

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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## 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Missal References

Next Sunday's Scripture

**Next Sunday**

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A**

St Patrick

St Cyril of Jerusalem

St Joseph, Husband of Mary

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, I am alone and poor.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 95

***O that today you would listen to his voice!***

***Harden not your hearts.***

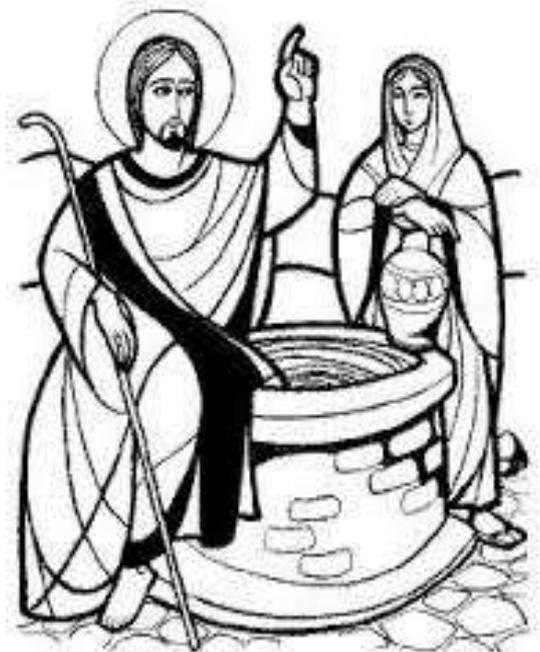
Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;  
let us hail him with songs of praise.

O come; let us bow and bend low.  
Let us kneel before the God who made us,  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your forebears put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.”

***O that today you would listen to his voice!***

***Harden not your hearts.***



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!***

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may not thirst.

***Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!***

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

# This Week's Diary

<b>Monday</b>	Mass	9.00am
	Adult Formation - Symbolon	7.00pm
	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Fr Justin's day of rest	
	Gospel Sharing	9.30am
	Griefshare Meeting	7.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass	7.00am
	School Healing Service (Gr 10-12)	10.50am – 12.20pm
	Adoration and Benediction	5.00pm – 6.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
	School Paschal Meal, Fatima Matrics & Fr Justin	6.30pm
	Alpha Team Meeting	7.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Men's Prayer Group	5.00am – 6.00am
	Mass	6.30am
	St Joseph's Parish - Penitential Service	6.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Mass	6.30am
	School Mass (Grade 8-12)	7.45am
	Stations of the Cross	5.45pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Mass	8.00am
	Confessions	11.00am & 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; Cameron Smith; Joy Lees; Sr Catherina; May Dormehl; Jenny Ducray; Gladys Cole; Caron Martins; Randy Tryon; Maria Dus; Lynne Brouard; Maryse Bowman; Gordon Urquhart; Milly van Gogh; Teresa Latouf; Daphne Rahmer; Gerrit Snyders; Daniel Singery.</i>	<i>Gladys Meyer; Pat Sturgess; Sandra Teodosio; Stella Gomes; Verna Cavanagh; Jean Leclezio; Mervin Moonsamy; Hannah Donaldson; Adrienne Paul; Debbie Macpherson; Amanda Ngongoma; Maria Teodosio; Monique Saint-Georges; Bernie Patterson.</i>	<i>John Haswell; Jabu Ntuli; 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; Sharon Ellis' sister; Annette Hoyer's parents; Heather Rorick; Stuart McGregor; 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; Peter Squires.</i>	<i>Tottie Bremner's nephew; Fergus McDonnell; Michelle Lock's father; Michael Pearton; Lynne Tillard's brother; Richard Pearton's niece; Norlie McDonogh's sister-in-law &amp; brother; Theresa Hoogewerf's aunts, sister &amp; cousin; Ruth Florence's mother; Mary Ann Salvage's 4 brothers; June Tatchell's mother; May Dormehl's brother-in-law, daughter &amp; sister; Rita Abraham's sister; Fr Des brother &amp; nephew; Ben Morasutti's son Jo; Lisa Grant's father; Peggy du Plessis' brother, sister, daughter-in-law &amp; granddaughter; Nomusa Mkhwanazi's brother.</i>	<i>Brenda Bennison; Michael Quarsingh's brother; Janice Cottingham's brother; Jean &amp; Pauline Leclezio's son &amp; daughter-in-law; Duncan Miller's father; Terry Beechey's brother; Bronwyn Murgatroyd's mother &amp; son; Maureen Pistorius; Eleanor Scott's husband; Mark McCall's nephew; Rory McDonogh's niece; Jack Garbutt's son-in-law; Marie Claude Maujean's grandson Luc; Marcia Swanson's mother; Paddy Pirie's sister, Joy; Maureen Hutton's son &amp; grandson; Margaret Beechey's daughter, Chantel; 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.

