

Immaculate Conception Pinetown

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

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Office Hours: Weekdays 08:00 – 16:00

Confessions: Saturday: 16:30 – 17:00

Mass Intentions

Sunday 18/19 February (7th Sunday of the year)	
17:30	Mass. Martin and Michael Gaillard ☩
08:00	Mass. Pious Lists
10:00	Mass. Pious Lists
17:00	Mass. Pious List
Monday - 20 February	
18:00	SVDP – M/R '1'
Tuesday - 21 February (Shrove Tuesday)	
18:00	Mass. Pro Populo
18:00	No RCIA - U/hall
18:30	Pancakes – U/hall
Wednesday - 22 February (Ash Wednesday)	
Day of fast and Abstinence	
06:00	Mass.
09:00	Mass.
16:00	No Catechism Grade R - 7
17:00	Choir 'Z' - M/Room '1'
17:30	No Confirmation
18:00	Mass.
Thursday - 23 February	
09:00	CWL Exec Meeting – U/hall
10:00	Pinehaven Mass
18:00	Mass. Pro Populo
19:00	Lenten talks - Forgiveness
19:00	Griefshare via Zoom
Friday - 24 February	
09:00	Mass.
17:45	Stations of the Cross
19:00	Life Teen – U/hall

Saturday - 25 February (1st Sunday of Lent)	
17.30	Mass. Pro Populo (Lenten Collection)
Sunday - 26 February (1st Sunday of Lent)	
08:00	Mass. Pro Populo (Lenten Collection) (Induction of Altar Servers)
08:30	IsiZulu Catechism
08:30	IsiZulu RCIA
09:00	St Anne – M/R 2
09:00	CWL Tasty treats Sale
10.00	Mass. Pro Populo (Lenten Collection) (Induction of Altar Servers)
12:00	Rite of Election
12:00	CWU – U/hall
17:00	Mass. Pro Populo (Lenten Collection)



Announcements

1. Confirmation



Thank you to our Archbishop Jwara, Fr Sifiso Ndlovu, Dc Trevor Kondiah, Bradley Vere, Siyethemba Zungu, Zanele Jali and all who were involved in the preparations for the celebration of Confirmation last Sunday.

2. Baptism

Prayerful congratulations to the following children who were baptised here this Saturday and Sunday: Ndalo Ayabonga, Kwethu Nyembe, Asanda Gwala, Lunar Gwala, Zubenathi Shoba, Zasebo Mkhize, Lungelo Ndlovu, Mpande Mkhize, Ziphozenkosi Shoba, Xyle Goliath, Isathanda Mncwabe, Azariah Lowe, Ayana Anusi, Siphiwesihle Nene, Sbondokuhle Nene, Ntobeko Nene.

3. Diocesan Levy Collection at all Masses this weekend.

4. Shrove Tuesday

All parishioners are invited to come and enjoy pancakes made by our Confirmation and Life



Teen classes in the upper hall at 6.30 p.m. on 21 February. Please bring your own fillings and liquid refreshments.

5. Lent Begins: † Ash Wednesday- 22 February 2023

Mass.6.00 a.m.

Mass 9.00 a.m.

Mass 6.00 p.m.

† Deepening our Faith Lenten Talks at 7.00 p.m.

23 February Thursday - Fr Sifiso Ndlovu,
Topic: Forgiveness.

† Stations of the Cross begin on Friday 24 February 5.45 p.m. and Wednesday - 1 March at 10.00 a.m.



6. Blessed Palm crosses or palm branches

needed for Ash Wednesday. Please bring to office as soon as possible.

7. CWL Tasty treat Sale

Come and support this Sunday after the 8.00 a.m. Mass in the Piazza.

8. Church Halls, keys and Equipment

All parishioners wishing to use the churches' halls, and keys and equipment **must** arrange with the office 7 days prior to the event (form to be filled in should you wish to book equipment) please note the office is closed on Saturday and Sunday, keys are not available.

9. WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St John's Anglican Church (Payne Street) will be hosting the service for the Pinetown area this year.
3 MARCH, 2023 AT 11 AM.



All Ladies from our Parish are urged and most welcome to attend. Ladies from our Parish are involved with the preparation, and

would love you to join them. The programme was written by the Committee of Taiwan, and the Theme is "I have heard about your faith".

There will also be services at: -

✚ St Agnes Anglican Church, Kloof at 9am on 3 March. and

✚ St Elizabeth's Anglican church, Westville, at 10 am on 3 March.

All will be most welcome, so please don't miss out.

10. Week day and Weekend Rosters

now ready for collection at the entrance to the piazza. *Please place the empty envelopes in the box provided.*

11. 2023 Diaries

are now sold at the Repository for R150

12. Pilgrimage to Rome and Fatima 10 – 24 September 2023 – 'Walking in the

footsteps of 'our Lady of Fatima'
application forms and itinerary
available from the office or the Church
entrance.

13. GRIEFSHARE

Myth: *Time heals all wounds*

Fact: *it is what you do with that time that heals.* GriefShare (via zoom) will be on the 23rd February 2023. If you require any help, support or assistance during this time, please contact Charmaine Swardling on 0845756006 or Cynthia Petzer on 0823747033 or Olivia Swardling on 0845928177.

The link is the same every week and is reflected below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9492329595?pwd=WE5JUFlwckw0RjZxUEVsQ29QbkNFOT09>

Meeting ID: 949 232 9595

Passcode: GRIEFSHARE

14. **Repository** will be open after the weekend Masses. February Southern Cross, 'The Joy of being Catholic' in English and Zulu R90, new Rosaries, car rosaries, Advent candles and rosary bracelets are in stock.

15. **Sick** Please pray for Dave Pillay and all on the February sick list. Please inform the office of any changes to the lists.

16. **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.

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

We forget sometimes that ashes
come from fire, that this soft black
powder was once a firm green frond,
Bright and vibrant before it became
dry and brittle, Stiff and fibrous
before a flame transformed it into
dust. Every living thing submits to
change. Let's not fear it. From seed
to plant, palm to ash, This bit of the
earth smudged on our foreheads
today Was carried lovingly in the
hands of the Creator. What fires will
we step into this Lent? What new
forms will our souls take When we
encounter the holy blaze of the
Living God? We are—it is true—ash
to ash and dust to dust, But whether
in youth or in old age, in life or in
death, Let us be assured,

We are held, and we are God's.

Amen.