

Immaculate Conception Pinetown

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

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Office Hours: Weekdays 08:00 – 16:00

Friday's 08:00 – 15:00

Confessions: Saturday: 16:30 – 17:00

Mass Intentions

Sunday March (5th Sunday of Lent)	
17:30	Mass. Pro Populo
08:00	Mass. Pro Populo
10:00	Mass. Pro Populo
17:00	Mass. Pro Populo
Monday – 27 March	
18:00	Baptism class '1' and '2' – U/hall
Tuesday – 28 March	
18:00	Home Mass.
18:00	RCIA
19:00	Griefshare via Zoom
Wednesday - 29 March	
09:00	Mass. Pious Lists
10:00	Stations of the Cross
16:00	No Catechism Grade R - 7
17:00	Choir 'Z'- M/Room '1'
17:30	No Confirmation
19:00	Penitential Service
Thursday – 30 March	
09:00	CWL Exec Diocesan – U/hall
18:00	Mass. Pro Populo
Friday – 31 March	
09:00	Mass. Pro Populo
17:45	Stations of the Cross
19:00	No Life Teen
Saturday – 1 April	
08:00	Chancery Meeting – U/hall
09:30	CWL – L/hall

17.30	Mass. (Lenten Collection)
18:30	CWL Easter Hamper ticket Sales
Sunday – 2 April (Palm Sunday)	
08:00	Mass. (Lenten Collection) Teen and children participation
08:30	No IsiZulu Catechism
08:30	IsiZulu RCIA
09:30	CWL Easter Hamper Ticket Sales
10.00	Mass. (Lenten Collection) Teen and children participation
11:30	St Anne's – M/R '2'
11:30	Inhliziyo – L/hall
17:00	Mass. Pro Populo (Lenten Collection)

**Fifth Sunday
in
Lent**

Announcements

1. **Lenten Collection** at all Masses this weekend.
 2. **Week day and Weekend Rosters** now ready for collection from outside the office.
 3. **No Junior Catechism /Confirmation** Classes on Wednesday 29 March due to Penitential service.
 4. **RCIA 3rd Scrutiny**
The 3rd Scrutiny will be celebrated at the 5.30 p.m. and 10.00 a.m. Masses this Sunday.
 5. **Holy Thursday 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, 6 April until 12.00 p.m. Please write your name on the list outside the office.
 6. **Confession in preparation for Easter**
✠ *Confession for the elderly and Wednesday will be on 29 March - 10.00 a.m. in the Church:* Please phone the office to confirm that you will be coming to confession at 10.00 a.m.
 7. ✠ **Penitential Service**
– Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 7.00 p.m. - 6 Priests will be in attendance. Parishioners and children who have made their first confessions are expected to attend. No Saturday morning confessions.
 8. **Confession leaflets** on how to confess at a penitential service and Examination of Conscience leaflets available from table outside the office.
 9. **Gathering on Palm Sunday 2 April**
On Palm Sunday morning all *except the elderly and infirm* please gather in the piazza for the procession with palms to commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
 10. **Children and Teen participation**
All Gr R – 7, Life Teen and Confirmation children and teens are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday entrance procession at the 8.00 a.m. Mass; they will form an archway for the priests and the servers. They must meet on the lawn outside the sacristy before Mass.
 11. **Mite Boxes** Children are to bring their mite boxes to Mass on Palm Sunday. They will follow the procession of gifts to the altar.
 12. **Passion booklets and hymn sheets**
Please treat Passion booklets and hymn sheets with care. Do not crumple or fold them as we need them for future use. Leave them in the pews. Return *hymn sheets* to ushers or place them on the shelf at the church entrance.
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13. **Altar Server practices**
*Holy Thursday 6.4.23 3.00 – 4.00 pm.
Good Friday 7.4.23 10.45 – 12. pm.
Holy Saturday 8.4.22 11.00 – 12 noon*
 14. **Baptism class Session '1' and '2' Eng. – 27 March** in the upper hall for parents who have had an appointment with Fr Sifiso.
Classes in isiZulu will be on 9 April at 8.30 a.m. in the Lower Hall.
 15. **Marriage Enrichment Mass and talks** 22 April at 9.00 a.m. in the Church. They will be 2 guest speakers Fr Marcel and Mr Thabani Mzolo. Should you wish to attend please fill in your details in the clipboard outside the office.
 16. **Fr Sifiso** will be on leave from 11 April to 14 April 2023.
 17. **'Precious Blood of Jesus'**
If one refrains from receiving the Precious Blood of Jesus, one must stop, bow and acknowledge as you walk past.
 18. **Broad-leaf palms** Please notify the office if you can provide strong broad-



leaf palm fronds for crosses.

19. **Cardboard beer trays** required for the palm crosses. Please drop off at the office or bring to Mass on the weekends preceding Palm Sunday
20. **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.
21. **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.
† **Stations of the Cross** Friday 31 March at 5.45 p.m. and Wednesday – 5 April at 10.00 a.m.



22. **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.
23. **Easter Triduum Masses**
Please follow the following Masses
Palm Sunday: 2 April 2023
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
Sunday: 10.00 a.m.
Sunday: 5:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday: 6 April 2023
Solemn Mass 7.00 p.m.
(Bilingual Mass)
Good Friday: 7 April 2023
Pilgrims walk 5.00 a.m.
Stations of the cross (Church) 10:00 a.m.
The Lords Passion at 15:00 (Bilingual Service)
Holy Saturday: 8 April 2023
Easter Vigil at 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual Mass)
Easter Sunday: 9 April 2023
Mass 7:00 a.m. English
Mass 9.00 a.m. Zulu
24. **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.

25. **Ngome Pilgrimage:** 02 June to 04 June 2023. Cost of Accommodation and meals: R1,000.00 per person
Please contact Thembe Thusi on 0834689712 for more details.
26. **GRIEF SHARE Myth:** *Myth: I just want to be left alone Fact: Isolation makes your grief more intense.* GriefShare (via zoom) will be on the 28th 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.zoom.us/j/9529095395?pwd=WE5JUFUlcwkw0RjZxUEVsQ29QbkNFQT09>
Meeting ID: 949 232 9595
Passcode: GRIEF SHARE
27. **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.
28. **Durban Passion Play**
The tickets are sold at R100 per person, bookings are done through Web tickets or through Pick n' Pay
29. **Sick** Please pray for Lucille Parfitt and all on the March sick list. Please inform the office of any changes to the lists.
30. **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.