

## Parish of the Immaculate Conception

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

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14 April 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 14 April 2019

17:30 Thanksgiving Minkley family

08:30 Special Intention Leo and Sharon vd Sandt – 40<sup>th</sup> Wed. Anniversary

11:30 Ex Mass Intention forms/Pro Populo

17:00 Pro Populo – For the People

#### Monday – Holy Week Begins

18:00 **Communion Service.**

19:00 No RCIA

19:00 LifeTeen Core Team – *M/room*

19:00 ACTS men form. – *L/hall*

#### Tuesday

06:30 **Communion Service**

19:00 ACTS ladies form. – *L/hall*

#### Wednesday

08:00 **Communion Service.**

10:00 Chrism Mass - *Cathedral*

10:00 Stations of the Cross

16:00 Gr R – 7 catechism classes

17:30 Confirmation final year

19:00 Confession for RCIA candidates and Catholics

19:00 ACTS meeting

#### Triduum Begins - Holy Thursday -

No Adoration until 23 April

16:00 Altar servers' practice

18:00 St Josephs – *M/room 2*

19:00 **Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, Vigil.** Pro Populo

#### Good Friday

05:00 Pilgrimage stations - *from Chapel Street*

10:00 Stations of the Cross - *Church*

10:45 Altar Server's practice (to 12:00)

15:00 **The Lord's Passion** – Day of Fast and Abstinence

#### Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

10:30 RCIA Rehearsal (to 11:15)

11:15 Altar Servers' practice (to 12:30)

16:00 N/A meeting – *M/room*

19:00 **Easter Vigil**

#### Easter Sunday Year C

07:00 **Mass.**

09:00 **Mass.**

No 11.30 a.m. or 5.00 p.m.

Masses today.

#### Easter Monday

09:00 Mass.

## Announcements



### Palm Sunday

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#### 1. Palm Sunday - The Passion of the Lord

Today we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. **Sunday 8.30 a.m.** All except the elderly and infirm gather in the piazza for the pro-cession with palms.

#### Passion Booklets and Hymn Sheets

Please treat Passion book-lets and hymn sheets with care. Do not crumple or fold them as we need them for future use. After *each* Mass please leave *Passion booklets* in the pews for the next Mass. After the 8.30 a.m. Mass please give the procession *hymn sheets* to ushers or place them in the box outside the office.

**Narrative of the Passion** Today and on Good Friday the priest begins the passion narrative by proclaiming: "The Passion of our

Lord Jesus Christ according to..." The congregation does *not* respond: "Glory to you O Lord." At the end, the priest says: "The Gospel of the Lord" and the congregation responds: "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ." The elderly, sick and infirm may sit during the reading of the Passion.

**2. Mite Boxes** Children are to join the procession of gifts with their mite boxes today. If they have forgotten to bring them, they may return them at the Easter Masses.

**3. Sunday Food Collection - This**

**Week-end** Please place your donation/s in the trolley in the church entrance.



**4. Bishop's Lenten appeal** 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at all Masses. Spare envelopes available in the shelves outside the office.

**5. Palm Branches**

Please take your palm branches and crosses and place them respectfully in your homes, as a reminder of Christ's Kingship and victory. They may be returned before



Lent next year, to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

*Ministers to the sick*, please take blessed palm crosses to the sick and housebound.

**6. CWL Easter Hamper** tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend.

**7. Way of the Cross - Catholic Players Guild - this Sunday at 3.00 p.m.**, Mariannahill Monastery Church (behind the tea garden). See posters.

**8. Mozart Requiem- Conductor Naum Rousine** - St Joseph's Cathedral this Sunday at 3.00 p.m. See poster.

**9. Holy Thursday all-night Vigil** Watch and pray for one hour with our Lord at the altar of repose in the hall after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night, 18 April until 6.00 a.m. 19 April. Please write your name on the list outside the office.

**10. Holy Thursday 'Foot Washing' ceremony** All those participating in the ceremony to arrive at 6.30 p.m. and collect their instructions from the Liturgy Co-ordinator on duty, in the church foyer.

**11. Holy Week and Easter duties** Summary on notice board in the church entrance.

**12. Divine Mercy leaflets**

Copies of the Chaplet and Novena of Divine Mercy

are available outside the office

**13. On Good Friday** On arriving in the sanctuary the clergy will prostrate themselves. It signifies human self-abasement before God and the grief and sorrow of the Church. All should kneel in silent prayer.

