ST JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH
LYNNWOOD

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Monday and Friday mornings from 09h00–14h00

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
During the week before or after morning prayers.

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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. God bless.

WEEKEND DUTIES

SATURDAY 19H00 EME	**TERESA WITSON DOREEN WILSON**
READERS	**LINDA WOLFF MONICA CUTUGNO**
SATURDAY 23H30 EME	**DEON MYBURGH FERNANDO GERLI**
READERS	**LARA DE STADLER NATALIE DE STADLER**
09H30 EME	**ALVARO PERES ALAIN DUTHOIT**
READERS	**LILLIAN NAIDOO ARMAND GOUTONDJI**
18H00 EME	**NO MASS**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	**✞ Aldo Buffa ✞ Departed Buffa family ✞ Departed Sinovah Family**
CHRISTMAS DAY	**For all our parishioners – May the peace of Christ be with you all**

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 Zwaavelpoort Parish. Contact Msgr Marc de Meulenaere 073 255 8360. The MAP course is held Feb – May – Aug and Nov on the 1st Saturday of the month and the cost is R600-00 per couple.

BAPTISMS
Notice for the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism has to be done at least one month before the Sacrament. MARIA BOTHA: 083 397 1064

POLISH COMMUNITY
Elzbieta Osuch: 082 770 0629
Mietek Polluk: 083 250 5049

WALL OF REMBERANCE / CWL / FLOWERS AND HALL
DELENE HOLT 082 560 2224 / 012-803 0287

ADULT ENQUIRY CLASSES
MARIE McCREA 079 692 0365 marie@cil.net

CATECHISM CLASSES
SUNDAYS 08H30 TO 09H30 THURSDAYS 17H15 TO 18H15 FRANK ALTON 082 822 6083

YOUTH AT ST JOHN FISHER PARISH
Martin Botha 0722556762 Cassie Botha 0833971069

STATISTICS FOR 2016
Father has performed the following sacraments to date:
BAPTISMS ~ 51 Candidates 1ST HOLY COMMUNION ~ 37 Candidates CONFIRMATIONS ~ 47 Candidates WEDDINGS ~ 7 Couples FUNERALS ~ 19

Dear Friends
This year seems to have come and gone in the blink of an eye! Christmas is upon us once again and it is time to welcome Our Lord Jesus Christ well and truly into our hearts and souls.
This year has been a very successful year in so far as the people in our parish have once again proven to be an incredible support not only to me but to the church and our parishioners. How does one begin to thank everyone for what they do in their precious time when they could be relaxing and enjoying themselves? Our parish can only survive with the help of everyone who perform a myriad of duties.
We have been able to refurbish the former "pre-school" building under the keen and watchful eye of experts, keep maintenance of the gardens and other buildings in check, make plans for a new grotto and think about next year when the priest's house will be fixed and we are so very grateful to the members of this parish who are so generous in their weekly donations. It does make one very secure to know the finances of the parish are in good order.
We are able to make our monthly commitments to the Archdiocese and our sister parish without any worry at all not to mention the running of the church.
We have had numerous baptisms, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmations, funerals and weddings that have kept us all on our toes and thank you to all who made these sacraments as successful as they were.
Duty lists for readers, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers have been diligently provided. Tea each Sunday brings parishioners together. The musicians never let a Mass go by without their wonderful music. The CWL help provide meals and clothes for those less fortunate in our community. The altar is always immaculate with the constant help of the sacristans. Funds are raised by an excellent social committee who are forever thinking up new ways to delight the parish and our gardens look spectacular.
We have had a thriving Renew Group, speakers sharing their knowledge and an amazing Year of Mercy.
We can't go without a time when things do not run according to our wishes and it is so that I cannot leave out a time of worry.
In October I did have a rather stressful discovery of cancer and thanks be to God have been cleared to date. I cannot express my sincere thanks enough to all who rallied around me either by bringing meals and gifts for by simply giving me the space to come to terms with it. As I have said in my sermons it is never incidental or "good luck" that one is where they are at a moment in time. I was here to be able to recover as quickly as I did with the support of all of you. For this I thank you!
2017 will be here before we know it and Easter will soon have come and gone.
I would like to wish you all a very blessed and holy Christmas and a wonderful and successful New Year.
I end off with a saying by Saint Mother Teresa:

I can do THINGS *you cannot,*
You can do things I cannot,
TOGETHER *we can do* GREAT THINGS

Yours in Christ Father Bogdan Wilkaniec (SChr)

TIMETABLE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

DATE	EVENT
24/12/2016 19H00	CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S AND ELDERLY PARISHIONER'S MASS
24/12/2016 22H00	POLISH CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
24/12/2016 24H00	MIDNIGHT MASS
25/12/2016 07H30	**NO MASS**
25/12/2016 09H30	ENGLISH MASS
25/12/2016 11H00	POLISH MASS
25/12/2016 18H00	**NO EVENING MASS**
26/12/2016 08H30	NORMAL WEEKDAY MASS
31/12/2016 18H00	MASS
01/01/2017	NORMAL MASS TIMES WILL APPLY 07H30 / 09H30 / 11H00 / 18H00

HOLIDAY SEASON
As the year draws to a close many of our parishioners will be preparing to go away on holiday. We pray that you all travel safely and return to Pretoria in good health after your well-deserved rest. May the peace of Christ be with you all over the period of Christmas. God bless Fr Bogdan

THANK YOU
The winners of the raffle were:
Christmas Cake: Maria Botha / James Moore.
Whole turkey: Fatima da Silva / Louis vd Merwe
Gammon: Wilma Giovanni & Meredith Greyling
Many thanks to all who supported us in buying tickets as this was the gift to Father Bogdan from the parish!