

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 7:7-11.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 90.

RESPONSE:

Fill us with your merciful love, O Lord, and we shall exult.

1. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Turn back, O Lord! How long? Show pity to your servants. **R**
2. At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy for the days of our affliction, for the years when we looked upon evil. **R**
3. Let your deed be seen by your servants, and your glorious power by their children. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us; give success to the work of our hands. O give success to the work of our hands. **R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-13.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-30.

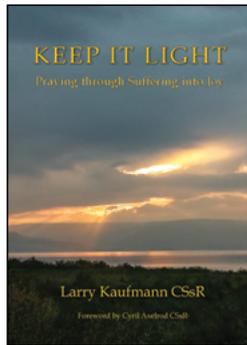
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 11 Oct (St John XXIII, P)

Romans 1:1-7; Psalm 98; Luke 11:29-32

In the kingdom of love there is no competition; there is no possessiveness or control. The more love you give away, the more love you will have. Love alone can awaken what is divine within you. (John O'Donohue)

Tue 12 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 1:16-25; Psalm 19; Luke 11:37-41

Be persistent in seeking what is right, in seeking justice; be persistent in prayer, constantly seeking God's guidance; and be persistent in sustaining your faith, through good times and bad.

Wed 13 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 2:1-11; Psalm 62; Luke 11:42-46

There is nothing more toxic to the gospel than hypocrisy. This is why St Paul directs us to live a life that is animated by the Holy Spirit, a life in which we bear good fruit, evidenced by kindness, patience, joy and generosity.

Thu 14 Oct (St Callistus I, PM)

Romans 3:21-30; Psalm 130; Luke 11:47-54

Are you tired of self-improvement programmes that don't seem to work? Create a new you by placing yourself in God's hands and allowing God to mould you into the person that God wants you to be.

Fri 15 Oct St Teresa of Avila, VD

Romans 4:1-8; Psalm 32; Luke 12:1-7

When Teresa of Avila slipped and fell into the mud during a rainstorm, with familiarity and temerity she admonished her Maker saying, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder why you have so few of them!"

Sat 16 Oct (St Margaret Mary Alacoque, V)

Romans 4:13.16-18; Psalm 105; Luke 12:8-12

When we can't see clearly we are prescribed glasses. Yet, in terms of our spiritual eyesight, what are "the eyes of my heart" seeing? Where is my gaze fixed? What if I allowed God to be my "spiritual optometrist"?

Sun 17 Oct 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 33; Mark 10:35-45

Isolation from the Christian community and public Mass during Covid 19 lockdown has been a stark reminder that we are not in a solitary relationship with God but part of a community, a body, the Body of Christ.

(KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; **FEAST**; **Memorial**; (Optional Memorial) **P**=Pope; **M**=Martyr; **V**=Virgin; **D**=Doctor

Catholic Link

BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B
Divine Office: Week IV • 10 October 2021

Memory

Memory is a tricky subject to think or write about. One of its tricks is that it can be sharp and clear one moment and hazy and vague the next. Short term memory needs to be distinguished

from long term memory. Reliability of memory is precarious. Emotional memory differs from statistical memory. People are often haunted by memories they would rather forget.

In the context of reflecting on truth, forgiveness and reconciliation, Pope Francis, in *Fratelli Tutti*, goes to some length in Chapter Seven to identify memory as a path to renewed encounter.

His main message is that we must not forget the wrongs of the past. He makes a passionate plea not to forget the *Shoah* (The Holocaust which killed six million Jews); not to forget the atom bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; not to forget the persecutions, the slave trade, the ethnic killings that have happened in the world. The list is sadly too long. Pope Francis cries out forcefully, "For God's sake, no!"

The pope quotes his own message for last year's World Day of Peace to explain why it is vital to remember such atrocities. He says that such memories "keep alive the flame of collective conscience, bearing witness to succeeding generations to the horror of what happened". The ultimate aim of remembering, of course, is to prevent such evils from ever recurring.

In South Africa it is important to keep alive the memory of apartheid as new generations now growing up have no personal memories of that evil system. This is not to say that racism

in one form or another is not a global reality. Indeed, it is just below the surface of human existence. South Africa's history can act as a sober reminder of that truth.



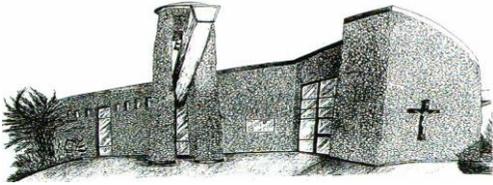
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– Do this in memory of me –

There is also the reality of personal struggle with the healing of memories. We may have endured abuse, discrimination, revenge; or we may have had habits and activities of which we are now ashamed. None of these is beyond the healing power of God. A strong hint of how to deal with disturbing memories is given in Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all

that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits." A prayer of praise and blessing not only calms the troubled soul but can draw the sting out of the distressing memory and allow us even to thank God for our earlier faults. The Church herself sings with joy about the sin of Adam: *O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer.*" (from "The Exultet" during the Easter Vigil).

