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1ST MARCH 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Missal References

Next Sunday's Scripture

Next Sunday

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Women's World Day of Prayer

Ss Perpetua & Felicity

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 51

Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions, truly I know them;
My sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
What is evil in your sight I have done.

Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence;
take not your holy spirit from me.

Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

This Week's Diary

Monday	Mass	9.00am
	Pastoral Council Meeting	6.00pm
	Adult Formation - Symbolon	7.00pm
	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
Tuesday	Gospel Sharing	9.30am
	Griefshare Meeting	7.00pm
Wednesday	Mass	7.00am
	Adoration and Benediction	5.00pm – 6.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Thursday	Mass	6.30am
	School Mass – Grade 1 - 7	7.45am
	Dominican Associates Meeting	9.30am
	Deanery Clergy Meeting – St Anthony's Parish	9.30am
	Confirmation Class	6.00pm
Friday	Mass	6.30am
	Men's Breakfast	7.00am
	Women's World Day of Prayer	10.00am
	Adoration (no Benediction)	5.00pm
	Stations of the Cross	5.45pm
	Mass (First Friday)	6.30pm
Saturday	Mass	8.00am
	Confessions	11.00am & 4.30pm
Sunday	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; Daniel Singery.</i>	<i>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; 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 & 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 & Tracy Mendonidis' mother; Ann Appelgren's sister; Irene Helsdon's niece; Anna Kalinowska's mother; Titi Pitso's brother; Tottie Bremner's nephew; Fergus McDonnell.</i>	<i>Michelle Lock's father; Peter Squires; Michael Pearton; Norlie McDonogh's sister-in-law & brother; Lynne Tillard's brother; Richard Pearton's niece; Mary Ann Salvage's 4 brothers; Theresa Hoogewerf's aunts, sister & cousin; Ruth Florence's mother; May Dormehl's brother-in-law, daughter & sister; Rita Abraham's sister; June Tatchell's mother; Fr Des brother & nephew; Ben Morasutti's son Jo; Peggy du Plessis' brother, sister, daughter-in-law & granddaughter; Nomusa Mkhwanazi's brother; Lisa Grant's father; Brenda Bennison; Janice Cottingham's brother; Michael Quarsingh's brother.</i>	<i>Jean & Pauline Leclizio's son & daughter-in-law; 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; Paddy Pirie's sister, Joy; Natasha Venter's father.</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

The Second Collection Today is for the Lenten Appeal.

Bishops' Lenten Appeal

The Bishops' Lenten Appeal collection will be used for:

Formation for future priests, to provide tuition and accommodation for almost 170 seminarians.

Those in Need, including the senior services, prison ministry, shelter, food pantries, and soup kitchens.

Marriage and Family Life, in support of pregnancies and pro-life support.

Catholic Social Action, which helps to change attitudes towards race and poverty.

Youth Ministry, which assists young adults to live out their faith in this world.

Evangelization and Communications to promote, educate and evangelise the wider faith community.

Please encourage your children to use **mite boxes**, which are to be returned on Palm Sunday.

LENTEN MATERIAL

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

LIFE TEEN 2020

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

All in Grades 8-11 are required to participate. It is part of the Confirmation programme.

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

Adult Faith Formation – Symbolon

The audio-visual faith formation programme, Symbolon, continues tomorrow, **Monday 2 March** at 7.00 pm. The theme is **“Walk Through the Mass”** – a good session for *all* to attend, especially **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** (‘Ministers of the Eucharist’) to attend.

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men of the Parish are invited for a time of fellowship and breakfast (**R50**) after the 6.30 am Mass **this Friday 6th March.**

To assist with catering **please call Ana at the Parish Office on 031 563 5554** or email admin@fatima.org.za by Wednesday March 4th.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Our parish will host this special morning of prayer with women from various Churches in the North Durban area **this Friday 6 March from 10.00 to 11.00 am.**

All women in the parish are invited to attend and are welcome to bring a friend. If you intend to come, please advise the parish office, for catering purposes. Refreshments and eats will be served.

If you are able to offer a plate of eats please let the office know. Many thanks.



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.

St Lucia Retreat & Training Centre

Will be hosting retreats during the Lenten season. For more information please see the noticeboards at both entrances to the church or call 073 913 0888 or email

stluciartrc@gmail.com

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Those who have requested deceased family members names to be added to the wall in the garden of remembrance, please check the list of names on the board at the back of the Church.

If any corrections are necessary, please contact Brigitte at the parish office by email at finance@fatima.org.za or call on 031 563 5554.

Alpha begins on 16 April

Explore the basics of the Christian faith over eleven evenings in the Alpha course. Each week the evening begins with a meal, which is followed by a stimulating thirty-minute movie on the 'big screen' in our hall. The topics include: 'Is there more to life than this?' 'Who is Jesus?' 'Why did Jesus die?' 'How can I have faith?' After the presentation, there is an opportunity for small group discussion in a friendly and open environment. There's no obligation to say anything. The cost is R70 per evening.

There will be a weekend away from 29 - 30 May at Capuchin Convent, South Coast. Please contact Mark O'Brien on 083 325 2461 or Michele Buckley on 082 582 8596 to book, or if you have any queries. For a foretaste visit alpha.org/watch. Read and view endorsements of Alpha by several Catholic bishops and Cardinals at alpha.org/catholic-context.

