



## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the Assumption Parish, are a Community of Faith with  
a 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.



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A**  
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It is a moving experience each year on Palm Sunday as we go up the mountain with Jesus, towards the Temple, accompanying him on his ascent. But *what are we really doing when we join this procession* as part of the throng which went up with Jesus to Jerusalem and hailed him as King of Israel? Does it have anything to do with the reality of our life and our world? To answer this, we must first be clear about what Jesus himself wished to do and actually did. He was journeying towards the Temple in the Holy City, towards that place which for Israel ensured in a particular way God's closeness to his people. The ultimate goal of his pilgrimage was the heights of God himself; to those heights he wanted to lift every human being. Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper, to reflect the fact that, *together with Jesus, we are setting out on pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God.* (Pope Benedict XVI)

### Entrance Antiphon:

Six days before the solemn Passover, the Lord came to Jerusalem and children waving palm branches ran out to welcome him. They loudly praised the Lord: *Hosanna in the highest.* Blessed are you who have come to us so rich in love and mercy.

### Gospel at the Procession with Palms - Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"

### First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

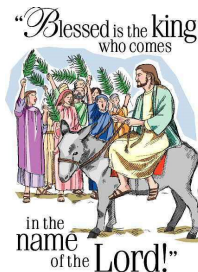
A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

### Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 26:14—27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.



## MASSES INTENTIONS

Requests for Mass intentions may be sent via email [Umbilo@aod.org.za](mailto:Umbilo@aod.org.za). Kindly ensure that the stipend for your requested mass is handed into the office or placed in a Mass Intention envelope (available at back of the church) with your name and details and placed in the collection box.

Saturday	04 <sup>th</sup> April	Violet Fayle RIP – Assumption Parish
Sunday	05 <sup>th</sup> April	Intentions of the Parish
<b>Weekday Masses</b>		
Monday	06 <sup>th</sup> April	
Tuesday	07 <sup>th</sup> April	Deceased Oblates – Fr Zibonele
Wednesday	08 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday	09 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday of the Lord's Supper
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Stations of the Cross Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – The Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

## NOTICES

**Parish Facebook Page and Website:** Please join our Parish Facebook Page *Assumption Parish Umbilo* and log onto website: [assumptiondurban.org](http://www.assumptiondurban.org) in order to keep up to date with any Parish announcements.

**Bishop's Lenten Appeal and Stewardship** – although we all find ourselves in very trying circumstances right now, we urge you to remain faithful to your stewardship pledge and the Lenten appeal. If you contribute via the envelope system or the normal collection during mass, we ask that you consider using alternative method of payment via direct deposit. Please reference your contributions with either your *stewardship number and name* or *Collection* or *Lenten appeal*. Thank you for your commitment in this regard. **Banking details:** First National Bank, Durban Main Branch; Account Name Assumption Catholic Parish/Archdiocese of Durban; Account Number: 50844493995 Branch Code: 221426

**Mite Boxes** – Please encourage your children to continue filling their mite boxes at this time. We will advise you when to return their contributions as soon as we resume the celebration of Mass - Thank you for your continued support!

**Palm Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> April.** Although we will not be able to have the normal Palm Sunday procession or Blessing of Palms, should you have a palm tree in your garden, cut branches and place them on your front door or gate. Encourage children to make palm crosses with some of the leaves. (*See details of how to make a palm cross under Masses/Palm Sunday on our website.*)

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