



## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### 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.

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

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### THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sunday 7 May	09:30am 05:30pm	Junior Catechism (1 <sup>st</sup> steps & Faith groups 1-4) Mass - Presentation of TCC 2018 Candidates – <b>Compulsory attendance</b>
Tuesday 9 May	07:00pm 07:00pm	Senior Catechism (Gr 8 & 9 & Confirmation 2017 & 2018) TCC 2017 – Sponsors & Parents Meeting – Community Room
Thursday 11 May	07:00pm	RCIA 2017 – Our Special Gifts RCIA 2018 – Saints
Sunday 14 May	09:30am 10:30am	Junior Catechism (1 <sup>st</sup> steps & Faith groups 1-4) Baptism Preparation

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 15 May	06:30pm	Parish Pastoral Meeting
Tuesday 16 May	07:00pm	Senior Catechism (Gr 8 & 9 & Confirmation 2017 & 2018)
Wednesday 17 May	05:30pm	SVDP Meeting – Hurley Room
Thursday 18 May	07:00pm	RCIA 2017 – Family Life RCIA 2018 – Catholics & Prayer
Saturday 20 May	10:00am	Durban South Deanery Youth Cross closing at Christ the King Parish, Wentworth. See Parish website.
Sunday 21 May	08:00am 09:30am	Mass – Baptism Presentation of Parents Junior Catechism (1 <sup>st</sup> steps & Faith groups 1-4)

### REGULAR EVENTS

Mon/Tue/Thurs/ Fri	08:00am	Morning Prayer in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Mon – Saturday	06:00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 05:00pm
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 Community Room
Fridays	10:30am	Rosary Group in Church
Sundays	09:30am	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 6 May	05:30pm	Mario de Abreu RIP - Mathilde
Sunday 7 May	08:00am	Robert Raw RIP – Family Michael Moshoeshe RIP – Eunice & Family
	05:30pm	Family & Friends RIP – Stella Poff Intentions of the Parish
Monday 8 May	05:30pm	Thanksgiving to St Jude – Tina Chetty
Tuesday 9 May	05:30pm	Thanksgiving to St Jude – Tina Chetty Special Intentions – Nokuthula Phakathi
Wednesday 10 May	06:00am	Communion Service
Thursday 11 May	09:00am	Trevor Howes RIP – Nellie Deceased Family & Friends RIP - Mathilde
Friday 12 May	05:30pm	Thanksgiving to St Jude – Tina Chetty
Saturday 13 May	05:30pm	All Souls RIP – Mathilde Cornelius Oliphant RIP - CWL
Sunday 14 May	08:00am	Milly Raw RIP – Family Stella Vere RIP – Dot & Yvonne
	05:30pm	Marlene Desmond's Birthday Blessings – Family Family & Friends RIP – Stella Poff

**PLEASE PRAY:** for the seriously sick: Welcome Bihanga Mabrouki

**For the repose of the soul of: Bishop Barry Wood OMI RIP**

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

### NOTICES

**Bishop Barry Wood's Funeral** – will take place on Saturday 13 May 2017 at 10:00am.

Venue: The Royal Showgrounds, Pietermaritzburg.

**Dedicated Givers – please collect your letter from the back of the Church**

**Everyone's Birthday with our Cardinal – Please note change of date ( due to Bishop Barry's death ). It will now take place on 10 June. Same time & venue. See posters.**

**Couples for Christ SA** – invites you to attend the Couples National Conference from 19-21 May 2017 at the Glenmore Pastoral Centre. See posters for more details or contact Daniel on 072 0405749

**All Stewardship Committee Members** – are invited to a joint meeting with the Parish Finance Committee on Monday 26 June 2017 at 06:00pm.

**Child Welfare (NGO)** - are doing a presentation at all weekend Masses 20/21 May 2017.

**Wool Fund** - There will be a Plant and Book Sale at all Masses the weekend 6/7 May to raise funds to buy wool for the Ladies who knit jerseys for the babies at King Edward Hospital, Mariannhill and Valley of 1000 Hills. Please support!

**Life Teen – Empower Durban (PMB) Conference 2017** – Calling all youth leaders, catechists, parish priests, sisters, brothers, core members, teachers, worship musicians and anyone else involved with or interested in impacting the lives of teenagers! Join us for an amazing weekend of fun, fellowship, worship and praise. Adoration and a whole lot of ministry training. We're excited to announce all the details for the 2017 event which will be held on the weekend of 21 to 23 July at African Enterprise Pietermaritzburg. Registration for the 2017 conference is now open! **PLEASE SEE PARISH WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OR CONTACT** Lynda Sprong 083 4271628 for more details.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady Of Fatima** – Candlelight procession led by Cardinal Wilfred Napier from Blessed Sacrament to Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Friday 12 May 2017 at 5:30pm. Bring your own candle. For more information, kindly contact Myron at 084 656 8844. See posters.

