

CATHOLIC CHURCH GRASSY PARK

(Our Lady Queen of Peace /St. Gerard's /St. Clement's)

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Priests' Day Off: Monday

CHURCH BANKING DETAILS

Bank: Standard Bank Grassy Park Account Name: Catholic Church Grassy Park
Account No. 270346368 Branch Code: 026209

Lay Counsellor: Please contact the following persons - Annette @ (021) 7158177 Thursdays only and Cynthia @ (021) 7941601 Monday & Tuesday mornings only. Phone to make an appointment.

Rosary: Will be prayed on Tuesday 14th November @ 11am @ Queen of Peace Church. All welcome.

QUEEN OF PEACE

- a) **Praise & Worship** - Every Monday evening at 7.30pm.
b) **Saint Vincent de Paul** - Kindly continue being generous in bringing non-perishables for the poor.
c) **Please Note:** Daily weekday Mass will resume from Monday.
d) **Mass Offered:**
Sunday: 7.30am - Richard Jacobs - birthday
9.30am - Lorenzo Rossouw - RIP
Monday: 8.30am - Sybil Claassen - 78th birthday
8.30am - Arthur Rodwell - RIP

ST. CLEMENT'S

- a) **Saint Vincent De Paul** - Kindly continue being generous in bringing non-perishables for the poor.
b) **Mass Offered:** Sunday 10.00am - Loretta Chetty - RIP

Weekly Pledge Payments - 5th October 2017

Queen of Peace

2791, 7635, 3092, 7597, 169, 7745, 7011, 2775, 1983, 2144, 2035, 2039, 5865, 1055, 1924, 1918, 1227, 7651, 1809, 2281, 1499, 445, 3086, 4836, 4285, 4518, 4285, 4518, 5040, 1617, 5883, 3438, 680, 1224, 1222, 7548, 3270, 7749, 1305, 1917, 2284, 4783, 4177, 7743, 1777, 1775, 4303, 1895, 4832, 1684, 6867, 7660, 5840, 6921, 2082, 1269, 4451, 3453, 3524, 1198, 4079, 6705, 4400, 7534, 1369, 5478, 2685, 5279, 20, 4401, 3125, 1850

St. Gerard's

3030, 7007, 4802, 510, 2421, 309, 431, 78, 286, 386, 4713, 3761, 5140, 69, 235, 7494, 2462, 318, 913, 7487, 244, 319

St. Clement's

1003, 925, 3260, 100, 7665, 4461, 6489, 4560, 2329, 6859, 4995, 1073, 2742, 4252, 2363, 5106, 6795, 6082, 1210, 2802, 6848, 3488, 6848, 841

Southern Cross: Please make sure you have paid your Southern Cross to date. Feel free to call the office to check whether you have or not. Kindly do not take away the Southern Cross if it doesn't indicate your name on it. Leave it for the rightful owner.

PARISH DIARY

DAY & DATE	MEETINGS & EVENTS	TIME & VENUE
Tues. 14th Nov.	Combined catechists' meeting	@ 7.30pm @ Q.O. Peace
Sat. 18th Nov.	Confession for parents and children of the First Holy Communion.	@ 10.00am @ Q.O. Peace
	Catechetical Retreat	@ Lansdowne from 9.30am
Tues. 21st Nov.	Maintenance meeting	@ 7.30pm @ Q.O. Peace
	Baptism Interviews	From 6.30pm to 7.30pm @ Q.O. Peace @ 9.30am
Thurs. 23rd Nov.	Clergy meeting	
	Mass of Thanksgiving	@ 7.00pm @ Lansdowne
Sun. 26th Nov.	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING	First Holy Communion @ 8.00am St. Gerard's @ 9.30am Q.O. Peace
	St. Clement's children's Mass	@ 10.00am
	PPC Executive meeting	@ 7.30pm @ Q.O. Peace
Tues. 28th Nov.	Baptism Interviews	From 6.30pm to 7.30pm @ Q.O. Peace

Combined Fundraising Event: (For building Fund)
Boogie - Licious Show at the Artscape Opera House on Friday 24th November at 7pm. Tickets are available at the 3 churches. Kindly support.

Seniors' Christmas Party- 17th December 2017:

We kindly appeal to all parishioners for donations to help us give our seniors a wonderful Christmas lunch. We still need some additional money and items to make this day a success. See notice board for list of donations needed, as well as list of those who want to attend. This Christmas lunch is open to all from Grassy Park Parish provided you are 60 & older. We also request that any parishioner or group who wish to be part of the entertainment, please approach one of the fundraising team members.

Mortuary List: During the month of November we remember and pray for all our deceased family members, relatives & friends. Kindly take an envelope and return it with your stipend and the names of those you wish to remember and pray for, latest by 26th November 2017. Holy Mass will be offered up every Friday at Queen of Peace for the names on the parish mortuary list.

Collection:

This weekend the 2nd collection is for the Mexican Relief. These monies will be forwarded to assist the Mexican people affected by the earthquake. Please be generous.

