



## LITURGY OF THE MASS VESTMENT COLOUR PURPLE

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C, 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS**

We wish you a blessed New Year! Yes, indeed: in the eyes of the Christian community we are beginning a new liturgical year. We call it the season of Advent. It is all about the coming of the Son of God into our world in the past, and his coming to mark the end of that world in the future. Both comings mark a new age. Our God says: 'I am making all things new'. At this time, we are all called to renewal: or, better still, we are all called to experience newness of life. So today, we begin a time of waiting.... not just waiting for something to turn up... but waiting for someone to show his face. We await the coming of Jesus a real person who can change our lives. There is a note of high hope about this Advent season.

### **HEADINGS FOR READINGS**

First Reading (Jer 33:14-16). The Lord promises hope to a dispirited nation. The foundation-stones of this renewal are honesty and integrity.

Second Reading (1 Thess 3:12-4:2). As Paul and his community in Thessalonica prepare for the Lord's coming, he urges them to concentrate on the only value that matters, love. In this way they will be living the kind of life God wants them to live.

Gospel (Lk 21:25-28, 34-36). When faced with the fear of uncertainty in relation the end of our lives, there is one sure way to gain confidence: "Stay awake, and pray for strength".

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Let us pray today for the strength to make this advent a time of wholehearted preparation for the coming of Jesus into our hearts this Christmas.

### **RESPONSE: LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.**

1. For Christian leaders throughout the world: that they may witness to the values of integrity and justice in all their decisions. Lord, hear us.
2. For Christian families: that they may help their children this advent to prepare in a special way for Jesus' birth. Lord, hear us.
3. For those who see no meaning in Christmas: that they may derive some support and encouragement from Christian neighbours this advent. Lord, hear us.
4. For those who have died: that their time of waiting may give way to a joyful recognition of him whom they have longed to meet. Lord, hear us.
5. For our own private intentions. Lord, hear us.

God, our Father, we ask you to look with kindness on these our prayers. Fill our hearts with courage and eager longing, so that when Christmas comes, we will be found watching and waiting, and ready to receive the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **COMMUNION REFLECTION**

Christ has given himself to us in this Eucharist. In doing so he gives us both the sign and the promise that he is with us in every situation in our lives. Recalling a joyful moment, we can say "That was a gift, brought to me by Christ". Facing a difficult problem, we can lay it before him in trust, knowing that he is with us also there. This

is the same Christ who will come to meet us at the final moment of death, so let us thank him now for the life which is already ours, and the life to which he will invite us then and let us ask him to be with us always, Come, Lord Jesus.

## PRAYER FOR RECEIVING A SPIRITUAL HOLY COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE APPEAL



The members of the Catholic Women's League would like to sincerely thank all the Lynnwood Parishioners who have so generously donated to our Food Parcel Project during the Covid Pandemic. With the money received we were able to make a big difference in the lives of the needy in Mamelodi, Eersterust and Madidi – a mission station in Winterveld. As you know, this pandemic is still with us and so is the need for food relief! If you are able to donate funds towards our Food Parcel Project, please deposit into our account as follows:

Catholic Women's League, Standard Bank, The Grove 012445 Account number – 01 220 7780.  
Your reference – CWL Food Parcels

*May God bless you all and please TAKE CARE!*

### READERS AND MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MASS	MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST	READERS
SAT 17H00	JENNY PETERSSEN	SANDRA PAYNE AND MEGAN SCHULDT
SUN 08H00	KEVIN MCNAMARA MARGARET MARAKALALA	ANTON VEST BERNARD BISCHOFF
SUN 09H30	DAISY JACOBS LEO DITOMBI	SHANNON SMITH MEGAN SMITH
SUN 17H00	MARIA BOTHA	KIKI MACFARLANE VANESSA KING

# NEWS

*From Our Church*

## MASS TIMES

SATURDAY EVENING @ 17H00  
 SUNDAY MORNING @ 08h00 AND 09H30  
 SUNDAY MORNING @ 11H00 *POLISH MASS*  
 SUNDAY EVENING @ 17H00

WEEKDAY MASSES: MON ~ WED ~ THURS ~ FRI @ 08H30 MORNING ROSARY IN THE WEEK BEGINS @ 08H00

*NO MASS ON A TUESDAY MORNING AS THIS IS FATHER BOGDAN'S DAY OFF.*

### YOU ARE INVITED TO:

**WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2021 @ 18H00 IN THE CHURCH**

*Please remember to bring a candle and a drip tray to this carol service. The children are most welcome to dress up as any nativity character they choose to be and we would love them to sit on and around the altar area during this service. Please encourage your child/children to take part.*

