



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WELCOME TO THIS CHURCH, THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, A HOUSE OF PRAYER

Please help us to keep this spirit of prayer via dress, behaviour and gesture



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the Assumption Parish, are a Community of Faith with Vision to build Our Parish into a Vibrant “Community of Communities” Serving Humanity And in doing so, enable each parishioner to enrich his or her Spiritual Life in Communion with Christ.

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THIS WEEK’S DIARY

Sunday 12 August	08:00am 09:30am 10:30am	RCIA 2019 –Rite of Acceptance Junior Catechism (Gr.R to Gr. 7) Altar Server’s Meeting – See notices
Tuesday 14 August	05:30pm 07:00pm	St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting – Hurley Room Senior Catechism (Gr.8 & 9) & Confirmation 2019
Wednesday 15 August	06:30pm	No Communion Service PARISH TRIDUUM
Thursday 16 August	06:30pm	No 9:00am Mass PARISH TRIDUUM
Friday 17 August	06:30pm	PARISH TRIDUUM
Saturday 18 August	05:30pm	FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
Sunday 19 August	10:00am 09:30am 12:00pm	2 nd Collection – Mater Homes FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION No Junior Catechism (Gr.R to Gr. 7) Parish Celebration in the Hall Grounds (see Notices)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 21 August	07.00pm	Senior Catechism (Gr.8 & 9) & Confirmation 2019
Thursday 23 August	06:45pm	RCIA 2019 – Sacrament of Marriage
Saturday 26 August	03:00pm	CWL Meeting – Community Room
Sunday 26 August	09:30am	Junior Catechism (Gr.R to Gr. 7)

REGULAR EVENTS

Mon/Tue/Thurs/ Fri	08:00am	Morning Prayer in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Mon – Saturday	06:00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00pm
Tuesdays	06:30pm	Choir Rehearsal in Church
Wednesdays	07:00pm	Parish Priest’s day off Assumption Men’s Group Meeting
Thursdays	08:30am 09:30am	Rosary/Prayer for Vocations & Priests in Church Getting-To-Know -You in the Community Room
Fridays	10:30am 06:00pm	Rosary Group (in Church) Assumption Youth in Community Room until 7.30pm
Saturdays	10:30am	Legion of Mary in the Cry Room

Times of Masses and Intentions

Requests for Mass Intentions and donations are arranged with the parish secretary.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend the Mass of their requested intention

Saturday 11 August	05.30pm	Thanksgiving – Yvonne Savy
Sunday 12 August	08.00am	Intentions of the Parish Tony Crick RIP – The Crick Family
	05:30pm	Family & Friends RIP – Stella Poff Lorna Mathews RIP – Stella & Family
Monday 13 August	05:30pm	Ed & Merle Barth RIP - Joan & Monica
Tuesday 14 August	05.30pm	
Wednesday 15 August	06:30pm	George Naidu RIP – Sandra Naidu & Family
Thursday 16 August	06:30pm	Gloria Brouckaert RIP – Her Family
Friday 17 August	06:30pm	Fr Zibonele’s Intentions
Saturday 18 August	05.30pm	Sarah Da Silva RIP – Her Family Humberto Lopes & Family RIP – Family Sonny Crick RIP – The Crick Family
Sunday 19 August	10:00am	Musa, Bongani & Fana RIP – Khosi & Family Margaret & Albert Zulu RIP – Khosi & Family Nsikayoxolo’s Birthday Intentions - Josephine

Please pray for the seriously sick: **Bill Hadley & Robert Prior Snr**
For the Repose of the soul of: **Shona Cole RIP**

Confessions: 4:15pm – 5:15pm on Saturdays (& also by appointment)

Hospitalisation: Should any parishioner you know is being admitted to hospital, please inform the parish office.

NOTICES

Parish Triduum & Feast of the Assumption – Our Parish Triduum will take place from Wednesday 15 to Friday 17th August 2018 at 6:30pm. There will be special guest preachers. We encourage all Parishioners, families and friends to attend. The Saturday Mass at 5:30pm will be as usual for Sunday observance which is also for the Assumption Feast. Our Feast day Mass will commence at 10:00am on Sunday 19th August. **Please note – NO 8:00am or 5:30pm Masses on that Sunday.** We will celebrate our Feast after the 10:00am Mass with a **Bring n Share braai (byo)** and other activities. **Everyone is invited.** We encourage talented people amongst us to prepare an item to perform at the celebration to make the day extra special. Those interested, kindly phone Raymond at the parish office.

Transport –Those who are willing and able to assist with transport during the Triduum, kindly fill in your names & contact no on the list at the back of the Church.

Parishioners requiring transport for the Triduum –kindly speak to one of the Ministers of Hospitality after Mass **this weekend.**

Parishioners who dedicate using the debit order system –We are still waiting for the new forms from the Archdiocese. Please be advised that the current debit orders will not be affected & will continue as normal. We will keep you updated.

Altar Server’s Meeting- will take place at 10:30am on Sunday 12 August. All Altar Servers, including those who are interested in joining this Ministry to attend.

