17TH DECEMBER 2023
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR B
PSALTER WEEK III

PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

We would like to thank all our parishioners who help to keep the church working with your generous donations. For those of you who wish to donate electronically (EFT) please see the banking details in the bulletin.

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

16 SAINT MARY OF THE ANGELS
17 SAINT OLYMPIAS
18 SAINT FLANNAN
21 SAINT PETER CANISIUS

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA LED BY FR. THOMAS
09-17 OCTOBER 2024
PACKAGE PRICE R30995-00 PP SHARING (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US ON 0123420179
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"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and hear your voice. Help us Lord to focus on you. Amen

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Office Hours Tuesday |Wednesday | Thursday and Friday 09h00 to 14h00

MORNING PRAYERS
Tues, Wed, Thursday & Friday – 08h00 Rosary. Holy Mass begins at 08h30

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: Before or after morning Mass, by appointment or Saturday @ 16h00.

MONDAYS –FATHER'S DAY OFF ~ NO MORNING MASS

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday: 17h00 Sunday: 07h30 / 09h30 / 17h00. Polish Mass @ 14h30 on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Elzbieta Osuch - 082 770 0629

HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION WITH HOLY MASS @ 17H00 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Notice must be given at least six months before receiving the Sacrament of Marriage. A civil marriage done at Home Affairs or with a Registered Marriage Office is mandatory prior to receiving the Sacrament of Marriage. A MAP Course must be attended, and confirmation given thereof. Contact the parish office for details.

DATES OF MAP COURSES 2024

1	To be advised	To be advised

BAPTISMS: Fr. Thomas would like to meet you prior to the training session for baptism. Kindly contact Sabie or Teresa on 012 361 1561 Tues to Fridays 09h00-14h00 or on 084 583 1206. Then contact Maria Botha via WhatsApp on 083 397 1064 or mariabotha2@gmail.com with the names of the parents and child/children who are to be baptised. Notice for the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism must be done at least ***ONE*** month before the Sacrament is received.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTY: Please contact: Leanne Pillay 0843811930 and Margaret Marakalala 0797426666

FLOWERS: Gill Enslin – 082 499 3973

REPOSITORY OPENING TIMES: After all Masses over the weekend.

RCIA & ADULT ENQUIRY CLASSES: Please make an app. To see Fr. Thomas if you would like to attend these classes. Maria Botha – 0833971064 mariabotha2@gmail.com Marie McCrea van der Merwe 0796920365 mariea.mccrea@gmail.com

CATECHISM CLASSES 2024: Compulsory Gr 1 – Gr 11.
TERM 1 21 JANUARY -17 MARCH | TERM 2 5 MAY -9 JUNE TERM 3 7 JULY – 4 AUGUST | TERM 4 1 SEPTEMBER TO 15 SEPTEMBER TERM 5 6 OCTOBER TO 27 OCTOBER 2024
Nicki Koorbanally 082 835 9432 - nkoorbanally@gmail.com
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ALTAR SERVERS: Jan d'Oliveira 0824980614; Alvaro Peres 0824476231

READERS: Linda Wolff on 0836728024 or lindacwolff@gmail.com

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. The cost is R50-00 per intention.

KNIGHTS OF DA GAMA: Charlie Higgins C4 –0787843020
CARITAS: Charlotte Chellan 0844269841 - Linda Forson 0827898183

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SAT 17H00	FOR GOD'S GRACES AND BLESSINGS ON DAISY JACOBS AS SHE CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY

PRAYER LIST FOR ALL OUR ILL PARISHIONERS:

FRANK ALTON	THOMAS JOHNSON	DELENE HOLT	STELLA KLEB	DEACON FRANCIS
MARIA DE NOBREGA	JAN FOURIE	JAN D'OLIVEIRA	ROSE WILLIAMS	ROBERT OOSTHUIZEN
VERONICA WHEATER	MRS ZDENKA PELEGRIN	MR VLADIMIR PELEGRIN	HENRIETTA LANGMI	LORNA CAMERON
WILLIAM WOLFF				

NB. Please inform the parish office of sick parishioners not on the list so they too may receive pastoral care and prayers.

