

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Missal reference

YEAR B

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp,
and power and dominion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM — PSALM 72

All nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the King,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days shall justice flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth.

The kings of Tarshish and the islands
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the needy when they cry,
the poor, and those who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy.

All nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

We have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship the Lord.

Alleluia.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the east, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY – SUNDAY 14 JANUARY			
Sunday 7th Epiphany of the Lord – Year B	7.00am	Mass	Isabel Akal RIP (Michael and Claudette D'Ercole)
	9.00am	Mass	Bill Beechey RIP (Beechey family) Isabel Akal RIP (Marcelle and Alain Jnr Tschudin)
	5.15pm	Mass	Pro Populo
Monday 8th <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.00am	Mass	For deceased Fatima parishioners
	7.00pm	Society of Saint Vincent de Paul meeting	
Tuesday 9th St Adrian of Canterbury	-	Fr Justin's day of rest	
	9.30am	Gospelsharing	
Wednesday 10th	6.00pm	Mass	Pious Lists
Thursday 11th	5.00am	Men's prayer group	
	6.30am	Mass	For the elderly, housebound and sick in our parish
	6.00pm	Pastoral Council meeting	
Friday 12th	6.30am	Mass	For the poor and needy of our country
Saturday 13th St Hilary	6.30am	Society of St Vincent de Paul outreach program	
	8.00am	Mass	Holy Souls RIP (Maria Teodosio)
	8.40am	Rosary	
	11.00am	Confessions	
Sunday 14th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B	7.00am	Mass	Pro Populo
	9.00am	Mass	Angela Summers RIP (Megan Shorey) Isabel Ngidi RIP (Ingrid Duma)
	5.15pm	Mass	In Thanksgiving for all ministries in the parish
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19.		2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20.	
Gospel: John 1:35-42.		Page: Page 584 (old), 651 (new)	

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REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

Tea, coffee, and biscuits are served after the Sunday morning Masses.

ROSARY

The rosary is prayed after Saturday morning Masses, anyone is welcome to attend.

END OF CHRISTMASTIDE

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, tomorrow, brings Christmastide to an end.

The first week of Ordinary Time begins the following day, Tuesday 9th January.

Next Sunday will be the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year B.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Parishioners

Maryse Bowman; May Dornehl; Chips Cairns; Eileen Chapson; Jacky Singh; Yano Govender; Maria Dus; Paige Went; Titi Pitso; Neil Smith; Gladys Meyer;	Richard Pearton; Andrew Booth; José & Caron Martins; Jabu Ntuli; Debbie Macpherson; Jo James; Barry Liebenberg; Lucy Baxter; Ann Appelgren; Kevin Minogue;	Richard Shorey; Dudley Tullidge; Lynne Roberts; Charmaine Rose; Josiane Maujean; Daniel Lourenco; Sarah Kennedy; Nomusa Mkhwanazi; Mervin Govender.
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Relatives

<p>Tris Tillard's sister; Heather Rorick; Sharon Ellis' sister; Peter Squires; Jo James' nephew, granddaughter & son; Maryse Bowman's nieces; Mary Ann Salvage's 4 brothers; Irene Helsdon's niece; Louise Kin's sister; Denise Irvine's daughter; Marjorie Mawbey's niece; Lynne Tillard's brother; May Dormehl's brother-in-law, daughter & sister; Candice Houseman & Tracy Mendonidis' mother; Fergus McDonnell; Maureen Pistorius; Ruth Florence's mother; Rita Abraham's sister; Lisa Grant's father; Richard Pearton's niece; June Tatchell's mother;</p>	<p>Theresa Hoogewerf's sister & cousin Steve; Marie Claude Maujean's grandson Luc; Eleanor Scott's husband; Duncan Miller's father; Annette Hoyer's mother; Marcia Swanson's mother; Nomusa Mkhwanazi's brother; Caron Martins' father & father-in-law; Pauline Leclezio's son & daughter-in-law; Hugh Elliott; Paddy Pirie's husband & niece Shirley-Anne; Reneé Armstrong's son Greg & daughter Michelé; Maude Quenet; Bronwyn Murgatroyd's son; Michael Quarsingh's brothers & sisters; Maureen Hutton's son & grandson; Brenda Bennison;</p>	<p>Margaret Beechey's daughter Chantel; Norlie McDonogh's sister-in-law; Rob & Nadine Paul's daughter Adrienne; Jan Huiskamp's sister Therasia Pratt; Merylle Briginshaw's son; Shayne & brother-in-law Bruce; Marian Biggar's mother Maureen; Ramona Kisten's mother Mary Theresa Madurai; Karon Bowman's mother; Chantal Scott's daughter Lisa; Michael Pearton; Khabo Mncwango's mother Catherine Shabalala; Bridget Venter's mother Alix Dickson; Ivana Liebenberg's sister Antoinette Ramhlo.</p>
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CALENDAR OF MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The Mass diary for 2024 is open. Contact the Parish Office to book Masses for the next 12 months. The Mass offering is R40.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners who have had the ashes of deceased family members interred since 1 January 2023 and who wish to have their names inscribed on the memorial wall, please give the details to Brigitte at the Parish Office via finance@fatima.org.za or 031 563 5554.

LOST AND FOUND PROPERTY

Parishioners who may have left or forgotten their personal belongings in the Church will be able to check for their items in the hall after the morning Masses.

CAR PARK COURTESY

There are many visitors during the Christmas season. Let us try to be courteous to one another in the car park before and after Mass. If you park in other vehicles, please move your vehicle immediately after Mass to avoid traffic congestion.

RETRouvaille

The first program for 2024 will start with the Weekend Phase on 2-4 February. Call 082 850 0500 or email: 5017r@helpourmarriage.org Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

ADORATION OF CHRIST IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Are we too busy to commit to an hour of Adoration a week? We would do well to follow the example of the saints, such as St. Wenceslaus I. He was born in 907 and ruled Bohemia (now part of the Czech Republic) from 921 until he was assassinated in 935. Despite being King, found time to visit the most Blessed Sacrament every day.

Although tired with the business of the day, King Wenceslaus would spend whole nights before the Tabernacle in supplication for his people... On the coldest winter nights, he would arise from his bed in order to visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. His heart was so inflamed with divine love that it imparted heat to his very body.

The carol "Good King Wenceslaus" is based on his reputation for generosity and his compassion for the poor.

Fr. F.X. Lasance, *Visits to Jesus In The Tabernacle*.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Families are the source of all vocations. Pray for families and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life in your own families.

"By faith Abraham obeyed" the call of God. Let us all respond willingly to God's call.

MATRIC SCHOOL SHOES

Boys who have matriculated, if you don't need your school shoes, please consider donating them to the poor. You can drop them off at the parish office.

DONATIONS, FOOD, CLOTHES AND FOOTWEAR FOR THE POOR

Please bring non-perishable food, such as pilchards, baked beans in tomato sauce, 1 kg packs of mealie meal and Cup-a-Soup, to Mass on Sundays. Thank you to all donors!

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL - *Matthew 2:1-12*

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works?

John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not* (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity.

Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel.

These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest.

In their diligent search, they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King, they humbly worshipped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will, and intellect cooperate with grace.

"Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (Thomas Aquinas).

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally.

In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus, we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well.

The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jews and Gentiles alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life.

Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

For the Church

BANKING DETAILS

For the Poor

A/c name: Our Lady of Fatima Church



Bank: First National
Branch: Durban
Branch no.: 22 14 26
A/c no.: 50844546512

A/c name: Society of St Vincent de Paul

Bank: First National
Branch: Durban North
Branch no.: 22 04 26
A/c no.: 62033860786