The greatest memory of all is the memorial of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus our Lord. Theologians call this memory "anamnesis" (a special form of collective remembering) to indicate the unique understanding of the salvific work of Jesus which is not only called to mind but is made truly present in the Eucharist. It is in "The Mystery of Faith", celebrated at the heart of Holy Mass, that we are redeemed from the past by the One who takes away the sin of the world.



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*Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive, as a Parish,
to grow into disciples of Jesus Christ,
reaching out in Faith into a wider Community.*

Prayer Circle:

Contact Jeannette Nicholson
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REPOSITORY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

See notice on door for contact numbers for items urgently required.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The seriously sick:

Anthony Norris, Brian Fuller, Judy Willman, Scarlett Wright, Patrick Marx, Andre Herder, Michael Tunley, Jerelene Naidoo-Chetty, Lyn Rossell & Dale Smith.

*‘For men’ he said ‘it
is impossible, but
not for God:
because everything
is possible for God.’*

MASS ATTENDANCE: Even though the change of the national response to Covid pandemic is now down to Level One, the daily public Mass limited attendance will remain **125** persons in our parish. The gates will be closed when the limit is reached.

ONLINE MASSES: The **9.00am** Sunday Mass will continue to be available online, live-streamed on [Facebook](#).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 09 Oct 5.00pm

Gavin Marillier's Birthday [Family]

Simone Kalidin's Birthday [Emmanuel Family]

Shona & Anthony Joseph's Special Intentions
[Dhunraj Family]

Sun 10 Oct 7.00am

Bessie Frankson's Birthday [Family]

Nicole Dhunraj's Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
[Dhunraj Family]

Anne Lister's Birthday [Betty]

Sun 10 Oct 9.00am

Firmin Family [Julian & Veronica Thompson]

Lee-Ann King's Special Intention [Theres Pottier]

Manuel Family's Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

Mon 11 Oct 8.00am

All Parishioners

Tue 12 Oct 5.30pm

Victor, Theresa & Anthony Himunchul R.I.P. [Family]

Leeann Campbell's Thanksgiving for Prayers
Answered

Wed 13 Oct 8.00am

Daniel Buckley's Birthday [Family]

Jill Fisher [Theres Pottier]

Kevin Earlam [Betty]

Thu 14 Oct 5.30pm

Patrick Vere R.I.P. [Vere Family]

Julian & Veronica Thompson's Wedding Anniversary

Gloria Santos' Birthday [Santos Family]

Fri 15 Oct 8.00am St Teresa of Avila

Mary Johnson R.I.P. [Family]

Kael MacDonald's Birthday [Family]

Sat 16 Oct 5.00pm

Brianne Frankson's Special Intentions [Family]

Kayla Dunn's Birthday [Family]

Tessa Dunn's Birthday [Family]

Elizabeth Oberholzer's Birthday [Betty]

MASS INTENTIONS:.....

Sun 17 Oct 7.00am

Elizabeth Setebe's Special Intentions

The SFX Community & their Families

[Pottier Family]

Gregory Magiera R.I.P. [Family]

Sun 17 Oct 9.00am

All Parishioners

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH:

We say thank you once again to the parishioners who have been supportive in many ways, and especially financially, during this ongoing COVID pandemic. May God continue to bless you and keep you and your family safe and well. For those parishioners who

don't have the parish banking details, and would like to make a contribution, the parish banking information is as follows-

NAME: Bluff Catholic Church
BANK: First National Bank
BRANCH: Durban Main
BRANCH CODE: 25 06 55 (Generic)
TYPE: Current Account
A/C NO.: 508 444 959 17

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UPDATED PARISHIONER INFORMATION: Updated information allows us to communicate successfully with parishioners, especially during this time of COVID. If you have changed your personal or employment email address / your physical address, or your landline / cellphone number in the past 18 months, please contact the parish office by email, advising of the changes, or drop a note in the parish office letterbox.

SOUTHERN CROSS:

OCTOBER ISSUE HEADLINES –

- How does one become a nun?
 - Religion and War myth: The facts
 - Can we prove that God exists?
 - How to learn being a Catholic
 - Cardinals and the SA Church
 - Interview with author Mphuthumi Ntabeni
 - Saint of the Month with Poster: St John XXIII
- ...plus the monthly Trivia Quiz & Puzzles, Your Questions Answered, Prayer Corner, History in Colour, Inspiring Quotes, Cooking with Saints Recipe, and much more...
- Please support the Southern Cross – current and past issues available from the parish office @ R30 per monthly copy.

COVID VACCINATIONS: The Catholic Bishops' Conference is asking all priests to give full support to the "VOOMA Vaccination Weekends", to encourage all of our unvaccinated parishioners to take advantage of this vaccination drive. The aim is to have at least 70% of the adult South African population vaccinated by the end of December 2021. This will be a great boost to getting back to a greater normality and an act of responsibility towards our own health and the health of others.

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