

Parish of the Immaculate Conception

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

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03 March 2019

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 English

Sunday: 11.00 am Zulu

And on request

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Mass Intentions this Sunday 03 March 2019

17:30 Pro Populo – For the People

09:00 Cyril Makhoba †

17:00 Pro Populo

Monday

18:00 **Mass.** Pious Lists †

19:00 Core Team meeting - *M/room*

19:00 RCIA – *U/hall*

19:00 ACTS men form. – *L/hall*

Shrove Tuesday

06:30 **Communion Service**

18:30 Pancakes in the hall

Wednesday -Lent Begins- Ash Wednesday

– Day of Fast and Abstinence

09:00 **Mass.** Joan Tribe †

11:00 **Mass.** St Benedict School

16:00 Gr R – 7 catechism

17:30 Confirmation candidates to attend 6.00 p.m. Mass

18:00 **Mass.** Pro Populo

19:00 ACTS meeting – *L/hall*

Thursday

18:00 **Mass.** Thanksgiving Siziwe Chonco

18:30 SVDP meeting – *M/room*

19:00 Deepening our Faith - *Church*

Friday – Cardinal Napier's birthday

09:00 **Mass.** Leon Archary †

09:30 Rosary

10:00 Seniors – *L/hall*

17:45 Stations of the Cross

18:00 ACTS – *M/room*

19:00 Life Teen – Final meeting of term

Saturday

09:00 Altar servers' Lenten training

09:00 CWL Diocesan meeting – *U/hall*

16:00 N/A meeting – *M/room*

16:30 Confession

17:30 **Mass.** Lenten collection

1st Sunday of Lent Year C

08:30 **Mass.** Lenten collection

09:30 Inhliziyiyo meeting – *L/hall*

10:00 No Zulu catechism and RCIA

11:00 No Zulu confession

11:30 **No Zulu Mass.**

12:00 **Rite of Election**

13:30 Refreshments in the piazza

17:00 **Mass.** Lenten collection

Announcements

1. Fr Simon Sibisi A very warm welcome to Fr Simon Sibisi who will be celebrating his first Mass, a Mass of Thanksgiving, at 9.00 a.m. this Sunday morning.

2. St Vincent de Paul second collection at all Masses this weekend.

3. Lenten appeal envelopes enclosed. 11.30 a.m. Mass envelopes on shelf in the church entrance.

4. Rosters All uncollected rosters are in a box on top of the shelves outside the office.

5. Stewardship statements and pledge envelopes Please collect from the table outside the office.

6. GriefShare Myth: *There is no God; he doesn't care or else my loved one would still be here. Fact: God is central to the healing process.* Next meeting, this Thursday, 28 February at 7.00 p.m. in the lower hall. Contact Charmaine on 084 575 6006 or Cynthia on 082 374 7033 for support or more info..

7. Shrove Tuesday All parishioners are invited to come and enjoy pancakes made by our confirmation class in the hall at 6.30 p.m. on 5 March. Please bring your own

fillings and liquid refreshments.

8. Lent Begins:

† **Ash Wednesday- 6.3.19**

Mass. 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

† **Questions and Answers about Ash Wednesday** Leaflets



available from outside the office.

† Deepening our Faith Lenten Talks begin this Thurs. 7 Mar. at 7.00 p.m. in the church. Guest speaker: Fr Des Nair Topic: The Beatitudes.

† Stations of the Cross begin on Friday 8 March 5.45 p.m. and Wednesday- 13.3.19 at 10.00 a.m.

9. Days of Fast and Abstinence [in SA] are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but the faithful may substitute abstinence from alcohol, tobacco or luxury foods, or other forms of penance, especially acts of charity" (SA Bishops).

10. Catechism – Ash Wednesday Gr R – 7 to attend classes as normal on Ash Wednesday and Confirmation candidates to attend Mass at 6.00 p.m.

11. Altar Servers' Lenten training

for all servers on Saturday 9 March in the church.

12. Induction of new servers and servers commitments Please note that the induction of new servers will be on 17 March and servers' commitments will be at the 16 and 17 March Masses.

13. Rite of Election – Sunday 10 March – 12 Noon for all adult catechumens and candidates being received into full communion with the church and Catholics receiving the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

All RCIA candidates and their sponsors to attend. No 11.30 a.m. mass on the day.

14. Pinehaven Mass will be celebrated at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 14 March in the upstairs lounge at Pinehaven, 14 Meller Road. All welcome.

15. Baptisms Parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their children to please make an appoint to see Fr Michael before the next classes begin on 19 March.

16. 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 weekend 21-23 June.

17. Ministries – New members The repository and Junior Church ministries need additional helpers. Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

18. Senior parishioners meet every Friday

at 10.00 a.m. in the lower hall. For more information call Pat MacLeod on 031 701 7094.

19. Lifts for 'Seniors' please contact Pat if you're able to assist with lifting to and from the Church or to local outings.

20. Repository April – June Living Faiths now in stock R23: Southern Cross R10; Trefoil R15 plus cards, rosaries, bibles etc. on sale after every Mass on the weekends.

21. Lost 'Pot' – All those who made curries for 'Feeding the Poor' at Christmas are asked to please check their pots as one large pot with a missing side handle has been taken in error.

22. 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 all prior bookings which have been entered 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.*

23. Matric text books appeal Donations of English, Maths, History, Life Science, Accounting, Physics and Business Studies text books are needed for a local community college. Books may be dropped off at the office. For further info. please contact Caroline Dube on 072 655 9098.

24. Bibles for catechism children A number of our catechism children do not have a bible. If you have a spare Catholic Bible to donate, it would be much appreciated. Please hand in to the office.

25. Special Birthdays in March Special birthday wishes to all celebrating their

birthdays in March especially to all turning 70. 75, 80 and over: Errol James; Phyllis Foley; Denise Steyn; Marie Milton Norma Mathieu; Nerene Buckle; Francis Kotze; Yvonne de Gersigny;

Sabbath Mlambo; Lenard Mbatha; Jacqui Oldrieve

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

27. Pray for, all on the enclosed March sick list, the frail, disabled and house-bound.

28. 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.

