

Immaculate Conception Pinetown

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

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Mass Intentions

Sunday 11/12 March (3rd Sunday of Lent)	
17:30	Mass. Pro Populo
08:00	Mass. In Memory of Wesley Patrick Pietersen
10:00	Mass. Thanks giving Mthimkhulu Family
17:00	Mass. Pious Lists
Monday – 13 March	
18:00	SVDP District – M/R 1
Tuesday – 14 March	
18:00	Home Mass.
18:00	RCIA
19:00	Griefshare via Zoom
Wednesday - 15 March	
09:00	Mass. Pro Populo
10:00	Stations of the Cross
16:00	Catechism Grade R - 7
17:00	Choir 'Z' - M/Room '1'
17:30	Confirmation
Thursday – 16 March	
18:00	Mass. Pro Populo (RCIA Presentation of the Creed) Special Readings
19:00	Lenten talks (Commitment to the Church)
Friday – 17 March (St Patrick's Day)	
09.00	Mass. Pro Populo
17:45	Stations of the Cross
19:00	Life Teen – U/hall
Saturday – 18 March (3rd Sunday of Lent)	

09:00	ACTS Core Meeting – L/hall
09.00	Lenten Holy hour
09.30	CWL Branch Meeting Ptn - U/hall
17.30	Mass. Pro Populo (Lenten Collection)
18.30	CWL Easter Hamper ticket Sales
Sunday - 19 March (4th Sunday of Lent)	
08:00	Mass. Pro Populo (Lenten Collection)
08:30	IsiZulu Catechism
08:30	IsiZulu RCIA
09.00	St Anne – M/R 2
09.30	CWL Easter Hamper Ticket Sales
10.00	Mass. Pro Populo (Lenten Collection) RCIA Second Scrutiny
11:30	St Joseph prep – M/R "2"
12.00	Zulu Choir – U/hall
17:00	Mass. Pro Populo (Lenten Collection) RCIA Second Scrutiny

Third

 SUNDAY
OF LENT

Announcements

1. **Lenten Collection** at all Masses this weekend.

2. **RCIA Scrutinies**

At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the following will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

a. The Elect (Catechumens) (Not baptised): Graham Anderson, Nhlakanipho Biyela, Keagan Hittler, Princess Mtambo, Mpiwenhle Ngcamu, Mbalenhle Ntombela, Sebenzile Nzimande.

b. Candidates (Baptised in other Churches): Londiwe Sithole

c. Baptised Catholics completing their initiation: Nomali Mkhize, Leovigildo Serra, Faith Wanda

Over three Sundays we shall celebrate the Scrutinies at different Masses, beginning at the 8.00 and 10.00 a.m. Masses this weekend. They are solemn rites of self-searching and repentance in which the Elect and Candidates uncover and heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in their hearts and are strengthened in all that is upright, strong and good. We shall pray that they be delivered from the power of sin and Satan, be protected against temptation and be given strength in Christ.

3. **New Parishioners**

A warm welcome to Princess Gugu Mtambo, Vicky Mtambo, Bheka Dladla and Family, Camilla Mbanjwa and Family, Monica Nomusa Mhlongo and Family.

4. **Pinehaven Mass** 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 23 March 2023 all welcome.

5. **'Precious Blood of Jesus'**

If one refrains from receiving the Precious Blood of Jesus, one must stop, bow and acknowledge as you walk past.

6. **Youth - Musical Instruments.**

The Church is in need of any youth of our Parish that plays any Musical Instrument. Please contact the office on 031 702 7337.

7. **CWL EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE.**

Tickets for the Awesome hamper go on Sale from 18/19 March. NO PRICE INCREASE.... R 5 per ticket or three for R10.!!!! Please support this Fund-Raising Event as all monies raised goes to Charity.

8. **CWL Branch Meeting** on Saturday 18 March, starting at 9. 30..

9. **SVDP NEEDS YOU!!!**

St Vincent de Paul helps approximately 80 impoverished families with a food parcel each month. This is only possible through the donations received from the Pinetown Parishioners for which we are extremely grateful. There are no scheduled SVDP collections in March due to the Lenten Collections. Sadly, the finances are very low, and we will not be able to help the poor this month!!! BUT....with your help there is HOPE... SVDP will have a collection outside the church at all Masses on the weekend of 18/19 March. With the understanding that some Parishioners are enduring financial difficulties, we kindly ask those who are able to help, to do so with your continued generosity. (Cash/ non-perishable items or EFT) we give heartfelt thanks to all who support this ministry.

10. **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".

11. **Questions and Answers about the Lenten Season** booklets available from the shelf outside the office.

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

16 March Thursday - Fr Allan Moss,
Topic: Commitment to the Church

† **Stations of the Cross** Friday 17 March at 5.45 p.m. and Wednesday – 22 March at 10.00 a.m.

13. Lenten Holy Hour for all parishioners Saturday 18 March at 9.00 a.m. (Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are expected to attend).

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



15. 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.

16. 3rd Sunday food collection – 18/19

March Thank you to all who support the **Ministry with donations** of tinned food, 1 kg packets of maize meal, samp, rice, beans two-minute noodles etc. We rely on



your support. Donations may also be handed in to the office or placed in the trolley during the month.

17. GRIEFSHARE Myth: *I cannot make it without my loved one.* Fact: *If you only look in the rear-view mirror, you can never go forward.* GriefShare (via zoom) will be on the 14th March 2023. If you require any help, support or assistance during this time, please contact Charmaine Swardling on 0845756006, Cynthia Petzer on 0823747033 or Olivia Swardling on 0845928177. The link is the same every week and is reflected below:

<https://us06web.zoom95?pwd=WE5JUF1wckw0RjZxUEVsQ29QbkNFQT0>

9Meeting ID: 949 232 9595

Passcode: GRIEFSHARE

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

19. Sick Please pray for Ntombi Doris Makhathini and all on the March sick list. Please inform the office of any changes to the lists.



A Prayer Against Violence and Hatred

Father God, I pray you will stir something deep within me and others to stand up to violence and hatred whenever we encounter it. Empower me and others to speak out and remain firmly in the gap for the weak and the oppressed. I know I can't change anyone, Lord, only you can do that. So, I pray for a conviction to weigh down upon the people doing violence in our society. I pray for your Spirit to change the heart of hatred that has hardened to others' humanity. Awaken people and open their eyes to what is happening and be unsettled about it. Bring strength for people to combat violence and hatred with peace and accountability. We can do nothing without you, O God, so we pray for you to do your work in us, and through us.

I pray this in the Almighty name of Jesus Christ, Amen.