### Summary of Cardinal's instructions to reduce the spread of COVID-19

To avoid the danger of spreading infection by coughing or physical contact:

- Those with a cold or cough *and flu-like symptoms*, should consult their doctors and not go to Church until they are well again.
- Before entering the church, hands should be washed with soap and water.
- The holy water in the fonts should be changed more frequently, or the fonts left empty.
- The Sacred Host is to be received on the hand only.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood is to be suspended.
- There should be no physical contact during the sign of peace.
- Extraordinary ministers of holy communion (EMCs) may use hand sanitizers before distributing Holy Communion and should wash their hands afterwards.
- Pray for an end to the pandemic.

Additional comments, not from the Cardinal:

- The collection basket shouldn't be passed around. Any suggestions?
- There should be no hand-holding during the Our Father.
- EMCs may not give blessings or lay hands in Mass (even when there is no risk of virus). Only an *ordained* person may give blessings *in Mass*.
- Cough, sneeze etc. into your elbow to avoid contamination of hands.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.

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

**Living Faith booklets** for adults and children are available in the Baptistry at R25.00

**The Second Collection Today** is for the Bishops' Lenten Appeal.

**Daily Lenten Reflection Booklets** are available in the baptistry.

### 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

The audio-visual faith formation programme, Symbolon, continues tomorrow, **Monday 16 March** at 7.00 pm in our parish hall. The topics are **Holy Matrimony** and **Holy Orders**. Our parish has a year's subscription to "**Formed**" which is a Catholic website (Augustine Institute) offering the very best Catholic content from more than sixty organisations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere, on computers, cellphones, tablets etc. There are hundreds of movies (e.g. on Our Lady and the saints), bible studies (e.g. Old Testament kings and prophets, Gospels, St Paul), sacramental preparation programmes, documentaries, adult faith formation programs (e.g. Symbolon, The Mass, Holy Land, The Last Things), group studies, daily devotions (e.g. Lenten reflections), youth programs (e.g. Why Believe?), children's programs, audiobooks and much more. There is also downloadable, printable material for group leaders and participants for every Sunday of the year. New programs are added regularly. It's all **free** to parish users because of our parish subscription. Simply go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click 'Sign up'. *Know your Catholic faith so that you will be equipped to share your Catholic faith with joy and confidence!*

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

## 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.

## Penitential Services

**Our parish penitential service will be on Thursday 2 April at 7.00 pm, with eleven priests.**

- *St Joseph's* penitential service is this **Thursday, 19 March, at 6.30 pm.**
- *Blessed Sacrament* confessions will be on **Tuesday 31 March at 6.30 pm.**
- *Our Lady of Lourdes, Westville*, penitential service will be on **Tuesday 7 April at 7.00 pm.**

## LAETARE SUNDAY

**Next Sunday, 22 March**, will be "Laetare" ("Rejoice") Sunday. The liturgical colour will be rose so people may wish to wear something in a shade of "rose" or pink.

## Society of St Vincent de Paul Notices

### SSVP GRAB-A-BAG PROJECT

SSVP requests donations from today, to be able to buy maize-meal, 10 kgs; sugar beans, 2kgs; and blankets. **Delivery date is 9 May.**

### SECOND HAND CLOTHES

The SSVP is also asking for donations of unwanted or second-hand clothing and footwear to take up to the Bergville and Estcourt parishes. Donated clothing can be left at the parish office, during office hours.

### 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.

## DURBAN PASSION PLAY – PARISH GROUP BOOKING

Our parish has booked the performance of the Durban Passion Play at the Playhouse Drama Theatre on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

Tickets are R150,00 and are available from the parish office.

Seating is reserved. See Ana in the office to choose your seats.

