

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING: Sirach 3:19-21, 30-31.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 68.

RESPONSE:

In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing.
O sing to God; make music to his name.
the Lord is his name. **R**
2. Father of orphans, defender of widows;
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;
he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity. **R**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain;
when your people languished, you restored their inheritance.
It was there that your flock began to dwell.
In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor. **R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord; and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 1 Sep Liturgy of the Day

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Psalm 96; Luke 4:16-30

"To return to love, to know perfect love, we surrender the will to power. We cannot know love if we remain unable to surrender our attachment to power." – Bell Hooks

Tue 2 Sep Liturgy of the Day

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.9-11; Psalm 27; Luke 4:31-37

Imagine yourself as a member of the town of Capernaum who fully welcomes Jesus. You are amazed at him and desire him in your life. His working in your life depends upon you and your response to him. Let him in.

Wed 3 Sep St Gregory the Great, PD

Colossians 1:1-8; Psalm 52; Luke 4:38-44

On the essence of love: "The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist." – Pope Gregory

Thu 4 Sep Liturgy of the Day

Colossians 1:9-14; Psalm 98; Luke 5:1-11

Reflect today upon the image of Simon Peter on his knees before Jesus. See his humility and honesty. See his sincerity and interior awareness. These are qualities and attributes that Jesus desires for us too.

Fri 5 Sep (St Teresa of Kolkata)

Colossians 1:15-20; Psalm 100; Luke 5:33-39

St Teresa of Kolkata on how prayer changes us: "I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things."

Sat 6 Sep Liturgy of the Day

Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 54; Luke 6:1-5

In what ways have you become overly attached to your own opinions. Do they bring forth love, joy and peace? If not, seek God's guidance and remain open to changing them.

Sun 7 Sep 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 90; Luke 14:25-33

"The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion. That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us." – Pope Francis

KEY: SOLEMNITY: FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial)
P=Pope; D=Doctor

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He Rose Again

The French intellectual, Voltaire, once toyed with the idea of starting a new religion.

A friend advised him that should have himself crucified on a Friday, be buried, and rise from the dead, on Sunday.

The mystery we profess in the words "and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" is beyond our imagining and beyond our language. It is an event which changed the world for ever. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance and the implications of the Resurrection of Jesus.

St Paul, who had had a personal experience of the Risen Christ, wrote: *If Christ has not been raised, your faith*

is futile, and you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17). The emergence of Christ from the tomb is like a completely new creation: resurrection-life began with the personal resurrection of Jesus. It is life in the Spirit, a life participating as fully as a human can in the divinity. For Jesus it was the return of all the glory he had left behind to live among us as a human being. He is now manifested in his glory as Son of the Father while remaining God-with-us.

The Risen Jesus is given back to us as the limitless mercy of God in the forgiveness of all sin. In rising from the dead Jesus conquered death in a personal and dramatic way and on that same Easter day visited the disciples to commission them to spread forgiveness in His name.

Jesus is the Easter gift given to the disciples,

drawing them into resurrection-life and inviting them to share this gift with others.

It is easy to imagine the state of confusion, shock, joy, fear and awe which the disciples must have felt. We too can share that confusion when we begin to grasp the significance of the Resurrection of Christ. However lofty and transcendent all this seems, it is good to keep our feet on the ground. This really happened. The Resurrection is an event beyond compare but it leaves real footprints in our world. Among these footprints is the empty tomb, and the acknowledged bribery by the chief priests for the guards to lie (Mt. 28:11-15).

Because Christ has been raised to resurrection-life, he is unrestricted by time or place or any human limitation. He gathers his disciples into a communion of love and service, living by his teaching and participating in his Risen Life.

The proclamation of the faith of the Church about the Resurrection concludes with the phrase "in accordance with the Scriptures". It is important to remember that Scriptures referred to are the writings we call 'The Old Testament'. Throughout these writings the coming of the Messiah is expected and many events are now seen as preparation for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

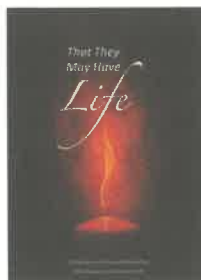
By contrast, our New Testament – the fulfilment of the Scriptures – is not just an historical account but an actual communication of this greatest news of all: the Lord is Risen!



Resurrection, by Luca Giordano, after 1665

By popular request, the 2023 Catholic Link series on illness, wellbeing, healthcare and related issues has been collated and compiled under one cover.

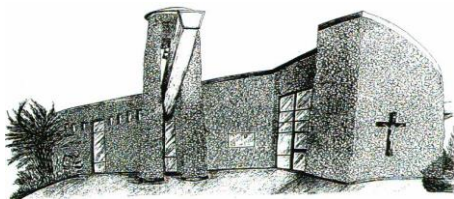
God's will is indeed for us to have fullness of life, despite the experience of human limitation and finitude. It is precisely there that we encounter a compassionate Christ who reveals to us the mystery of a God of mercy. May this booklet be a help to growing in a deeper spirituality for health and wellbeing, sickness and suffering.



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 8.30am to 3.30pm

(Secretary is at Mass from 8 to 8.30am)

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**Parish office now closed to parishioners on
Tuesdays, except for funeral arrangements.**

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*Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive, as a
Parish, to grow into disciples of Jesus Christ,
Reaching out in Faith into a wider Community.*

Prayer of the Church (Divine Office):

15 minutes before weekday Masses.

