



**ST. JOHN FISHER
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Monday and Friday mornings from 09h00-14h00 only.

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday – Friday – 07h45 Liturgy of the Hour and Rosary.
 Monday – Friday – 08h30 – Holy Mass

TUESDAYS – NO MORNING PRAYERS OR MASS AS

THIS IS FATHER'S DAY OFF

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 18h00
 Sunday: 07h30 / 09h30 / 18h00 English
 Sunday: 11h00 Polish Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday: 17h00 to 17h45
 Week days - Before/after morning Mass
 or on request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Notice must be given at least six months before receiving the Sacrament of Marriage. The next Marriage Preparation Course will take place at Zwaaveelpoort Parish. Contact Msgr Marc de Muelenaere 073 255 8360. The MAP course is held on the 1st Saturday of Feb – May – Aug and Nov every year, and the cost is R700-00 per couple.

BAPTISMS

Notice for the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism has to be done at least one month before the Sacrament.

Please contact: MARIA BOTHA: 083 397 1064

POLISH COMMUNITY

ELZBIETA OSUCH: 082 770 0629
 MIETEK POLLUK: 083 250 5049

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE / CWL / FLOWERS / HALL

DELENE HOLT 082 560 2224 / 012-803 0287

ADULT ENQUIRY CLASSES

MARIE McCREA 079 692 0365 marie@cil.net
 MARIA BOTHA 083 397 1064 mariabotha2@gmail.com

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS AT ST JOHN FISHER

MARTIN BOTHA 072 255 6762 CASSIE BOTHA 083 397 1069

CATECHISM CLASSES

SUNDAYS 08H30 TO 09H30 THURSDAYS 17H15 TO 18H15
 FRANCIS WARD 0724197580 Kib@eyecare.co.za

**3 DECEMBER 2017
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR • B
THE SUNDAY MISSAL 387
THE DAILY MISSAL 30
PSALTER WEEK I**



Welcome to all our new parishioners. If you are intending to make St. John Fisher Parish your spiritual home, please complete a Data Information Form which can be found in the foyer of the church, so we can personally give you a warm welcome to the Parish. To all our visitors today ~ welcome and enjoy your visit. God bless.

WEEKEND DUTIES

SATURDAY 18H00 EME	JENNY PETERSSEN DOREEN WILSON
READERS	JAN D'OLIVEIRA LINDA WOLFF
MUSICIAN	MIKE BORGSTROM 0844311995
SUNDAY 07H30 EME	JAMES MCBRIDE KEVIN MCNAMARA
READERS	TREVOR LOVELL KUHLE MASEKO
MUSICIAN	DEBBIE FULTON 0823320825
09H30 EME	LILLIAN NAIDOO CHRIS ARUKWE
READERS	BERNARD BISCHOFF FATIMA ARUKWE
MUSICIAN	ALVIN NAIDOO 0837089070
18H00 EME	MARIA BOTHA LEANNE KIRKCALDY
READERS	SUZAN MADZIVHANDILA LUSANI MADZIVHANDILA
MUSICIAN	RALPH ENSLIN AND THE YOUTH 0824716481

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 18H00	Special Intention
SUNDAY 07H30	For the parish
SUNDAY 09H30	For all the sick of the parish
SUNDAY 11H00	For the Polish community
SUNDAY 18H00	In thanksgiving for our priests and blessing of grace and mercy upon them
MONDAY 08H30	Special Intention
WED 08H30	Special Intention
THURS 08H30	Holy Souls ☩Manuel Cruz de Nobrega
FRIDAY 08H30	Pray that the 2019 elections reconnect us to God's kingdom and its values. Matthew 6:11

Please take the leaflet home or place in the box provided in the foyer of the church

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.



That's why Advent has traditionally been known as a "little Lent." As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works. While the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church, both Catholic and Orthodox, continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas. Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast. Let us try and think more deeply about putting Christ back into Christmas.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR ADVENT AT

ALL MASSES DURING DECEMBER

This collection together with the Lenten Appeal goes to: Catholic Social Action, Welfare and Support Clergy, Religious Formation, Lay Apostolates Christian Formation Faith, Youth Ministry and Medical Aid for our priests.

Baptisms This week we welcome to our Catholic family:

NATHANIEL FARAI

8 DECEMBER 2017 @ 18H00

Parents with small children who are not going on holiday and would like their children to participate, be involved or help the organisers for the Carols by Candlelight Service please contact: Ntombi Zitha 0790485109 Lillian Naidoo 0834191588.



You are welcome to bring a picnic basket and drinks if you would like to spend some time in the garden (weather permitting) after the carols.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please write your Mass Intentions and preferred Mass time on an envelope and give to Father personally or place in the collection plate. Thank you and God bless.

POLISH EXHIBITION

The Polish Embassy and the Polish Ambassador will be hosting an exhibition on Saint Pope John Paul II at the

parish on the weekend of **10 December 2017** to which you are all invited. The **11h00 Mass will be in ENGLISH** and they will provide snacks and refreshments after Mass. We encourage you to attend this event and find out more about St. John Paul II who so enlightened the world.

GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOUR PARISH

We are looking for **CATECHISM TEACHERS** and extra **MUSICIANS** for next year! Please consider joining these portfolios and adding value to our already great teams.

CATECHISM CLASSES

An email has been sent out to all parishioners regarding a form to be filled in and returned via email or by placing your form in a box provided in the foyer of the church. This form is only if you have children attending a Catechism Class next year so if you have no children kindly ignore the mail. Many thanks

BIBLE DIARIES 2018

These have arrived and may be purchased from Fr. Bogdan, Maria Botha or Linda Wolff at **R110-00** each. Kindly place the **EXACT AMOUNT** into a closed envelope marked BIBLE DIARIES.

PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

We would like to thank all our parishioners who help to keep the church working with your generous donations. Should you wish to join the Planned Giving System and need envelopes for the rest of this year please take them from the foyer of the church. For those of you who wish to donate electronically (EFT) please see the banking details at the beginning of the bulletin.

LET US PRAY

Lord, we present our country South Africa before you. We exalt and bless you for all the blessings, the graces and love that you have given to us as a nation. Our country is now weighed down by various social, political and economic problems.

We ask you to join us in our boat to calm the storms in our nation.

May your grace challenge our nation and its leadership to repent and turn away from the sin of greed and corruption which is a result of the worship of money (Matthew 6:24)

Protect all those who are speaking out against greed, patronage and corruption.

Renew our nation and its leadership by the light of the Gospel.

Bless us with the values and the graces of your kingdom.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen

(This prayer is recommended by the Diocese to pray for 10 weeks)