Advent Wreaths:

Advent Wreaths will be on sale at R125.00 each. Advent candle set of 4 at R50.00 a set. Place your order with Eddie Gonsalves @ 0828396566.

Joy of the Gospel: The MSFS Biblical Diary 2018 will be available early December. Since the stock will be limited kindly give your name, contact number and the number of copies you need to any of the Friends of Fransalians'.

Mon 13 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalm 139; Luke 17:1-6

Resentment and anger imprison us. They cut us off from others. Forgiveness heals. It lets us begin anew. Let go of the weight of resentment and make room for the lighter gift of grace. God's life within us.

Tue 14 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Wisdom 2:23-39; Psalm 34; Luke 17:7-10

We know so little of even those we think we know well. Given this truth, who am I to act of judge of anyone? Lord, give us the grace to step back from the temptation to judge. Only you know the deep hearts of all.

Wed 15 Nov (St Albert the Great, B&D)

Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 82; Luke 17:11-19

One of the most essential elements of prayer is thanksgiving, our expression of gratitude to God. Like the leper, when our prayer is answered do we take the next step of going back and thanking God?

Thu 16 Nov (St Margaret of Scotland)

Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Psalm 119; Luke 17:20-25

Perhaps the way to see God's reign in our midst is to look about with a second sight, a different way of looking. It is a seeing that sees with hope, with faith, and love. Lord, help us to see thee more clearly.

Fri 17 Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary, R

Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19; Luke 17:26-37

Silence is one of the essential elements of prayer. It is only in silence that we can truly hear God's voice in our inmost being. Prayer is a conversation, and listening is essential. What is God saying to you?

Sat 18 Nov (Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & Paul, As) Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Psalm 105; Luke 18:1-8 God comes to us in quiet moments when we settle down and consider Scripture, or the mystery of new life in our arms, or cosmic dust stretching above us. Listen... hear... ponder...

Sun 19 Nov 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Proverbs 31:10-13; 19:20.30-31; Psalm 128; Matthew 25:14-30 Throughout the ages many have speculated about the nearness of the end times. Jesus says that "only the Father knows". Most likely we will leave the world long before the world leaves us.

(KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) B-Bishop; D-Doctor; A-Apostle; R-Religious

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 63.

RESPONSE:

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you; for you my soul is thirsting.

For you my flesh is pining,

like a dry, weary land without water. R

2. I have come before you in the sanctuary,

to behold your strength and your glory.

Your loving mercy is better than life;

my lips will speak your praise. R

3. I will bless you all my life;

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;

with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. R

4. When I remember you upon my bed,

I muse on you through the watches of the night.

For you have been my strength;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Watch, therefore, and be ready; the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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.

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A Paschal Spirituality

ALL CHRISTIAN spirituality is ultimately Trinitarian – a participation in the life of God. So too we can say that every Christian spirituality is marked by the mystery of the Cross and the Resurrection. Hence the spirituality of marriage and family life is truly a paschal spirituality.

When we speak of the “paschal mystery” we are referring in the first place to the “passing-over” of Jesus from death to life through the mystery of the Cross and Resurrection. In Jesus, God enters human suffering to transform it from within. Hence there were many dark hours in the passage of Jesus from death to the Resurrection life, none darker than the dereliction of Calvary.

The darkness of Good Friday moves through the silence of Holy Saturday to the glory of the Easter morning.

Christians all participate to some extent in this passage. Christian marriages and Christian families also are marked by this fundamental dynamic – through darkness into light, through suffering into glory.

Pope Francis is sensitive to how families experience both darkness and light: “Moments of pain and difficulty will be experienced in union with the Lord’s cross, and his closeness will make it possible to surmount them.” (317).

Christian faith in the Resurrection includes the belief that Resurrection life has already begun and that those baptized into Christ already share in his victory. Hence Pope Francis sees moments of joy, relaxation and celebration as moments of glory – the glory of the Risen Christ – already manifest in our lives. What may surprise some

people is how Pope Francis includes sexuality in such moments of resurrection life. He sees the holiness of married life in very practical and human ways.

Another vivid manifestation of paschal faith in living married and family spirituality is family prayer. Again Pope

Francis offers down-to-earth practical helps: “A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God, to tell him our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings, and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle.” (318)

The Pope makes family prayer attractive and simple by showing how the family itself provides the “raw material” for prayer. The slogan “The family that prays together, stays together” used to be used by the Family Rosary Campaign; it remains true for the simple and direct prayers such as Pope Francis highlights.

The supreme family prayer is of course the Eucharist. As the “source and summit of the Christian life”, family prayer finds its best expression in the Paschal Mystery in the context of the Sunday rest. The parish becomes a family of families, all taken up into the prayer of the Spirit: “There, spouses can always seal anew the paschal covenant which God sealed with mankind in the cross” (318).

In speaking of the Christian family as a “domestic Church” we are recognising the continuing power of the new Covenant of love.