Women’s Day Event – will be held on Saturday 1st September. Please contact Caren 084 7792141 or Sandy 072 2837852 if you would like to purchase tickets or assist in any way. The theme is “Spring is in the Air” and tickets cost R100.00. Special guest speaker is Wendy Knowler.

PLEASE TAKE LEAFLET HOME OR RETURN TO THE ENTRANCE

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 13 Aug St Pontian, P & Hippolytus, Pt Ms

Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28; Psalm 148; Matthew 17:22-27
Over and over, in many ways, Jesus teaches that we don't cause conflict unnecessarily, especially when it comes to possessions or reputation. Lord, help me bring peace where there is the potential for conflict.

Tue 14 Aug St Maximilian Kolbe Pt M

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Psalm 119; Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14
"There are two irreconcilable orientations in the depth of every soul: good and evil, sin and love. What use are the victories on the battlefield if we ourselves are debilitated in our innermost personal selves?" - St Maximilian Kolbe

Wed 15 Aug Liturgy of the Day

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Psalm 113; Matthew 18:15-20
Like a child - God wants to be central in your life. Call on God, and ask to be lifted up; show God the lots of little things in your life and discuss all the minute details. Like a grandparent, God may not want to put you down.

Thu 16 Aug (St Stephen of Hungary)

Ezekiel 12:1-12; Psalm 78; Matthew 18:21-19:1
God's mercy and love for us is infinite, encouraging us every time we fail and attempt to rise up again. It is difficult to show that same mercy and love to those around us, yet in doing so we grow closer to our God.

Fri 17 Aug Liturgy of the Day

Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63; Isaiah 12:2-6; Matthew 19:3-12
Henri Nouwen wrote about the "wounded healer" as one who draws strength from personal suffering in order to meet the contemporary needs of humanity. Our pain prepares us to be compassionate to others in need.

Sat 18 Aug (St Victoria Rasokumarivo)

Ezekiel 18:1-10,13,30-32; Psalm 51; Matthew 19:13-15
We are called to shed our pretenses and our suspicions, to get rid of our false selves, and like little children come to God with openness and acceptance and a childlike excitement in our hearts.

Sun 19 Aug ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Psalm 45; Luke 1:39-56
Mary and Elizabeth had a profound awareness of the divine presence. What might our world look like if, at every moment, we recognise that we, and indeed all people, are carrying in our flesh God, our Saviour.

KEY: SOLEMNITY FEAST, Memorial, Optional Memorial, Pre-trials, Vigil

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SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, do not forget the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34.

RESPONSE:

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad. #
 2. Glorify the Lord with me; together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. #
 3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This lowly one called: the Lord heard, and rescued him from all his distress. #
 4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who fear him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. #
- SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:30-5:2.
- GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord, if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever. Alleluia
- GOSPEL: John 6:41-51.
- COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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St Augustine (2)

THE CONFESSIONS of St Augustine, considered a masterpiece in world literature, are the history of his heart, his soul, his relationship with God and with himself. This and next week's Link reflections can hardly do justice to this great work of St Augustine which deserves to be read in its own right. Many editions are available, some online.

The first thing we need to do is expel any idea that in this great spiritual classic, we are going to be eavesdroppers on a long juicy confession of sins. Augustine's Confessions, composed as a conversation with God, primarily "confess" the greatness of God. They are the gratitude of a man of penetrating self-awareness who celebrates the grace of God in his life, leading him from darkness to light, from brokenness to healing, from sinfulness to forgiveness. He has come home to God. "I find no safe place for myself save in you in whom all my scattered pieces are gathered together."

In the inner depths of his being Augustine invited God to speak to him.

Whisper words of truth in my heart, for you alone speak truth. I shall not turn aside from there until you gather all that I am into that holy place of peace, rescuing me from the world where I am broken and deformed and giving me new form and new strength.

In composing his Confessions and looking back on his life Augustine realised that God had been healing him all the time. Even while he had been looking in the wrong places, choosing instant gratification over timeless love, he sees that he

had been in God's hands.

You saw me and transformed my ugliness into beauty. Like a balm which soothes my pain, your hidden touch healed my self-centred love. And day by day you continued to heal me until the confusion and darkness were cleared from the eye of my soul.

Augustine is clearly aware that unless we are healed within we will lack the confidence and the inner strength to become our true selves as God intended us to be. The way to spiritual maturity is to give up the futile exercise of depending on the opinions of others ("seeing ourselves through their eyes", as he says) and go into "the shrine of our deepest selves to the One who loves us." But this requires a will for personal

transformation, which is something more profound than what we might today call a "health and beauty treatment". The healing process can be painful at first. As Augustine puts it: "The heart must be emptied and washed out, made clean and scoured so that it be made ready for something new."

Challenging himself, Augustine encourages us all when he writes:

Surrender now to him all your futile searching. What is withered in you will flower again. Your sickness will be healed. What is faded will be fresh again and what is warped made whole and strong and sound. And all that is weak in you will not drag you to the grave. But your wholeness will abide, will remain with you before God, who remains strong and abides forever. (Confessions 4:11)