Email [admin@fatima.org.za](mailto:admin@fatima.org.za) or call her at 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](http://alpha.org/watch). Read and view endorsements of Alpha by several Catholic bishops and Cardinals at [alpha.org/catholic-context](http://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!*

**Lost and found** Over the past few months many items have been left behind in church after Masses e.g. reading glasses, sunglasses, jerseys, missals, etc. ***This Sunday is the last time*** that lost property will be on display downstairs in the hall, so please check the table to ensure there isn't an item that belongs to you. Monday will see the leftover items distributed to various charities.

## Children's church

Greg Smith will be stepping down very soon as leader of the "Children's church" that takes place during the 9.00 a.m. Mass. We *urgently* need a new leader and some volunteers for this very valuable and rewarding ministry. Please contact Fr Justin *as soon as possible* if you are able to assist. Greg is happy to meet with you and to share what he and the team have been doing.

## Mass Intentions

### 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	7.00am	Clem Sulliphen RIP ( <i>Esmé Hallot &amp; Maryse Bowman</i> )
	9.00am	Alex & Hanoon Kayat RIP ( <i>Cheryl van Pletzen</i> ) <b>and</b> Norman James RIP ( <i>Beechey Family</i> )
	5.15pm	Pro Populo
<b>Monday</b>	9.00am	Duarte Nuno Cost Vieira & Gilda Menezes de Freitas RIP ( <i>Mrs Gertrude</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.00am	In Thanksgiving – Our Lady of Fatima School Girls
	6.00pm	Pious Lists
<b>Thursday</b>	6.30am	Celebrants Intention
<b>Friday</b>	6.30am	Deceased Dominican Sisters RIP ( <i>Dominican Sister</i> )
	7.45am	In Thanksgiving – Our Lady of Fatima School Girls
<b>Saturday</b>	8.00am	Natalie Stirton RIP ( <i>Fr Justin Stirton</i> )
<b>Sunday</b>	7.00am	Deceased Rees & Bollen Family Members RIP ( <i>Peter &amp; Jenny Ducray</i> )
	9.00am	Sheila Power RIP ( <i>Megan Shorey</i> ) <b>and</b> Special Intention ( <i>Norma Southwood</i> )
	5.15pm	Pro Populo

# Third Sunday of Lent

15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Year A

Lawrence Frizzell

## Commentary

### **First Reading (Ex 17: 3-7)**

After the Exodus the Israelites sought potable water but were frustrated until Moses threw a tree into the pool called *Marah* (*bitter*). Calling them to listen to his voice God assured them: 'I am the Lord, your healer' (Ex 15: 22-26).

Even more dramatically, God showed Moses how to draw fresh water from a rock.

Moses turned the people's bitter complaint into a prayer.

Those in desperation should learn to seek an intercessor, a spiritual guide.

### **Second Reading (Rom 5: 1-8)**

After the *kerygma* (*core message*) of the Gospel (Rom 4: 24-25). Paul introduces the theme of *agape* (*charity*) poured into the hearts of the baptized through the Holy Spirit.

The *kerygma* of Jesus' salvific work in the Paschal Mystery of his Death-and-Resurrection must be completed by the details of the *didache* (*teaching*) to apply the Good News to the life of the Church.

### **Gospel (Jn 4: 5-42)**

To initiate a dialogue with a Samaritan woman, Jesus overcame obstacles by expressing a need. She could assist him and, after mutual hostility between alienated neighbours was set aside, Jesus would challenge her to search for spiritual gifts.

In John 3:5-8, water and the Holy Spirit are shown to be the external and internal sources of a new and fuller life. Just as bodily thirst is a basic need to be relieved, so the authentic human desire for God's teaching will receive a response in revelation through the Spirit of truth (see Jn14: 25-27; 16: 12-15).

Coming to Jesus as the source of 'water welling up to eternal life' (Jn 4: 14), the recipient will become a channel of God's gift to others (see Jn 7: 37-39).

After the woman heeded Jesus' judgment of her marital situation she became a missionary to her people, who were led to know Jesus. Salvation comes from the Jews (Jn 4: 22) because the One greater than Jacob has called people into a life of faith that will produce a rich harvest (Jn 4: 35-38).

## Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

### 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.*

### 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.