**14. Days of Fast and Abstinence** [in SA]. All 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).

**15. Candle holders for the Easter Vigil** Please prepare a small plastic cool drink bottle as a candle holder for the Easter Vigil. Please bring spare *prepared* holders to the office for the servers if possible.

**16. Wood for Easter Vigil** Please contact the office if you'll be able to supply wood for the Easter Vigil fire. Large dry pieces and small dry logs will be most welcome.

**17. GriefShare Myth:** – I have no idea how I'm going to survive without my loved one *Fact-* With God in our lives we can go forward and face the world. Next meeting 25 April 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.

**18. Cardinal's Golf Day** The Knights of da Gama are organizing a Golf day for the Cardinal on the 24 May at the Durban Country Club. They are looking for Sponsors and players. If you are able to assist or want to play, please contact Mike Smith on 083 366 6027. Entrance forms are available from the office.

**19. 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.

**20. Cyclone Idai**– Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi flood victims need our assistance. Please see notice board for list of items needed. Cash donations may be paid directly into the Archdiocese of Durban – Cyclone Idai account. Details on form or available from the office. All other donations may be dropped off at office. Please mark clearly.

**21. Penitential Thanks Penitential service thanks** Thank you to Fr Michael, the choir, musicians, hospitality ministers, lectors,

projectionist, sacristan, secretary, admin assistants and all who contributed to the *joyful* celebration of God's mercy. And thank you to Jennette Kemp for the tasty dinner prepared for the priests.

**22. Paschal meal thanks** Thank you to all involved in planning and preparing the Paschal meal, to Jennette Kemp for the tasty meal, the waiters and kitchen staff for their good service and especially to all those who actively participated in the celebration.

**23. Senior parishioners** meet every Friday at 10.00 a.m. in the lower hall. For more information call Pat MacLeod on 031 701 7094.

**24. Lift to Mass – Doone Village resident** Please contact the office if you can assist.

**25. Hay Hoe winners – March** *Hamper:* Alan Grimett. *Car wash:* Ray MacIntosh and Joy Mthembu. Thank you for supporting our parish.

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

**N.B.** The Repository will open before the Easter Vigil until 6.40 p.m.. It will not re-open after Mass. Buy your Southern Crosses early.

**27. 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.

**28. Missing Sacristy keys** An appeal to anyone who may have picked up a set of keys in error to please return to the office.

**29. New parishioner** A warm welcome to Theresa McGregor.

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

**31. Condolences** Prayerful condolences to the family of Helma Reiner who died during the week. Her funeral was on Friday.

**32. Pray for** John Horrocks, all on the April sick list, the frail, disabled and house-bound.

**33. Hospital Care** Please advise the office if you or a family member will be admitted or is in hospital so that we can provide pastoral care.

### Holy Week

In Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, from his triumphal entry into

Jerusalem as Messiah-King on Palm Sunday until his Passion, Death and Resurrection.



The Triduum is the period of *three days* that begins with the Mass of the Lord's

Supper on Holy Thursday evening and ends with Vespers (evening prayer) on Easter Sunday. It is the culmination of the liturgical year. The services form a unity, so it is very important to attend at least the three main ones, namely:

- **Holy Thursday Mass** of the Lord's Supper, including the washing of feet, at 7.00 p.m.
- **Good Friday** Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday** Easter Vigil at 7.00 p.m. or Easter Sunday Mass at 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.

On each of the holy days read the part of the bulletin that is relevant to the day

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### Holy Week General Notices

#### 34. Altar Servers Practices

All servers on duty according to the roster and others who are not on duty, but wish to serve are to attend the practices on the appropriate days. Please arrive on time:

**Holy Thursday 18.4.19 - 4.00- 5 pm**

**Good Friday 19.4.19 -10.45-12.00 noon**

**Easter Vigil 20.4.19 - 11.15 – 12.30 pm**

Only those who have served faithfully during the year may serve in the Holy Week and Easter Masses and services.



Altar Servers

#### 35. Prayers for Candidates and Catholics

Offer special prayers for those who will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil:

**The Elect (Catechumens)** (Not baptised):

Desiree Bezuidenhout, Nadia Dambha, Zinhle Mtolo, Mlungisi Mvelase, Brahmistree Naidoo, Sibongile Ndlovu, Zamisisa Nzama, Donovan Peacock, Zamo Phiri, Zuzile Thwala.

