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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Missal References

Next Sunday's Scripture

Next Sunday

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday

YEAR A

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Third Sunday of Lent – Year A

St Frances of Rome

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33

**May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.**

The word of the Lord is faithful,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.

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as we hope in you, O Lord.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

This Week's Diary

Monday	Mass	9.00am
	Finance Committee Meeting	5.45pm
	Social Committee Meeting	6.00pm
	Adult Formation - Symbolon	7.00pm
Tuesday	Clergy study day	9.00am
	Gospel Sharing	9.30am
	Griefshare Meeting	7.00pm
Wednesday	Mass	7.00am
	Fr Justin's day of rest	
	Adoration and Benediction	5.00pm – 6.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Thursday	Men's Prayer Group	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
	Catholic Women's League Meeting	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; Cameron Smith; Sr Catherina; Joy Lees; May Dormehl; Jenny Ducray; Gladys Cole; Caron Martins; Randy Tryon; Lynne Brouard; Maryse Bowman; Gordon Urquhart; Milly van Gogh; Teresa Latouf; Daphne Rahmer; Maria Dus; Gerrit Snyders; Gladys Meyer.</i>	<i>Daniel Singery; 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 & 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 Leclezio'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 REFLECTION BOOKLETS

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

The audio-visual faith formation programme, Symbolon, continues tomorrow, **Monday 9 March** at 7.00 pm in our parish hall. The topics are **Penance (Confession) and Anointing** – ideal for all Catholics and inquirers.

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 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.

Friday – Fish and Chips

For those attending the stations next week Friday 13th March: save yourselves the trip to the shop to get dinner, by ordering your fish and chips for the family from the parish office by 2 pm on Wednesday 11th March. Gather in the parish hall after Stations on Friday evening to enjoy a seated meal and socialise with fellow parishioners.

There are two meal options available:

R35.00 – Fish, chips, roll and salad.

R15.00 – Beans and roti (vegetarian option)



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. 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.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

8th March 2020 – 15th March 2020

Sunday	7.00am	Clem Sulliphen RIP (<i>Esme Hallot & Maryse Bowman</i>)
	9.00am	Alex & Hanoon Kayat RIP (<i>Cheryl van Pletzen</i>) and Norman James RIP (<i>Beechey Family</i>)
	5.15pm	Pro Populo
Monday	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP (<i>Maria Teodosio</i>)
Wednesday	7.00am	Mike Coward RIP (<i>Family</i>)
	6.00pm	Celebrants Intention
Thursday	6.30am	Pious Lists
Friday	6.30am	Paul Feuilherade RIP (<i>Peter Feuilherade</i>)
Saturday	8.00am	Elsie Byrne RIP (<i>Fr Justin Stirton</i>)
Sunday	7.00am	Henriette & Eileen Hallot RIP (<i>Emse Hallot & Maryse Bowman</i>)
	9.00am	Pro Populo
	5.15pm	For the sick and housebound of the parish

Society of St Vincent de Paul Notices

SSVP GRAB-A-BAG PROJECT

SSVP will be requesting donations for the Grab-a-Bag Project from next **Sunday**, 15 March, 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:

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.

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!*

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 stluciartc@gmail.com

Second Sunday of Lent

8th March 2020

Year A

Lawrence Frizzell

Commentary

First Reading (Gen 12: 1-4)

Why did God call Abram to leave the security of his homeland?

Before the time of Jesus, Jewish teachers maintained that Abram had rejected the idolatry of his father and had irked his kin. A fresh start would provide the context for further manifestations of the divine will. Eventually, Abram's faith would be rewarded and would bring blessings for the nations of the world. Incredible as the promises seemed, Abram and Sarah ventured forth. 'By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance...' (Heb 11:8).

Second Reading (2 Tim 1: 8-10)

Before time began God the Father planned the work of deliverance, the triumph of life and faithfulness over death and dissolution. The apex of the pilgrimage of faith came with the manifestation of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, whose Death-and-Resurrection brings new hope to the world.

Gospel (Mt 17: 1-9)

Special privileges may come to those from whom much is expected.

Did these Apostles realize why they were favoured by Jesus?

He had warned them of his impending trials and sufferings (Mt 16:21-23). On a mountain that should have reminded them of Mount Sinai, they experienced their Master's future glory. Moses and Elijah were seen to be conversing with Jesus. Rather than intrude upon the sublime conversation, Peter tried to do something so that the trio would remain there. The word interpreting the scene came not from the prophets or Jesus, but a heavenly voice proclaimed the same message as at Jesus' baptism (Mt 3:17): this was followed by the command: 'Listen to him!' (Mt 17:5). To know what to do in the service of Jesus, Peter (and we) must listen to the totality of his message.

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Exodus 17: 3-7

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

John 4: 5-42

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.

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.

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

If you are interested in this pilgrimage, please contact Fr Justin *urgently*.

Many photos of the places we will visit can be seen on our Pilgrimage Facebook Page:

facebook.com/groups/685911015223206/.