

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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9TH FEBRUARY 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

Missal References

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Next Sunday's Scripture

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Next Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday

St Scholastica

Tuesday

World Day of the Sick, Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday

Ss Cyril & Methodius

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 112

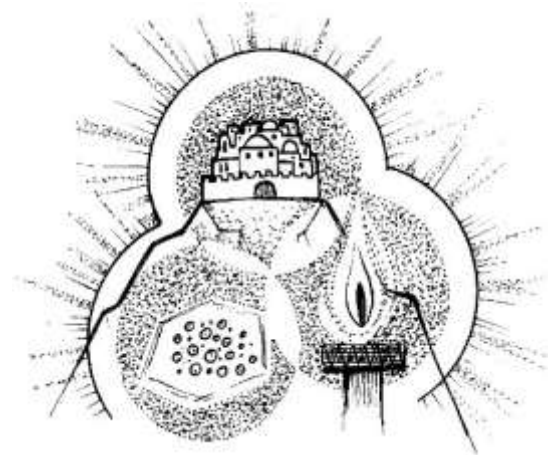
A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

... he is generous, merciful and just.
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice.

He will never be moved;
forever shall the just be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear.
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm forever.
His might shall be exalted in glory.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
he who follows me will have the light of life. ***Alleluia.***

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

This Week's Diary

Monday	Mass	9.00am
	Grade 1 Catechism	3.00pm-4.00pm
	First Communion Class	4.00pm-5.00pm
	Grade 6 Catechism	5.00pm-6.00pm
	Finance Committee Meeting	5.45pm
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	Mass	7.00am
	Grade 7 Catechism	5.00pm-6.00pm
	Adoration & Benediction	5.00pm – 6.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Thursday	Men's Prayer Group Meeting	5.00-6.00am
	Mass (37 th Anniversary of Dedication of Fatima Church)	6.30am
	Confirmation Class	6.00pm
	Mass (37 th Anniversary of Dedication of Fatima Church)	6.00pm
Friday	Mass	6.30am
Saturday	Mass	8.00am
	Confessions	11.00 & 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

Welcome to the Comboni Missionaries

The editor of *Worldwide* magazine, Fr Joseph Rebelo, will be promoting the magazine in our parish today after all Masses. 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!

Catechist commissioning

Today 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.

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.

Solemnity of the 37th anniversary of dedication of our parish church

This Thursday, 13 February, is a very important day in the life of our parish.

There will be Masses at 6.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Come and thank God for the gift and blessing of our beautiful parish church.

Adult Faith Formation – Symbolon

The audio-visual faith formation programme, Symbolon, begins with a new series on **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

On **Wednesday 19 February** we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Sr Dominique's Religious Profession.

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

Ordinations to the Priesthood

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

Please keep them in your prayers.

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

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!*

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

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 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:

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**.

Mass Intentions

9th February 2020 – 16th February 2020

Sunday	7.00am	John Quibell RIP (<i>Rory & Norlie McDonogh</i>)
	9.00am	Philippe Bernon RIP & Allister Ritchie RIP (<i>Lise Bernon</i>)
	5.15pm	Pro Populo
Monday	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP (<i>Maria Teodosio</i>)
Wednesday	7.00am	In Thanksgiving – Our Lady of Fatima Shool Girls
	6.00pm	Angelina Wallas RIP (<i>Wallas Family</i>)
Thursday	6.30am	Pious Lists
	6.00pm	In Thanksgiving – All Fatima Parishioners past and present
Friday	6.30am	In Thanksgiving – Maria da Silva (<i>Lola O'Brien</i>)
Saturday	8.00am	Deceased Dominican Sisters RIP (<i>Dominican Sisters</i>) and Claire Maujean (<i>Theresa Hoogewerf</i>)
	7.00am	Noel Bollen RIP (<i>Peter & Jenny Ducray</i>) and Leigh Went RIP (<i>Pirie & Went Families</i>)
Sunday	9.00am	Pro Populo
	5.15pm	For the Sick and housebound of the parish

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!

Denis Hurley Centre Notice

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

Caritas KwaZulu Natal Have an available position 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 this *Friday, 14th February*.

Contact Peter & Maire (in confidence) on 082 850 0500.

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

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.

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Sirach 15: 15-20

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Matthew 5: 17-37



9th February 2020**Meditation:**

Jesus used ordinary images, such as salt and light, to convey extraordinary truths that transform our minds, hearts, and lives.

What does salt and light have to teach us about God and the transforming power of his kingdom?

Salt was a valuable commodity in the ancient world. People traded with it, like we trade with valuable goods, such as gold and stock. Salt also served a very useful purpose, especially in warmer climates before the invention of electricity and refrigeration. Salt not only gave rich flavor to food, it also preserved food from going bad and being spoiled.

The salt of God's kingdom for all

Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives - and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavor for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society. The Lord wants to work in and through us to purify, preserve, and spread the rich flavor of God's kingdom everywhere - his "kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (*Romans 14:17*).

Don't lose your saltiness

What did Jesus mean by the expression "if salt has lost its taste... it is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot" (*Matthew 5:13*)?

Salt in the ancient world was often put into ovens to intensify the heat. When the salt was burned off and no longer useful it was thrown out on the ground where it would easily get stepped on and swept away (*Matthew 5:13*).

How can we lose our "saltiness"?

When we allow the world, sin, and Satan to corrupt us. The Lord wants us to preserve our "saltiness" - through virtuous living and rejection of sin - not only for our own sake but also for the sake of others.

The aroma of Christ in the world

Paul the Apostle reminds us that we are called to be "the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life" (*2 Corinthians 2:15-16*).

Do you allow the fragrance of Christ's love, truth, and holiness to permeate every area of your life, your thoughts, words, actions, and relationships?

Light that shines for all to see

Jesus used the image of light and a lamp to further his illustration of God's transforming work in and through us. Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today.

They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood "light" as symbol or expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God.

In his light we see light (Psalm 36:9). His word is a lamp that guides our steps (Psalm 119: 105).

God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace.

Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. Our mission is to be *light-bearers* of Jesus Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

There is great freedom and joy for those who live in the light of God's truth and goodness.

Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light?

"Lord Jesus, you guide me by the light of your saving truth.

Fill my heart and mind with your light and truth and free me from the blindness of sin and deception that I may see your ways clearly and understand your will for my life.

May I radiate your light and truth to others in word and deed".