**b. Candidates** (Baptised in other Churches):

Alain Barbeau, Clarence Hardnick, Thembelihle Kunene, Nomaswazi Simelane.

### c. Baptised Catholics completing their

**initiation:** Shelaine Bouverie, Nothando Mbele, Sihle Mtshali, Hlengiwe Mvelase, Njabulo Ndlovu, Qhane Nzama, Nomcebo Nxumalo, Thandeka Nxumalo, Bandile Zaca.

### 36. Please keep the church clean and tidy

In the past the church has been left filthy by people dropping dirty tissues, litter and wax peeled off their candles. Please place all litter in the refuse bins in the church entrance and leave the church clean and tidy after each service as there will be no staff on duty.

## WEDNESDAY 17 April

### 37. Chrism Mass

Cardinal Napier encourages all to attend the Chrism Mass this Wednesday, 17 April at 10.00 a.m. in Emmanuel Cathedral. The bishops, priests and deacons of the Archdiocese will renew their ordination promises and the Cardinal will consecrate the Oils which will be used for the next year, throughout the Archdiocese, for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. We will receive these oils formally in our parish during the Procession of Gifts on Holy Thursday night.

### 38. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday: 10.00 a.m. 'Mary's Way'.

## THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

18 April

### 39. Adoration Suspended

The *regular* Adoration, following the roster, will be suspended from 3.00 p.m. this Thursday until 11:00 pm on Tuesday 23 April.

**40. Mass of the Lord's Supper** No genuflection upon entering the church as the tabernacle will be empty; bow to the altar. On Holy Thursday night, beginning at 7.00 p.m., we shall commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, at which he:

- instituted the Eucharist ("This is my Body... This is my Blood...");
- instituted the priest-hood ("Do this in memory of me...");



- commanded his disciples to love one another, as he loved them;
- gave an example of humility, service and love by washing their feet.

**41. Vigil** After the Last Supper, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley to the Mount of Olives to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Sadness came over him, and great distress. 'Wait here and keep awake with me' he said.



After communion the Blessed Sacrament will be carried to the altar of repose.

We are encouraged to spend a suitable period of time in adoration, which will end at 6.00 a.m.. Will you stay awake for one hour with the Lord?

*"O Divine Jesus! lonely tonight... without visitor or worshipper... I offer Thee my poor heart... Thou art always watching... In Thy Love Thou dost never sleep and Thou art never weary of Thy vigil for sinners. O lonely Jesus! May the flame of my heart burn and beam always in company with Thee."* Saint Peter Julian Eymard.

**42. Holy water** will be removed from the fountains, which will be refilled on Holy Saturday night with water blessed at the Easter Vigil.

## FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

19 April

### 43. Day of fast and abstinence.

The Church recommends that we make this day and Holy Saturday quiet, restful and contemplative days. Avoid TV, shopping, unnecessary chores, social gatherings, festive meals and celebrations. Spend time in Scripture reading, prayer, reflection and thanksgiving.

### 44. No ringing of bells

All bells inside and outside the church must *remain silent* after the Gloria on Holy Thursday, *throughout Good Friday and Saturday*, until the Gloria at the Easter Vigil.

**45. Divine Mercy novena** begins.

**46. Diakonia Good Friday Procession** The traditional Good Friday procession, initiated by Archbishop Hurley in 1985, will take place on Friday 19 April Assemble at the Durban Exhibition Centre for 'Praise and

Worship' at 5.15 a.m. followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> part of service at 5.45 a.m. then a silent walk of witness to City Hall. Proceedings end approximately at 8.15 a.m.

#### 47. Pilgrimage Walk.

Those wishing to participate in our early morning Pilgrimage Walk (Stations of the Cross) are to meet in our car park at 4.30 a.m. and walk to the site of our former church near the corner of Crompton and Chapel Streets, or be dropped off there in time to start the procession at 5.00 a.m. sharp. The Knights of da Gama will serve tea, coffee and hot cross buns afterwards, in the hall. *N.B. Please bring a torch so that you can participate in the readings and singing.*



#### 48. Stations of the Cross

In our church at 10.00 am.