Prayer Circle:

Contact Cay Loader 0314664474 / 0789216797

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Our long-term Seriously Sick
whose names are on the noticeboards, and for our
currently –

Seriously Sick:

Tashnim Dos Santos, Michael Tunley, Fr Chris
Neville, Merlyn Oakes, Andy Rossell & Cathy Barr.

ONLINE MASS: Live-streamed on Facebook
at the **Sunday 9:00am** Mass

CONFESSIONS: Please note that Fr Mike is
available for Personal Confessions on Saturday
afternoons from **16.00 - 17.00.**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:

Sat 30 Aug 5.30pm

All Parishioners

Sun 31 Aug 7.00am

Thobile Mthembu's Birthday [Family]

Sun 31 Aug 9.00am

Desiree Manuel's Birthday [Family]

Zael & Harley Goodman's Birthdays [Family]

Delon Olivier's Thanksgiving for Prayers

Answered

Mon 01 Sep 8.00am

Deceased Oblates of Mary Immaculate [Fr Mike]

Tue 02 Sep 5.30pm

Terry, Bela & Pia [Sr. Carol]

Wed 03 Sep 8.00am *St Gregory the Great*

Bianca Parsons R.I.P. [Family]

Thu 04 Sep 5.30pm

Oblate Provincial

Fri 05 Sep 8.00am

Reagan Kin's Birthday [Family]

Sat 06 Sep 9.00am

Oblate Provincial

Sat 06 Sep 5.30pm

Janet Breda's Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

Sherwin Hurri's Birthday [Family]

Sun 07 Sep 7.00am

All Parishioners

Sun 07 Sep 9.00am

Jacqui Knutsen's Special Intention [Lilly & Betty]

Winnie Parsons' 82nd Birthday [Family]

Lawrence Couch R.I.P. [Family]

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Sun 31 Aug

10.30am Junior Catechism- Hall Complex

10.30am Grade 4 GIFT Program – Boardroom

5.00pm Senior Catechism- Hall Complex

Mon 01 Sep

6.30pm Men's League Meeting - Hall

Tue 02 Sep

9.00am St Monica's Parents' Group – Church

6.30pm S S V P Meeting - Hall

Wed 03 Sep

6.30pm Women of Faith Meeting - Hall

Thu 04 Sep

6.30pm General Choir Practice – Church

6.30pm TCC 2025 (Gr 11) Parent's Meeting –
Big Classroom

7.00pm RCIA 2026 Topic: The Church Year /
Places in a Catholic Church – Hall

Fri 05 Sep

8.30am to 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration - Church

7.00pm Senior Youth – Hall

Sat 06 Sep

9.00am Fatima Mass (Rosary at 8.30am)

ALL MASSES: Introduction to Stewardship

Sun 07 Sep **REPOSITORY OPEN after the 7am
& 9am Masses**

10.30am Umhlangano weNhliziyo kaJesu
(Sacred Heart Sodality) – Room 9

NOTICES:

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Dear Parishioners,

In conformity with canon law and the statutes of the
Archdiocese of Durban the majority of the council
was elected directly by parishioners while the
parish priest is permitted to then appoint a few
additional members. I can report that those I have
appointed are all taken from the nominees that
appeared on the ballot form and each one had also
received a good number of votes. Thank you for
your participation in this election process of the new
Parish Pastoral Council. Deacon Carl and myself
counted all the votes, verified the results and we
can now present to you, in alphabetical order all the
members of the new council:

Joseph CHAKANYUKA, Kyle DAVIES, Elizabeth
DHUNRAJ, Mervin EDDIE, Dean FIRMIN, Cathy
FRANKSON, Pearl GOODMAN, Seymour GREEN,
Leonie JACOBS, Joel LATULIPE-TUNLEY,
Rebecca PERUMAL and Gerhard VAN
KRATENBURG

Fr Mike

SOUTHERN CROSS MONTHLY MAGAZINE:

The September issue is available at R40 a copy.
See Headlines on the noticeboards.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Next Friday 5th
September is the First Friday of the month, and we
will again have Eucharistic Adoration after Mass,
from 8.30am to 6.30pm. Fill in your name against
your preferred time slot on the Commitment sheet.
Please note at a minimum of two parishioners are
required per hour. At no stage is the Blessed
Sacrament to be left without anyone in attendance.

ALPHA MARRIAGE EMRICHMENT COURSE {Rev1} - {Dinner Date Night}:

The Marriage Course is for couples who are
seeking to strengthen their relationship. Some
couples do the course to intentionally invest in their
relationship, others are looking to address more
specific challenges. Either way, the course offers
essential tools and practical ideas to help you build
a relationship that lasts a lifetime.

The course will run over 7 weeks on Wednesday
evenings @ 18.30pm. commencing 10 Sept 2025.
Venue : Elarish Restaurant
Cost : R100.00 per person per evening and a
once-off R100 for the Journal.

If you are interested, please complete the list at the
entrance of the church with your details. **Numbers
are limited to 10 couples. First come-First
served will apply.**

Responsorial Psalm Response: (Sat 5.30pm & Sun 9.00am)

***God, in your goodness,
you have made a home,
a home for the poor.***

