

Parish of the Immaculate Conception

20 January 2019

Mission: To fulfil Christ's command to evangelise all people.

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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5.30 pm English

Sunday: 8.30 am English

11.30 am Zulu

5.00 pm English

Confessions

Saturday: 4.30 pm

Sunday: 11.00 am Zulu

And on request

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Mass intentions this Sunday 20 January 2019

- 17:30 Pious Lists †
 08:30 Larissa Raman †; Emmah, Simon
 Ngcobo and children †
 11:30 Ex Mass Intention forms
 17:00 Pro Populo – for the people

Monday

- 18:00 **Mass.** Connie da Silva †;
 19:00 RCIA – U/hall
 19:00 **Core Team meeting** – M/room

Tuesday

- 06:30 **Communion Service**
 19:00 Baptism class '1' – U/hall

Wednesday

- 08:00 **Mass.** Stan Oliver †
 16:00 Catechism Gr R - 7
 17:30 Confirmation (final year)
 19:00 Parish finance meeting

Thursday

- 18:00 **Mass.**

Friday

- 09:00 **Mass.**
 10:00 Seniors – Lower hall
 10:00 **Life Teen**

Saturday

- 09:00 ACTS Core Team retreat – U/hall
 09:00 Sacred Heart - L/hall
 16:00 N/A meeting M/room
 16:30 Confession
 17:30 **Mass.** Blessing of teachers and learners; Special collection

3rd Sunday Ordinary time Year C – Blessing of teachers and learners at all Masses

- 08:30 **Mass.** Special collection
 09:30 Bacon and egg
 10:00 **Zulu catechism and RCIA**
 11:00 Confession
 11:30 **Mass.** Special collection
 13:30 CWU meeting – L/hall

17:00 **Mass.** Special collection

Announcements

1. Sunday Feeding the Poor

19/20 Jan. Please place your donation/s in the trolley in the church entrance.

2. Baptism class '1' this

Tuesday 22 January at 7.00 p.m. for parents who have had a meeting with Fr Michael.

3. Confirmation retreat – 26/27 January

URGENT Please return signed indemnity forms and pay by THIS Monday 21 January latest.

4. Special collections will be held next weekend the 26/27 January and 16/17 February at all Masses to cover costs for the lunch for parishioners and special guests attending Dc (Fr) Simon Sibisi's first Mass celebration on 3 March.

5. Worldwide calendars Please note that the orders for these calendars closed on 31 October 2018. No new orders are being accepted. If you have ordered and paid after the closing date please collect your money from the repository.

6. Weekday and Weekend rosters for March to May will be prepared shortly. Please contact Jane Grimett on 072 147 8070 if you are going to be away during that period.

7. GriefShare Myth: I just want to be left alone *Fact: Isolation makes your grief more intense.* Don't go through the grieving process alone. First meeting this year begins on 2 February at 9.00 a.m. with a session on 'Loss of a Spouse' Contact Charmaine on 084 575 6006 or Cynthia on 082 374 7033 for support or more info.



8. Confirmation 3 February 2019

☞ *'Bring and Share tea'*: Parishioners are invited to the confirmation celebration tea after the 8.30 a.m. Mass and are asked to bring a plate of eats. Plates of sandwiches and savoury items will be most welcome.

☞ *'Bakers for Confirmation'* If you are able to supply eats for the Confirmation celebration tea please contact the office on 031 702 7337.

9. Fr Brett Williams

We will be welcoming Fr Brett Williams as our main celebrant for Confirmation this year.

10. Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the February programme beginning with a weekend on 8-10 February. Call 082 850 0500 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com. to register.

11. New Servers' are expected to attend the compulsory training on 16 February at 9.00 a.m.



12. Engaged Encounter

All wishing to marry in our Archdiocese must give six months' notice to their parish priest and attend the Engaged Encounter weekend. Next week-end 22-24 February.

13. Dates to diarise

Reception of Bishop Abel Gabuza:

10 February – 10.00 a.m. at St Henrys

Our Mass time will be 8.00 a.m. on the day. No Zulu Mass.

Ordination to the Priesthood – Dc. Simon Sibisi:

2 March–10.00 a.m. at Emmanuel Cathedral

3 March – 9.00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass in Pinetown.

14. Catechism attendance Parents are reminded that children are not permitted to skip any grades between receiving the sacraments i.e. Grade 3, to Confirmation and will have to repeat the grades which they have missed. Having to repeat grades with children younger than themselves causes a lot of unhappiness. Playing sport is not considered a valid excuse for missing catechism. 90% attendance is a compulsory requirement for receiving the sacraments.

15. New Life Teen 'Core' team members

If you're a confirmed, enthusiastic, committed Catholic wishing to share the faith with the teens of our parish please contact Fr Michael or Dc Trevor re becoming a Core Team member of Life Teen. Life Teen (senior catechism class) meets every Friday evening at 7.00 p.m. during the school terms.

16. Senior parishioners meet every Friday at 10.00 a.m. in the lower parish hall. For more information contact Pat MacLeod on 031 701 7094.

17. Lifts for 'Seniors' please contact Pat MacLeod on 072 2156323 if you're able to assist with lifting to and from the Church or to local outings.

18. Mass Intentions 2019 – Those wishing to book Masses for 2019 may contact the office.

19. Hay Hoe December winners

Hamper: Wilma Wright; *Car washes:* Allen Grimett and Hilton Rinkwest Thank you for supporting the parish.

20. Catholic Schools office 2019 workshops

See list of workshops in small glass notice board outside the office. Application forms available from the parish office.

21. Hall and meeting room booking

It is of the *utmost importance* that any group wishing to use the parish facilities contact the parish office re: availability. Please confirm bookings that have been made and appear in the 'Year Planner'. Pre-arrangements have to be made regarding any special 'set-ups' that may be required, the collection of keys, use of projector etc.

22. Adoration Please contact Veronica Crosby on 083 516 8438 if you wish to join this ministry.

23. Pray for all on the January sick list, the frail, disabled and house-bound.

24. Hospital care Please advise the parish office if you or a family member will be or have been admitted to hospital so that we can provide pastoral care.

25. Catholic funerals Parishioners are reminded to inform the parish office immediately upon the death of a loved one. Please see Fr. Michael before any arrangements are made with the Funeral Home.

26. Repository Southern Cross R10.00; *Living Faith Jan.-Mar. '19* R23; Trefoil R15. Cards, rosaries, bibles, medals etc. on sale every weekend after Mass.