#### 49. Celebration of the Lord's Passion At 3.00 p.m. .

This is the most important liturgy of the day. There will be:

- Scripture readings that develop the theme of Jesus' suffering and death,
- Intercessions for the salvation of the whole world,
- Veneration of the cross – the symbol of Jesus' triumph,
- Holy communion.



Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the world today.

Only one Cross is to be venerated as this contributes to the full symbolism of the rite.

**50. No genuflection** The tabernacle will be empty. Bow to the altar.

#### 51. Prostration

*All kneel* in silent prayer when the clergy prostrate themselves at the beginning of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 p.m. The prostration signifies the abasement of man and the grief and sorrow of the Church.

**52. Veneration of the Cross** The congregation stands as the Cross to be venerated is carried through the church. The Cross-bearer sings 'Behold the wood of the

cross' and all respond 'Come let us worship' after which they *kneel* and adore for a brief moment in silence, *then stand*. Repeated twice.

#### 53. Special collection

The special collection is for the preservation of the places sanctified by Christ in the Holy Land and to assist the Christian faithful there, and for the sick and elderly priests' fund.

**54. Silence** There is a mood of sorrow and desolation. At the end the faithful bow to the cross and depart in silence and *maintain silence in the piazza*.



Some may remain to venerate or pray at the Cross.

### HOLY SATURDAY – 20 April

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion, death and descent to the dead. It is not a time for festive social gatherings in anticipation of Easter but rather for quiet Scripture reading, prayer, reflection and thanksgiving for the sacrifice of Christ.

The Church recommends that we extend our Good Friday **fast** and **abstinence** to this day, if possible, so that we may come to celebrate the joy of the Lord's Resurrection with alert and open minds, and uplifted and welcoming hearts.

### HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT EASTER VIGIL

**55. Candle holders** Bring your cut-off tops of plastic drinks bottles (and any spares), with a candle.

**56. Bells** Bring small bells to ring during the joyful Gloria.

**57. Repository** The repository will open before the Easter Vigil until 6.40 p.m. It will *not re-open after* the Mass. Please buy your Southern Cross etc. early.

**58. Vigil** When the Hebrews were in Egypt, they kept watch for the Lord's passover which was to free them from slavery under Pharaoh. That passover pre-figured the true Passover of Christ, the night of true liberation. During the dark hours of Holy Saturday night, turning into the first day of the week, Jesus rose from the dead.

The Easter Vigil, beginning at 7.00 p.m. on this night of all nights, is a joyful celebration

of the Lord's resurrection. The elaborate and beautiful ritual includes:

### A. A Liturgy of Light

The blessing of a large fire outside. The flames dispel the darkness and light up the night.



The blessing and lighting of the Easter candle which represents Christ the true Light.

The procession into the church, which is in darkness, led by the light of the Paschal candle alone, just as the children of Israel were guided at night by a pillar of fire.

The gradual passing of light from the Paschal candle to the candles of the faithful.

The sung *Easter Proclamation* (the Exsultet), at the end of which we follow the custom of raising our candles while singing the festive "Amen."

### B. The Liturgy of the Word

Several Scripture readings through which we meditate on the marvels that God has worked for his people since the creation of the world. The Gloria and joyful Alleluias return.



### C. The Liturgy of Baptism and Confirmation

The Elect (catechumens) will be reborn in baptism through water and the Holy Spirit and will be received into the Church.

All the baptised will renew their baptismal



promises while holding lighted candles. The assembly will be sprinkled with Easter water. The newly baptised and the candidates will receive the

Sacrament of Confirmation.

### D. The Liturgy of the Eucharist

This is the high point of the Vigil, for it is the commemoration of the sacrifice of the Cross and the presence of the risen Christ:

The newly-baptised and newly-confirmed will be called, with us, to the table of the Lord to receive the



Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

### 59. Sunday Mass

The Easter Vigil is Sunday Mass, so it is not necessary to attend Mass in the morning too.

### EASTER SUNDAY – 21 April

**60. Mass during the day** Mass at 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. is a joyful celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. All the *younger children* are encouraged to sit in the reserved benches in front of the ambo at the 9.00 a.m. Mass.



The Mass includes a sprinkling with water blessed at the Vigil. The Paschal candle is to be lit in all of the more solemn liturgical celebrations until Pentecost Sunday (not only until Ascension Day).

### 61. No confessions or other Masses

There will be no confessions at 11.00 a.m., or Masses at 11.30 a.m. or 5.00 p.m.