*There will be short readings and good carols to enjoy!*



### AMENDED TIME~TABLE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2021 / 2022

DATE	MASS TIMES
CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY 24/12/2021	CAROLS AT 18H30 HOLY MASS AT 19H00 IN THE PARISH GARDENS WEATHER PERMITTING
CHRISTMAS DAY - SATURDAY 25/12/2021	HOLY MASS AT 08H00 ~ 09H30 ~ 11H00 POLISH
<b>THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	
26/12/2021 SUNDAY	HOLY MASS 08H00 ~ 09H30 ~ 11H00 <b>NO EVENING MASS</b>
27/12/2021 MONDAY	HOLY MASS AT NORMAL TIME 08H30 ONLY
01/01/2022 SATURDAY	HOLY MASS AT 17H00
02/01/2022 SUNDAY	HOLY MASS 08H00 ~ 09H30 ~ 11H00 POLISH 17H00
03/01/2022	HOLY MASS AT NORMAL TIME 08H30







## CATECHISM TEACHERS MEETING

This will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 @ 09h00 in the parish hall.

*A special THANK YOU to our teachers who give so much of their time to teach the faith. Our Lord and His Holy Mother Mary will always look lovingly upon you and bless you all.*

## A Prayer for our Catechists

Loving God, Creator of all things, you call us to be in relationship with you and others. Thank you for calling me to be a catechist, for the opportunity to share with others what you have given to me. May all those with whom I share the gift of faith discover how you are present in all things. May they come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips, so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you. May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth. May all my words and actions reflect your love. Amen



**This week we welcome to our Catholic family:**

**ANGELINA RAQUEL DIAS-BARNARD AND LEIA QUICK**

**We welcome Deacon Callum who will be administering this sacramen**

**Dear Lord, protect this child throughout each night and day, bless him as a Child of God, and guide him in Your way. God's blessings on his Baptismal Day and always. Amen**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Please make an appointment for Confession during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## 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.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Notice must be given at least six months before receiving the Sacrament of Marriage.

**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

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

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

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Nicki Koorbanally 0828359432 nkoorbanally@gmail.com

## **BIBLE DIARIES HAVE ARRIVED.**

These contain daily scripture, prayers and reflections.

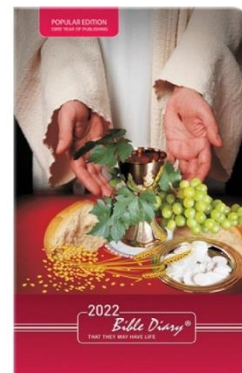
**Price: R140 each.**

CASH payments, please place your cash in an envelope marked "BIBLE DIARY" Please hand to either:

**Linda Wolff, Fr. Bogdan or Maria Botha.**

**Please note: NO EFT PAYMENTS!**

**Thank you in advance. God bless.**





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 add you to our data information list and to our weekly bulletin mailing list. To all our visitors today ~ welcome and enjoy your visit. God bless. Fr. Bogdan



To all our parishioners who are continuing to support us by your donations it is most appreciated. God bless Fr. Bogdan.

### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Mike Odongi 0797668678 or 0656897179 is looking for a 3 bedroom house with a garage and parking for two vehicles close to the parish. If you can assist please contact Mike at the above numbers.

If you have changed any details there are data information forms in the foyer of the church or send us an email to: [lynwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:lynwoodparish@gmail.com)

### SAINTS OF THE DAY

SUNDAY	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHE
MONDAY	SERVANT OF GOD JOHN OF MONTE CORVINO
TUESDAY	ST. ANDREW
WEDNESDAY	WORLD AIDS DAY BLESSED CLEMENTINE ANUARITE BLESSED JOHN OF VERCELLI
THURSDAY	<u>BLESSED RAFAL CHYLINSKI</u>
FRIDAY	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
SATURDAY	ST. JOHN DAMASCENE

### *HISTORY AND LIVES OF OUR SAINTS*



Melchor Chyliński was born on 8 January 1694 in the Crown of the Kingdom of Poland to Jan Chyliński and Marianna Małgorzata; his relations often nicknamed him as "the little monk" due to his pious nature.<sup>[1]</sup> He later graduated from the Jesuit-run College in Poznań and decided to enter the armed forces in its cavalry section where he was made an officer three years later.

On 4 April 1715 - despite the objections of his comrades - he joined the Order of Friars Minor Conventual in Kraków and changed his name during the course of his novitiate to "Rafal". He was ordained to the priesthood in December 1717 after having made his perpetual profession on 26 April 1716.

