

Parish Notices

There will be a **second collection** for the *Advent Appeal* at all Masses *this weekend 16/17 December* and at all weekend Masses during *Advent*. Proceeds go towards the Clergy Benevolent Fund, which takes care of the various needs of the Clergy especially those who are retired over a long period. Envelopes are available in the Church foyer.

The latest issue of the **Living Faith** for January to March will only be available in the repository from next weekend, 23/24 December 2017.

If you have a **single bed** (in good condition) that you would like to donate to someone in need, please contact the parish office.

Admin Assistant for Convent Frail Care Facility: Part time (30hrs per week: 06h45 to 12h45 weekdays). Please deliver application letter with CV, copies of ID & driver's licence, and details of contactable references (including your parish priest) by hand to: Sr Teresa Keenan, 14 Buckingham Road, Mount Croix or by email to: msabuck@telkomsa.net. Applications close 5 January 2018. Please contact Ann at the parish office if you would like more details.

The **new Planned Giving boxes** are available in the church foyer. The new Planned Giving year starts on 1 January 2018 and runs through to the end of February 2019. Please use only the new envelopes from 1 January, because your Planned Giving numbers may have changed. For more details, please contact the parish office after 8 January 2018.

Flower Arrangers needed: If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry, please contact Desiré on 083 948 0117. She is prepared to give training in this area, if needed.

Please note that there are **collection boxes on either side of the double-doors at the back of our Church** for donations to the SVDP (on the right as you leave the Church); and for donations towards the flower arrangements (on the left as you leave the Church).

Regular food donation to St Vincent de Paul: Next week, you are requested to bring sugar beans for samp to Mass to put in the box at the back of the church. See list on the notice board in the church foyer for the items required each month.

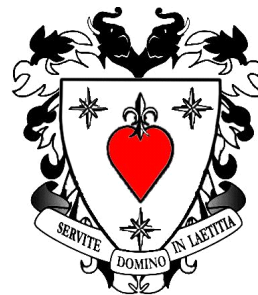
Parish Office: the parish office will be closed from Monday 18 December 2017 until Friday 5 January 2018 (including these dates).

Church Opening: The parish church will not be open for extended hours on weekdays, while the parish office is closed, from Monday 18 December 2017 until Friday 5 January 2018 (including these dates).

Wedding Anniversaries for this week! Congratulations to

Alan & Mary Rathbone—31 yrs on 16/12
Mike & Pri Bladen—39 yrs on 16/12
Mike & Margaret Wright—50 yrs on 16/12
Daffy & Charmaine de Freitas—56 yrs on 16/12
Adri & Lindy Barkhuysen—29 yrs on 17/12
Neil & Val Crossman—40 yrs on 17/12

Graham & Nicky Gouws—18 yrs on 18/12
Denis & Lea Brislin—46 yrs on 18/12
Rian & Yvonne Lotz—52 yrs on 18/12
Wayne & Gayle Jones—24 yrs on 19/12
Mark & Mary Exley—30 yrs on 19/12
Kevin & Anita Gripper—30 yrs on 19/12



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Sunday 17 December 2017 : 3rd Sunday of Advent (B)

Mass/Devotion Times	General Information
<p>Sunday Masses</p> <p>Saturday 18:00 (Vigil) <i>Gregorian Chant</i></p> <p>Sunday 07:00 <i>Said</i> 08:30 <i>Choir</i> 10:00 <i>Extraordinary Form Latin with Chant</i> 11:00 <i>Walmer Township</i> 18:00 <i>Youth</i></p> <p>Sunday Readings <i>Daily Missal 70 Sunday Missal 444</i> <i>Collins – Old 395 New 501 Roman Missal 104</i> <i>Ext. Form: 3rd Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p>Weekdays (please use Fordyce Rd entrance) Mon-Fri: 08:30 & 17:30 Sat: 08:30</p> <p>Confessions 20 mins before all Sun. morning Masses; Sunday evenings from 17:30; Saturdays from 17:00; Fridays 16:30-17:20 at other times on request.</p> <p>Solemn Vespers Sunday 17:00</p> <p>Exposition <i>Friday</i> 16:30 <i>Saturday</i> 17:00</p> <p>Benediction <i>Saturday</i> 17:40 <i>Sunday</i> 17:30</p>	<p>The Parish is served by the Fathers and Brothers of the Port Elizabeth Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri (see foot of the page)</p> <p>Parish Staff</p> <p>Parish Administrator: Fr Jonathan Vermaak Permanent Deacon: Rev. John Slim 041 582 2580 / 073 2000 511 Parish Assistant: Mrs Rita Mitchell (h) 041 373 5894 Parish Secretary: Mrs Ann Mowatt (cell) 073 247 1316 Emergency Only Number 078 514 5275</p> <p>Office hours: Mon-Fri: 09:00-12:00 Office Tel: 041 581 2035</p> <p>First Friday On the first Friday of each month we focus on the devotion to Our Lord's Sacred Heart, according to his promises to St Margaret Mary Alacoque. Masses are celebrated at the altar of the Sacred Heart.</p> <p>Divine Mercy Monday after the 08:30 Mass</p> <p>Rosary Tuesday—Saturday after the 08:30 Mass</p> <p>Psalm response: My soul shall exult in my God.</p>

