

5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
**YEAR A**  
**PSALTER WEEK II**

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. Fr. Bogdan

**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 in the bulletin.

"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence."



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALE FAMILY DAY	07/04
ST. MARTIN 1, POPE AND MARTYR	13/04
ST. MARCELLINUS	20/04
ST. ANSELM	21/04
ST. GEORGE & ST. ADALBERT	23/04
ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN	24/04
ST. MARK FREEDOM DAY	25/04 27/04

**ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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 Secretary: Sabie Pattinson 084 583 1206  
 Sabie works Monday and Friday mornings from 09h00-14h00



**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

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



**MORNING PRAYERS** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – 07h45 Liturgy of the Hour and Rosary. Holy Mass begins at 08h30

**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 MARRIAGE**

Notice must be given at least six months before receiving the Sacrament of Marriage. A MAP Course must be attended and confirmation given thereof. Contact Karin Human 0790362262 karintheassistant@gmail.com or Fr. Peter Switala 0722365070 for further details on these courses. Contact Karin Human for course dates ~ Cost R850-00 (Subject to change) per couple. Application forms are available from Sabie in the office here at the parish.

**BAPTISMS:** Notice for the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism has to be done at least one month before the Sacrament is received. Please contact:

MARIA BOTHA: 0833971064

**POLISH COMMUNITY**

ELZBIETA OSUCH: 082 770 0629

**WALL OF REMEMBRANCE / CWL**

FLOWERS & HALL DELENE HOLT 082 560 2224

**ADULT ENQUIRY CLASSES**

MARIE McCREA VD MERWE079 692 0365 marie@cil.net

MARIA BOTHA 083 397 1064 mariabotha2@gmail.com

**CATECHISM CLASSES – Compulsory for all children G1-G11.**

SUNDAYS 08H30 TO 09H30 THURSDAYS 17H15 TO 18H15 (FRANCIS WARD 0724197580 kib@eyecare.co.za). Please ensure your children ATTEND Mass every weekend as Catechism classes do not replace Holy Mass.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Kolade Ayo-Yusuf 0712758328 and Kiara Ragoonath 0833262325

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jan d'Oliveira 0824980614; Alvaro Peres 0824476231

**RENEW GROUPS:** Vanessa King 071 156 0499, and Lillian Naidoo 0834191588

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please write your Mass Intentions with the preferred Mass time on an envelope and give to Father personally or place in the collection plate.

**CAR GUARD:** We are looking to get new quotes for a security company to be contracted. Please be patient.

**THE PARKING GATES WILL BE CLOSED DURING MASS.**



**CATHOLIC LINK PASSION WEEK ~ PALM SUNDAY \* YEAR A**

**DEATH FREELY ACCEPTED**

In the full knowledge of inevitable persecution, torture and death, "Jesus set his face resolutely towards Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). To anticipate suffering and death is something we all know, although most of the time we're pretty good at sinking back into denial. If there is one thing Palm Sunday can teach us, in contemplating Jesus, it is that the only mature way to face death is to embrace it within God's embrace of us. Jesus never surrendered his deepest truth that he was the "beloved Son" of God, and so, having first admitted to the understandable and very human wish that "this cup should pass him by", he let go and surrendered himself completely to God with the words, "not my will but yours be done".

The popular and inspiring writer, Daniel O'Leary, wrote his last book during the six months he had between the diagnosis of cancer and his death. He entitled it, "Dancing to my Death with the Love Called Cancer". The following was written towards the end of that dance: "As the truth of my departure from this life becomes more obvious, and as I finally begin to accept that profound reality, unsuspected and timely patterns of awareness deepen. I thank you, dear tumour, for each new day as a pure gift from God, a bonus of newness. Without your arrival, dear tumour, I would never have been able to truly see, to become untwisted enough in my soul to recognise the divine beauty of my deepest being. Because of you I can try to live my life as abundantly as possible to the last beat of my pulse.

**Not everyone gets that blessed opportunity".**

These are courageous words. Mostly we see death as the number one enemy. Yet in a paradoxical sort of way, to embrace the certainty of one's death is to choose to live one's life to the full. It is to see life and everything it brings – even the unpleasant things – in the Light of God's plan for creation... and for us. Daniel O'Leary keeps thanking his "dear tumour" for helping him to face and let go of what he calls his "false self" and to live every last day of his life as his "true self"

Today Jesus enters Jerusalem, true to himself. Three years previously, alone for forty days in the desert he had rejected all temptation to settle for a false self that does not place God at the centre of life, that is not rooted in the absolute certainty of God's unconditional love. Jesus embraces his death for one reason only: LOVE. Think of what is probably the most famous verse in the Gospels, but think of it from Jesus' perspective, how he understood it, how he might have uttered it and fulfilled it: "For God so loved the world that he gave [me, his Son], so that whoever believes in [me] might not be lost but be saved (John 3:16). God is love. God is eternal. So, love is eternal. Love never dies. As we draw inspiration from the knowledge that Jesus "entered willingly into his passion", may we have the courage to reflect on our own inevitable death and, in doing so, choose to live our lives more abundantly.

**The Redemptorist Publications have very kindly send us the Catholic Link electronically up until the end of April. If you would like a copy please email the parish and I will send it to you. Sabie**

MONDAY ISAIAH 42:1-7 PSALM 27 JOHN 12:1-11	TUESDAY ISAIAH 49:1-6 PSALM 71 JOHN 13	WED: ISAIAH 50:4-9 PSALM 69 MATTHEW 26:14-25	THURS: EXODUS 12:1-18 11-14 PSALM 116 JOHN 13:1-15	FRIDAY ISAIH 52:13-53:12; PSALM 31 JOHN 18:1-19:42	SATURDAY GENESIS 22:1-18 PSALM 16 MATT 28:1-10	SUNDAY ACTS 10:34-37 43-44 PSALM 118 JOHN 20:1-9
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