He was assigned to parishes in nine separate cities before being sent to the place that he would spend the remainder of his life in and he distributed food and clothing to the poor and sick people

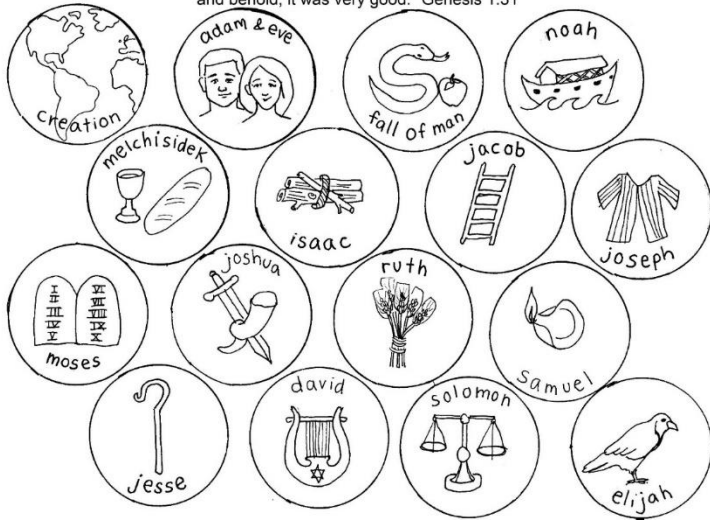
there; he also played the harp and the lute as well as the mandolin for liturgical hymns and spent 20 months in Warsaw ministering to epidemic victims. He was also known for his simple and candid sermons and for being an apt confessor. He died on 2 December 1741.



# The Jesse Tree: Explanation for Catholic Families

What is Jesse Tree? Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for Advent by journeying through the stories on Jesus's family tree. Each day of Advent, read a Bible story about someone on Jesus's family tree and hang an ornament symbolizing the story on your Jesse Tree. Ask your mom or dad to help you understand the Jesse tradition and look it up on Google.

God made us and loves us. "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31



COLOUR THESE SYMBOLS IN AND HANG THEM ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE



Random Acts of Christmas Kindness 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<sup>1</sup> Put change in a vending machine.	<sup>2</sup> Hold the door for someone.
<sup>3</sup> Do a chore for someone you love.	<sup>4</sup> Let someone go ahead of you in line.	<sup>5</sup> Take in a neighbor's trash cans.	<sup>6</sup> Send a card to a loved one.	<sup>7</sup> Tell a joke to make someone laugh.	<sup>8</sup> Donate food to a local food bank.	<sup>9</sup> Donate supplies to a pet shelter.
<sup>10</sup> Donate books to your library.	<sup>11</sup> Donate toys to a children's hospital.	<sup>12</sup> Put money in a Salvation Army bucket.	<sup>13</sup> Donate a new toy to Toys for Tots.	<sup>14</sup> Take cookies to the fire department.	<sup>15</sup> Donate stuffed animals to the police.	<sup>16</sup> Sing Christmas Carols at a nursing home.
<sup>17</sup> Hand out gloves and mittens to the homeless.	<sup>18</sup> Offer to return someone's shopping cart.	<sup>19</sup> Hide a few dollar bills around the Dollar Store.	<sup>20</sup> Offer to take the neighbor's dog for a walk.	<sup>21</sup> Smile at everyone you see today.	<sup>22</sup> Compliment at least five people today.	<sup>23</sup> Make a card for a soldier.
<sup>24</sup> Tell five people that Jesus loves them!	<sup>25</sup> Merry Christmas!					



## THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen ~ Pope Francis.

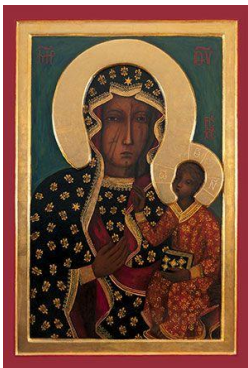
## PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SYNOD IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PRETORIA

**Leader:** Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

**All:** And kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Leader:** Let us pray God our Father and our Creator, you have called us in Baptism to be faithful members of your Church. Send your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us during our Archdiocesan Synod. Enkindle us with the flame of Faith, Love and Hope so that we may truly become an evangelising community serving God, Humanity and all Creation. Enable us to listen to your Word as we discern the needs of our local Church as missionary disciples of the Gospel who are called to bring good news to all people. Help us to open our hearts and minds to discern your will, to listen to each other, to work together and to become the Church that you call us to be. We entrust our Synod to the grace and mercy of the Most Sacred Heart of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN

*If you would like to participate in this synod please give your name and contact details to Father or Sabie in the parish office.*



**PARISH PRIEST: FR. BOGDAN WILKANIEC (SChr)**

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### **BANKING DETAILS**

Name: St. John Fisher Catholic Church Account No. 011930071

Bank: Standard Bank. Branch: Lynnwood Ridge 012445

Chair: Imade Ayo-Yusuf 084 621 0727 / Secretary: Sabie Pattinson 084 583 1206

**GO IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST, STAY SAFE AND MAY GOD BLESS US ALL!**