Very Rev. Fr Gregory Mitchell (Provost) • Fr Grant James (Vice-Provost) • Fr Johnny Johnson
Fr Phillip Vietri • Fr Jonathan Vermaak • Fr Lewis Berry • Fr Xolisa Mafu • Fr Henry Ezenwanne
Fr Cyriacus Okoro • Fr Michael Theron • Fr Thando Jokozela • Fr Arinze Okeke

Novices: Br Paul Onwuegbuchulam • Fr Stephen Ilechukwu

Sat	<i>For 3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	18:00	Donor's intentions
Sun	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	07:00	<i>Pro populo</i>
		08:30	For a special intention (Vincent Green)
		10:00	Donor's intentions
		18:00	In thanksgiving on our 50th wedding anniversary (Mike & Margaret Wright)
Mon	<i>Feria</i>	08:30	Mario & Ida Boezio RIP (Boezio family)
	O LEADER	17:30	Donor's intentions
Tues	<i>Feria</i>	08:30	Donor's intentions
	O ROOT OF JESSE	17:30	Michael-jon Scott RIP (His family)
Wed	<i>Feria</i>	08:30	Intentions of Naomi and Joseph Mitchell (Their family)
	O KEY OF DAVID	17:30	Donor's intentions
Thurs	<i>Feria / St Peter Canisius</i>	08:30	Intentions of Theresa Waldek (Mowatt family)
	O EMMANUEL	17:30	Intentions of Francesca Micilotta (Boezio family)
Fri	<i>Feria</i>	08:30	John Ferrant RIP
	O KING OF THE NATIONS	17:30	For a special intention (Boezio family)
Sat	<i>Feria / St John of Kanty</i>	08:30	Intentions of Claude & Branda West
	<i>For 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	18:00	Intentions of Misheck Mpfu (Roy & Gaynor Laurie)
Sun	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	07:00	<i>Pro populo</i>
		08:30	In thanksgiving (Green family)
		10:00	Intentions of Nicholas & Naomi Mitchell (Their family)
	<i>Christmas Vigil</i>	18:00	Intentions of the Oratory Fathers
	<i>Mass of Christmas Night</i>	23:00	For the Holy Father Pope Francis

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Sunday	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Ages 3 to 6) resumes on Sunday 28 January 2018. LIFE TEEN (Grs 8-12) resumes on Sunday 28 January 2018.	
Monday	Divine Mercy Devotions after 08:30 Mass.	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	Catechism classes (Grs 3 & 4) resumes on Friday 26 January 2018. EDGE (Grs 5 -7) resumes on Friday 26 January 2018.	
Saturday		

Rejoice

IN THE *Lord* ALWAYS.

I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:

Rejoice!
-PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Gaudete Sunday

On the third Sunday of Advent we "rejoice" (*Gaudete* in Latin) that the great feast of Christmas is drawing near.

As a sign that the penitential spirit of Advent, symbolised by the purple colour used at Mass, will soon to give way to the joy of the Lord's birth, lighter rose coloured vestments are traditionally worn on this day.



In the days leading up to the Christmas feast we honour the coming Lord under a series of titles from the Old Testament in the traditional "O Antiphons" (*listed on page 2*). They are used in the Alleluia at Mass each day, and also in the Divine Office, the daily prayer said by priests and religious.

The ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...
Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me according to Thy Word. Hail ...
And the Word was made Flesh

And dwelt amongst us. Hail Mary....

Pray for us O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.



PRAYER LIST Of your charity, please pray for:

Silvia Warwick; Liz Glass; Michael Hechter; Nicholas Camp; Ruth Coupe; Othandwayo Tyokwana; James Chapman; Kirsty Henderson; Brydie Dolan; Desiree Cornell; Glenda Mandy; Shane Merifield; Edith Staltz; Melanie Gertenbach; Harry O'Brien; Sean Bateman; Tony Hall; David Hall; Brian Dawson; Jenny Cullum; Drew von Bratt; Val Duigan; Patrick Talbot; William Chapman; Vic Gradwell; Robert Dale; Elizabeth West; Tony Stephens; Don Robertson; Jacqueline Moore; Alain de Robillard; Andree Desterbecq; George Randall; Denise Cornish; Stella Rensburg; Mark West; Elizabeth Black; Kay Carr; Alys Nagle; Sandra Ferreira; Maureen Hackney; Sr M. Illytd; Michael Sullivan; Kathy Brown; Thomas Radley; Mary-Ann Silva; Clinton Ashworth; Butch Green; Graham Stanton; Wilma Vancoillie; Pam Morton; Joey Kapelus; Ronnie Smith; Elaine Herholdt; Brian Duigan; Angie Betz; Kurt Kruger; Brian Sullivan; Misheck Mpfu; Dianne Shaddock.