Pope Francis: "We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ... Many of them are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face, even in countries of ancient Christian tradition. All of them have a right to receive the Gospel. Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone" (Evangelii Gaudium 15). *Invite people to Alpha!*

Mass Intentions

1st March 2020 – 8th March 2020

Sunday	7.00am	Harold Hawksley RIP (<i>Joy Hansen</i>)
	9.00am	Moira Coltey (<i>Theresa Hoogewerf</i>)
	5.15pm	Pro Populo
Monday	9.00am	Eulalia Gouveia RIP (<i>Maria da Silva</i>)
Wednesday	7.00am	In Thanksgiving – Our Lady of Fatima School Girls
	6.00pm	For the sick and housebound of the parish
Thursday	6.30am	Pious Lists
	7.45am	In Thanksgiving – Our Lady of Fatima School Girls
Friday	6.30am	In Thanksgiving - Men of the Parish
	6.30pm	Celebrants Intention
Saturday	8.00am	Winnie & Stanley Woods; Una Woods; Michael Ekstein; Andy Stevens – All RIP (<i>May Dormehl & Family</i>)
	7.00am	Clem Sulliphen RIP (<i>Esme Hallot & Maryse Bowman</i>)
Sunday	9.00am	Alex & Hanoon Kayat RIP (<i>Cheryl van Pletzen</i>) and Norman Beechey RIP (<i>Beechey Family</i>)
	5.15pm	Pro Populo

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.

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/. For further information contact Fr Justin.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Notices

(SSVP) will be selling Bacon Rolls, and Books, after the 7am and 9am Masses this Sunday. Let the smell of our cooking lead you to where the Sale is, and you might even be able to bury your nose in a book or two!! Bacon Rolls are R20 each, and Books are R20 each.

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**.

Lost and found

Over the past few months, the parish office has had an accumulation of items left behind in church after Masses, things like reading glasses, sunglasses, jerseys, missals and other miscellaneous items. For the next three weeks, there will be a table downstairs in the hall, where you can find anything you may have lost, while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.

Car Park Courtesy

If your parked vehicle is blocking the way, *please move it without delay after Mass.*

When opening vehicle doors, especially on a slope, please don't allow them to swing open and hit adjacent vehicles.

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Genesis 12: 1-4

2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Matthew 17: 1-9

First Sunday of Lent

1st March 2020

Year A

Lawrence Frizzell

Commentary

First Reading (Gen 2: 7-9; 3:1-7)

The creation narratives in Genesis offer profound theological insights into human nature and answer questions for every generation to ponder. Thus, when the Church rejected the neo-pagan ideology of National Socialism in Germany, Pope Pious XI referred to the biblical doctrine of the unity of the human race. The Second Vatican Council reiterated this teaching: 'All people form but one community. This is so because all stem from the one stock which God created to people the entire earth..' (*Declaration on the Church's Relation to Non-Christian Religions*, no. 1).

The harmony of the first parents with God led to an ordered experience of the natural world. This is signified by the talking serpent, who tricked the woman into a discussion. Temptation usually begins with a question that cannot be answered with a clear 'Yes' or 'No'. The commandment of God (*Gen 2: 16*) was expanded by Eve by putting a fence around it: 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die' (*Gen3: 10*). The longer one dallies with temptation, the more attractive it becomes. Thus a false road of pride and disobedience led to alienation from God and spiritual death, with a series of ripple effects down through the generations.

Second Reading (Rom 5: 12-19)

The solidarity of all in a community, the profound bond between leaders and subordinates, is explicit during Israel's wandering in the wilderness after the Exodus from Egypt (*see Num 12:1-15*), St Paul knew that the choices of leaders have an impact on a community from one generation to the next, so this ancient doctrine is applied to the situation of the entire human race. The first parents failed to appreciate the gift of communion with God, so humanity bore the burden of spiritual separation from God and the loss of harmony with neighbour and the natural world.

However, prophetic hope for a Messiah, an anointed leader to bring victory and peace to Israel, provided Christian theologians with the key to an understanding that triumph over evil and reconciliation with God was procured for the entire human race through the righteous act of Christ, 'the One who was to come' (*Rom 5: 14*).

Gospel (Mt 4: 1-11)

Jesus rejected temptations that we all face in our daily lives. The three scenes illustrate important lessons. Firstly, special gifts and powers must be used for others in the service of the one God, not for selfish gain. In the second place, trust in God's care must be completed by prudent care of our health and safety. Thus Jesus rejected the sin of presumption when tempted to risk his life needlessly. Thirdly, so many are willing to set aside moral principles in order to gain wealth and power! Jesus refused to enter into allegiance with evil in order to possess 'the kingdom of the world'. The meaning of human life is found in service of God. 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve' (*Mt 4:10, quoting Deut 6:13*).

Matthew records three texts from the Book of Deuteronomy in the responses of Jesus to the devil. In rejecting the misuse of Psalm 91 by the devil, he shows that even the Scriptures, torn from their context, can be used deceptively. As we listen ever more closely to God's Word in a spirit of prayerful attentiveness, we will come to understand aspects of the Paschal Mystery more profoundly. We may also be able to help others to set aside a cheap or inadequate approach to the Scriptures.