**Retrouvaille** – has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the June program (2-4 June) call 082 8500500 or email [Durban@retrouvaille.co.za](mailto:Durban@retrouvaille.co.za)

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## THE WEEK AHEAD Live the Word

### Mon 8 May Liturgy of the Day

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42; John 10:11-18

Just as water is so much more precious when one is thirsty, so our focus on what we long for fades quickly if and when it's obtained. Cherish your thirst for God as the gift that keeps you seeking.

### Tue 9 May Liturgy of the Day

Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87; John 10:22-30

No matter where we travel or what obstacles we face, no matter what personal crises or health issues we battle, God sits at our centre and connects us to something real and true and strong.

### Wed 10 May Liturgy of the Day

Acts 12:24-13:5; Psalm 67; John 12:44-50

If Christ were to come back today, would he recognise us as his followers? Is forgiveness, kindness and compassion at the centre of our lives? Today, do we really stand with Christ in our lives?

### Thu 11 May Liturgy of the Day

Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89; John 13:16-20

Our God is not the white bearded elderly gentleman sitting in the clouds ruling the universe from afar. Our God knows us intimately, knows us by name, knows us better than we know ourselves.

### Fri 12 May (St Pancras, Martyr)

Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2; John 14:1-6

No two humans have exactly the same perception or experience of God. Though we agree on essentials, our beliefs are not exactly the same due to our different experiences and preferences.

### Sat 13 May (Our Lady of Fatima)

Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98; John 14:7-14

Sometimes we feel that God seems hidden from us. Yet God may in fact be shouting at us, but because God's 'shouting' is so knitted into ordinariness, we don't hear the ocean against the noise of the waves.

### Sun 14 May 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33; John 14:1-12

Jesus promised a place for us, in his Father's house, beyond the grave. We don't know exactly what to expect, but we can be sure of a homecoming, a welcoming, and we will know that we are finally home.

(KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; **FEAST**; **Memorial**; (Optional Memorial)  
Colour = Liturgical colour of the day or feast)

## SUNDAY MASS

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:36-41.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23.

### RESPONSE:

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul. ✠
2. He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name. Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. ✠
3. You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. ✠
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending. ✠

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20-25.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own, and my own know me. Alleluia.*

### GOSPEL: John 10:1-10.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*



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## Catholic Link

### Easter Light

4th Sunday of Easter • Year A

Divine Office: Week IV • 7 May 2017

## Light on Vocations

EVERY YEAR on this, Good Shepherd Sunday, we are invited to pray for 'good shepherds' within the Church. This year the Pope has chosen to reflect on a vital aspect of the vocation of every Christian: the missionary dimension of being a disciple of Jesus. The basis of the message of Pope Francis for Vocations Sunday is that all Christians are called to be missionaries of the Gospel: 'As disciples, we do not receive the gift of God's love for our personal consolation, nor are we called to promote ourselves, or a business concern. We are simply men and women... who cannot keep this experience to ourselves'.

If every Christian is a 'Christ bearer (christopher)' then this is vividly the case for those called to the Consecrated Life (in Religious Life) and/or to the ordained ministry (deacons, priests, bishops).

In his Message for today's World Day of Prayer for Vocations the Pope offers a brief reflection on three aspects of the missionary vocation.

The first is the fact that as Christians we share in **the very mission of Jesus himself**. Through our baptism we too are anointed by the Spirit to bring good news to the poor... to proclaim release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour (Luke 4:18-19). Without this mission we would not be Christian.

Secondly the Pope assures us that as we

bring the good news to others, Jesus is with us **'at every step of the way'**. He reminds us how Jesus walked along the road to Emmaus with the dejected disciples after the tragedy

of Good Friday and how they eventually recognised him in how he explained the Scriptures to them and in the breaking of the bread. So with us on our journey of faith: Jesus accompanies us, warms our heart with his Word and feeds our spirit with his real presence.

Finally we are offered an important insight into how to be missionary. Pope Francis echoes the Gospel in telling us not to put our trust in 'power, proselytism or intolerant fanaticism'; nor should we place too much reliance on 'undue concern for structures'. The secret of missionary work and indeed of vocations promotion, lies in **'constant contemplative prayer'**.

We are reminded that the Spirit works quietly, secretly and silently; our role is to be available to sow the seed – and to let God give the increase.

It is in our 'profound friendship with the Lord' that all missionary/vocation ministry flourishes.

The Pope finishes his Message by recalling how Mary, Mother of our Saviour, placed her youth and her enthusiasm in God's hands. Young people will respond to the gentle invitation of the Spirit if we show them an attractive face of Jesus by our own missionary enthusiasm.



A painting of St Christopher by Titian, 1524