2ND COLLECTION 3-24 DECEMBER 2023 ARCHBISHOP'S ADVENT APPEAL THANK YOU TO ALL

HAPPIEST BIRTHDAY TO OUR PPC CHAIRMAN OWEN SMITH! Have a very blessed birthday Owen and may God's hand always be upon you and your family.

SECURITY INCIDENT AT ST. JOHN FISHER

It is with sadness and frustration that we have to report an incident of theft in Father Thomas' house. The perpetrator walked through the pedestrian gate and entered via the presbytery gate and into the house taking Father's laptop and money. Unfortunately we are going to have to keep ALL gates locked and should anyone need to enter the premises to visit the Garden of Remembrance or want to spend time to pray in the church we will have to do it by appointment only. A lot of security upgrades are in process but if one gate is open it defeats the object. So we apologise for any inconvenience caused but it is the times we are living in in this country.

PLEASE COME AND HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

If anyone would like to assist with decorating the Church for the Christmas period it will be most appreciated. If you are able to bring any extra decorations that will be wonderful. You can also take your decorations home after Christmas if you want to. Thanking you in advance.

CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE: Tickets will be on sale at all Masses. There will be: 2 Christmas cakes as 1st prize; 2 Turkeys as 2nd prize; 2 Gammons as 3rd prize. Cost R10 per ticket OR R20 for 3 tickets. Apologies for running out of tickets last weekend but they will be on sale again over this weekend.

SAFE TRAVELS: To all our parishioners who intend going on holiday over the Christmas period we wish you safe and blessed travels. May God's angels travel with you and bring you back home safe and sound.

BIBLE DIARIES 2024: AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE @ R100 PER COPY. CATHOLIC BIBLES FOR CHILDREN | ADULTS AND LITURGICAL ITEMS ARE AVAILABILE IN THE REPOSITORY OR FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. PRICING VARIES BETWEEN R200 – R350.

CWL BANKING DETAILS: ***Catholic Women's League, Standard Bank, The Grove 012445 A/c 01 220 7780.***

BOOKSALE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

We would like to thank ***Ian Kempthorne*** for his time and dedication to our bookstall over the last few years. Ian will no longer be available to continue with this portfolio. ***Inga*** will still be available but unfortunately will not be able to manage this project on her own. If you are willing and able (as sometimes it is heavy work) please contact the parish office 0123611561 or you can WhatsApp Sabie on 0845831206. Looking forward to hearing from you to join the team. Again thanks so much Ian and Inga.

UNFORTUNATELY THERE WILL BE NO BOOKSALE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024.

BAPTISM TRAINING DATE	BAPTISM DATE	BAPTISM TRAINING DATE	BAPTISM DATE
10/02/2024 |27/04/2024 10/08/2024	16/03/2024|11/05/2024 24/08/2024| 11h00-12h30	09/11/2024 TIMES 09H30 – 11H30	30/11/2024 TIMES 11H00-12H30

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2023-2024 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FRI 15/12/23	**CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT @18H00**	TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 26 DEC	NORMAL MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK
SATURDAY 23/12	NORMAL MASS TIME 17H00	SATURDAY 30 DEC	NORMAL MASS
SUNDAY 24/12	NORMAL 07H30 AND 09H30	SUNDAY 31 DEC 2023	NORMAL MASS TIMES 07H30; 09H30 AND 17H00
SUNDAY 24/12	VIGIL MASS 17H00	MONDAY 01/01/24	HOLY MASS AT 08H30
MONDAY 25 DECEMBER 2023	HOLY MASS AT 09H30 NB ONE MASS ONLY	TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 02/02/2024	NORMAL MASS TIMES 08H30