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23RD FEBRUARY 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

Missal References

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Next Sunday

First Sunday of Lent – Year A

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. Let my heart rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

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 is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west,
So far from us does he remove our transgressions.

As a father has compassion on his children,
The Lord's compassion is on those who fear him.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Whoever keeps Christ's word, in him truly love for God is perfected. ***Alleluia.***

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All your wonders I will recount. I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

This Week's Diary

Monday	Mass	9.00am
	Diocesan Finance Meeting	4.00pm
	Adult Formation - Symbolon	7.00pm
Tuesday	Gospel Sharing	9.30am
	Shrove Tuesday – Parish Social	5.30pm
Wednesday	Mass (<i>Ash Wednesday</i>)	6.00am
	Mass (<i>Grades 8-12</i>)	9.00am
	Paraliturgy Grades 1-7	10.45am
	Adoration and Benediction	5.00pm – 6.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Thursday	Men's Prayer Group Meeting	5.00am - 6.00am
	Mass	6.30am
	Confirmation Class	6.00pm
Friday	Mass	6.30am
	Stations of the Cross	5.45pm
Saturday	Mass	8.00am
	Fatima School Board	8.40am
	Deanery Pastrol Council	9.30am
	Martha Group	8.30am
	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.</i>	<i>Fergus McDonnell; Michelle Lock's father; Peter Squires; Michael Pearton Norlie McDonogh's sister-in-law & brother; Lynne Tillard's brother; Mary Ann Salvage's 4 brothers; Richard Pearton's niece; 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.</i>	<i>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

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Melanie Jackson's father, Selwyn De Palo. May his souls rest in peace.

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 with tomorrow, **Monday 24 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.

SHROVE TUESDAY SOCIAL – 25 FEBRUARY

- We need parishioners to offer to make pancakes at home and bring them to our parish social on Shrove Tuesday this week around 5:00pm.
- There are lists on the noticeboards at both entrances to the church. Please write your name, telephone number and how many pancakes you can contribute.
- Please don't interleave the pancakes with wax paper, as these break the pancakes when separating them.

Pancakes and boerewors rolls (R20) and cold drinks (R10) will be on sale from **5.30 pm** on the Fatima School grounds. Children will be able to build their own pancakes with smarties, chocolate sauce, custard and cream. 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 Eucharist, Ministers of Hospitality, Sacristans, Altar Servers.

The Duty list is on the noticeboard at the back of the Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 26th 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.

Bishops' Lenten Appeal

Please take **Lenten appeal envelopes** today. The Lenten collection every Sunday will be used to support the total mission of the Church in South Africa and to make the Good News more concrete. Projects include assistance for the poor and needy, education, health, priestly and lay formation, peace initiatives and catechetical formation. Please encourage your children to use **mite boxes**, which are to be returned on Palm Sunday.

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 **on 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**.

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.

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 on **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. Refreshments will be served.



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 stluciartc@gmail.com

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

23^d February 2020 – 1st March 2020

Sunday	7.00am	In Thanksgiving (<i>Nandipha Mngumeni</i>)
	9.00am	For the Sick and housebound of the parish
	5.15pm	Pro Populo
Monday	9.00am	Special Intention (<i>May Dormehl & Family</i>) and Special Intention - Francine (<i>From a friend</i>)
	Wednesday	6.00am
	9.00am	Pro Populo
	6.00pm	Ciaran McDonnell RIP (<i>His Friends</i>)
Thursday	6.30am	Celebrants Intention
Friday	6.30am	Pious Lists
Saturday	8.00am	Holy Souls RIP (<i>Sandra Teodosio</i>)
Sunday	7.00am	Harold Hawksley RIP (<i>Joy Hansen</i>)
	9.00am	Moira Coltey (<i>Theresa Hoogewerf</i>)
	5.15pm	Pro Populo

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!*

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.

Napier Centre 4 Healing

Immediate Vacancy for Employment Liaison Officer

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

For more information on how to apply, see the poster on the website or email

HR@napiercentre.org Applications close this Saturday 29th February.

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:

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**.



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.

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Birthdays – March 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 Brian Ive, Ezra Oliver
- 2 Jonathon Wardle
- 4 Nathaniel Donato, Hector Mackay
- 5 Raynald Mutwala, Stephen Chatteris, Richard Pearton
- 6 Yanni Vosloo, Graham Ferguson, Helen Githinji Ndirangu
- 7 Nancy Chettiar, Michael Basson, Matthew Banks, Chloe Fynn
- 8 Cole Poovan, Margot Banks, Christine Widdows
- 9 Bradley Walker, Khanyisile Zondi Nsele
- 10 Francisco Govender
- 11 Rita Abraham
- 12 May Dormehl, Jabulani Gumede, Matthew Hansen
- 13 Thabani Nsele
- 14 Robby Kisten, Ernest Barnard, Damian Chatteris
- 17 Jewel Quarsingh, Candace van Pletzen, Anna Smith
- 18 Dawn Benyi
- 19 Miles Jacoby, Elizabeth Macbean, Micheline Bouton, Irene Helsdon,
Christine Schoombee
- 20 Gerrit Snyders
- 21 Rosemary Renou
- 22 Finley Letord, Dudley Tullidge
- 23 David Bradshaw
- 24 Anita Lenferna, Anne Chatteris
- 25 Laura Ann Newberry
- 26 Rosanne Maharajh, Leroy Nel
- 27 Lauren Buckley, Holly Munks, Alexander Coelho
- 28 Sithembinkosi Ndiweni, Roderick Wylie
- 29 Lilly Houston, Bethany Nel
- 30 Sithembile Ngwane, Bekilizwe Ngwane, Peyton Leggett, Ethan Lawrence
- 31 Bernard Stubbs

Birthday

Blessings