

12th APRIL 2020
EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A
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. 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. 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	25/04
FREEDOM DAY	27/04
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA	29/04
FR. BOGDAN'S BIRTHDAY	29/04
OUR LADY, MOTHER OF AFRICA	30/04

ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 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

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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 012758328 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 HE IS RISEN! ~ THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD * YEAR A
GLORIES TO HEAR IT AGAIN



There's a lovely Easter story from the deep south of the United States. An old African American woman in Alabama passed a religious store whose front window displayed a picture of the Pietà – Michelangelo's statue of the dead Christ in his Mother's arms. She put her head round the door and called out to the shop attendant: "That Jesus in your window? That Jesus lying dead in his mother's arms?" "Yes." "He done been killed by da bad mans?" "Yes" "Dat poor Jesus! He dead? He dead and gone forever?" "Well no, he rose again from the dead." What He rise again? You mean he live again?" "Yes. You must have heard the story of the resurrection before." Then, with a big smile on her face, the old woman declared: "Oh yes, I done hear if before. I guess I done heard it a million times before. But I just *glories to hear it again!*"

To be a Christian is simply to glory in the wonder, the mystery and the majesty of the Resurrection of Christ. As St. Paul writes, "If Christ is not risen, then your faith is in vain." (1 Cor 15:17). Resurrection from death is incomprehensible to human understanding or scientific verification. For Christians, it is a matter of faith, indeed it is the one thing most central to everything that we believe. True, we are one with Jewish and Muslim fellow believers in acknowledging the one God revealed to Abraham. But the incarnation of the Word in the person of Jesus, his death and resurrection, and the mystery of the Trinity are what set us apart from others. But even that does not go far enough. Christianity is not merely a different set of doctrines that one is required to hold. It is also a way of life. Disciples of Jesus must be "FAB" people. "F"ait is manifest in "A"ttitudes and "B"ehaviour.

Let's apply this principle to the Resurrection.

By faith, we believe that Jesus died and rose again, revealing God's final victory of life over death. This must shape our attitude to life, to the reason for our existence. Life is a pure gift of God. Gratitude is the only appropriate response. To be grateful for each new day, to embrace it as an opportunity to "do something beautiful for God" (to quote Mother Teresa), is to have the attitude of a resurrection person. That in turn needs to be translated into behaviour: to act and behave in a way that is life-giving to others. Caring for those in need, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless – is to give them new life; a new chance at life.

Pope John Paul II spoke about developing a "culture of life" in response to our planet's preference for a "culture of death" (think abortion on demand, exploitation of the poor, human trafficking, and drug abuse, indeed everything that breathes death). Into this corruption Christians are challenged to "breathe" the new and risen life of Jesus. Resurrection is not just a noun, it's also a verb, in the sense that Christians proclaim and make real the Risen Life of Jesus amidst the ambiguities and tilted structures of our very fallen world... for we just glories to tell it again!



The Redemptorist Publications have very kindly sent 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 ACTS 2:14-22-33 PSALM 16 MATTHEW 28:8-15	TUESDAY ACTS 2:36-41 PSALM 33 JOHN 20:11-18	WEDNESDAY ACTS 3:1-10 PSALM 105 LUKE 24:13-35	THURSDAY ACTS 3:11-26 PSALM 8 LUKE 24:35-48	FRIDAY ACTS 4:1-12 PSALM 118 JOHN 21:1-14	SATURDAY ACTS 4:13-21 PSALM 118 MARK 16:9-15	SUNDAY ACTS 4:32-25 PSALM 118 JOHN 20:19-31
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Father Bogdan would like to let you know that he is thinking and praying for each one of you when he celebrates his daily Mass. Kaya and Aslan have been the perfect parishioners and watch his every move ☺ Again please keep Father in **your** prayers to stay healthy and safe as he is our precious priest who is always putting us first. He wishes you a very happy and Holy Easter and wishes he could greet you all personally but this year it is not to be! ☺

