIAL – 25 FEBRUARY

Pancakes will be made on gas cookers and served hot and fresh in the open air on the Fatima School grounds. Children will be able to build their own pancakes with smarties, chocolate sauce, custard and cream. **Pancakes, boerewors rolls** (R20) and cold drinks (R10) will be on sale from 5.30 pm. There will be music, pancake races for young and old, face painting and balloon making. **Bring your friends.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY DUTY LISTS

Ministers from the following ministries **please volunteer to serve:** Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers to the Sick, Ministers of Hospitality, Sacristans, Altar Servers. ***The Duty list is on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.***

### ASH WEDNESDAY – 26<sup>th</sup> February

Ashes will be distributed at all three Masses: **6.00 am, 9.00 am (School Mass) & 6.00 pm**

**There will be a special collection for Diocesan Works of Mercy.**

***Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.***

**FAST:** Those between the ages of 18 and not yet 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The *minimum* fast is one full meal and two smaller meals which, together, don't constitute a second full meal.

**ABSTINENCE:** Catholics age 14 upwards are bound to abstain from meat [mammals and fowl] or from some other food as determined by the Bishops' Conference on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of the whole year, unless a Solemnity falls on a Friday (Canons 1250-1253).

SA Bishops: "The days of **fast and abstinence** [in SA] are **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but the faithful may substitute abstinence from alcohol, tobacco or luxury foods, or other forms of penance, especially acts of charity."

The sick, frail, pregnant and some other particular cases are excused from fast and abstinence.

**Please don't block** the access to the **school parking**. Teachers arrive early.

After both Masses those whose cars are blocking others must move their cars quickly please.

### Women's World Day of Prayer

Our parish will host this special morning of prayer with women from various churches on Friday 6 March from 10.00 to 11.00 am. Refreshments will be served.

### 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 *today* in the sacristy or the office.

## Mass Intentions

### 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	7.00am	Noel Bollen RIP ( <i>Peter &amp; Jenny Ducray</i> ) <b>and</b> Leigh Went RIP ( <i>Pirie &amp; Went Families</i> )
	9.00am	Pro Populo
<b>Monday</b>	5.15pm	For the Sick and housebound of the parish
	9.00am	Michael McDonogh RIP ( <i>Rory &amp; Norlie McDonogh</i> ) <b>and</b> Claude Hallot RIP ( <i>Esme Hallot &amp; Maryse Bowman</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.00am	In Thanksgiving – Dominique O'Brien ( <i>Maria da Silva</i> )
	6.00pm	Pious Lists
<b>Thursday</b>	6.30am	Celebrants Intention
	7.45am	In Thanksgiving – Our Lady of Fatima School Girls
<b>Friday</b>	6.30am	Anne Golding RIP ( <i>Ben Morasutti</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	8.00am	Special Intention ( <i>Tracey Pirie</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	7.00am	In Thanksgiving ( <i>Nandipha Mnqumeni</i> )
	9.00am	For the Sick and housebound of the parish
	5.15pm	Pro Populo

## 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**

## 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)

## 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.

## 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 can donate these items, you can drop them off at the Parish Office during the week.*

## 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.**



## 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 one begins *this Friday evening*.

## St Lucia Retreat & Training Centre

Will be hosting 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 073 913 0888 or email [stluciartrc@gmail.com](mailto:stluciartrc@gmail.com)

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

Applications to participate in this pilgrimage will close soon. The current price is R35 386 based on the number of pilgrims, current exchange rates and current airport taxes. 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/). For further information contact Fr Justin.

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Year A  
Martin McNamara, M.S.C.

### **First Reading (Eccles 15: 15-20)**

The Book of Ecclesiasticus or Ben Sira is rarely put forward for Sunday readings. Ben Sira, called in the Greek Bible 'the man of the community', was a sage old scribe writing down the traditional wisdom of Israel some two centuries before Christ. He shows a love for God's law as the expression of God's own concern for Israel, the expression of God's friendship for his people and God's gift of himself to them in intimacy and love.

He is conscious that human beings are free to respond to or neglect the offer of this love and guidance back to God, for God forces no one.

Love, expressed in a response to God's law, must be a free choice, or it has no value.

### **Gospel (Mt 5: 17-37)**

Matthew's main theme is fulfilment in Jesus of the Law and of God's promises. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount he brings together six (four this Sunday and two next) ways in which Jesus perfects the Law. In a manner typical of rabbinic teaching he uses formulae, a heading followed by six examples similarly phrased, 'You have heard it said...but I say to you'. Of one of these individual teachings, that on divorce, the origin can be seen in the story about divorce which Matthew shares with Mark later in the gospel. Of the others there is no reflection in the narrative material as we have it.

To the basic contrasts he adds some casuistic examples as illustrations to show how these new teachings should be applied in concrete instances, and to stress the peril of neglecting them. The main burden of these six corrections or completions of the Old Law is a more radical demand.

It is not enough to observe externally, not to kill or do violence to one's fellow; the follower of Jesus may not think, plan or say any evil against another human being. It is not enough to refrain from actual bodily adultery; the follower of Jesus must keep a heart pure of such desire. It is not enough to be true to oaths; one's truthfulness should be such that no oath is needed.

## **Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Matthew 5: 38-48

## **From Maintenance to Mission**

Thirty years ago Pope St John Paul II wrote that "the moment has come to commit all of the Church's energies to a *new evangelisation*. No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: *to proclaim Christ* to all people." In October last year Pope Francis urged us all to live our Christian vocation more fully under the theme *Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World*.

A few weeks ago the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference recently launched the revised Pastoral Plan entitled *An Evangelising Community Serving God, Humanity and All of Creation*. In short, we need to move from *Maintenance to Mission*. In order to facilitate the process, after consulting with the PPC, I invited Mark Campbell to take up a part-time contract to drive various mission-oriented initiatives, programmes and activities. We are very grateful that he has accepted. With his experience, skills and passion for our parish, we are confident that he will help us to revitalise our parish. God bless. Fr Justin

