

Appeal from the Library

We have more and more young people—both primary and high school learners who are wanting to make use of our Library—for which we are very grateful!

HOWEVER we do not have many books for these age groups—if you have any books for children and teens and young adults that you are no longer needing please consider donating them to our Library ...

The Jesuit Institute will once again offer a Triduum retreat at Lumko retreat centre Benoni from the evening of Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday after breakfast. It will be led by Fr Russell Pollitt, Dr Annemarie Paulin-Campbell and Fr Matthew Charlesworth. We will celebrate the holy liturgies with the Carmelite sisters.

To help you to enter deeply into this time there will be some talks; guided reflections; plenty of time for silent prayer and to meet with a spiritual director. For further information or to book contact retreats@jesuitinstitute.org.za

Pamphlets with more details are at the back of the Church.

FAMILY CROSS

Please pray for the recipients of the family cross every day during the week

This week's families (25 Mar)

07h30 Richard Hatfield
09h30 Dominique & Jordan Phatane
18h00 Quentin & Camilla Leeds

Next week's families (1 April)

No Family Cross at the Easter Services

Thursday's family (5 April)

09h30 Pauline Hanna

Following week's families (8 April)

07h30 Paul & Ingrid Henry
09h30 Madeleine Pearce and Marielle
& Christiane du Plooy
18h00 Mervyn, Trudy, Catherine & Dana Low

Are you a Visitor? A Newcomer?

Thank you for joining us today: please introduce yourself to one of the clergy



St. Luke's Church, Orchards



St. Luke's seeks to build God's Kingdom by helping believers to develop a *covenant relationship* with God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—that will enrich our daily lives and equip us for service to others

Palm Sunday

At the beginning of Holy Week we follow Jesus down through mount of Olives to the Golden Gate of Jerusalem – a city described by a Muslim writer in a book of meditations on Holy Week as “The City of Wrong”. Jesus does not steer us away from the gates and back into the holy silence and peace of the desert, but keeps us close to him as he enters in – taking us into a world of chaos and confusion, into events that we cannot control and that sweep to the very edge of what we can bear.

But the triumphal entry of Jesus through the Gate of the City of Wrong, that leads us to the heart of our conflicted world is also the way that leads us through the Cross of Calvary to the place of resurrection. The gate of shame is also the Gateway of Paradise, the Gate of Heaven.

Brian

25 March 2018

The Word of God

07h30 & 09h30 — Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards
Preacher: Brian Germond

1st reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm	Psalm 31:9-16
2nd reading	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel	Mark 11:1-11

16h30—Power Hour

A Celebration with the Family including Holy Communion

18h00 — Holy Communion

Celebrant: David Edwards
DVD: Prayer Course: Perseverance

Maudy Thursday—Holy Communion

09h30: Celebrant & Preacher: Janette Ross
19h00: Celebrant: Jerry Bailey
Preacher: David Edwards

1st reading	Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
Psalm	Psalm 116:1-2,11-18
2nd reading	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel	John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Rector: Revd David Edwards
Senior Assistant Priest: Revd Allan Williams
Assistant Priest: Revd Janette Ross
NexGen Pastor: Jordan Theron
Senior Lay Minister: Richard Hatfield
Church Wardens: Mario Kuisis, Angela Mhlanga, Charles Sarjoo (alt) and Anthony Still (alt)
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PRAYER FOCUS:

Thanksgivings:

- The wonderful rain
- The free gift of God's grace
- The assurance that God's Spirit is with us all the time

Our Parish

- Those who are suffering or ill, in hospital or at home: Beryl Bailey, Stanley Chocho, Pam Gibson, Joy Green, Margie Hoffe, Fiona Hopkins, Marian Kruger, Yvonne Loizou, Poppie Mushwana, Sonja Read, Teboho Selele, June Smith; Sandra Tricker, Rob Whitlock, Liz Zylstra
- For us all to develop a lively sense of God in our lives
- For us to seek God's will in our lives

Our Diocese and the Church

- Bishop Steve and his wife Liziwe
- God's wisdom and discernment for all clergy

Our Country and World

- For our Government in these times especially President Cyril Ramaphosa and all those in positions of authority
- For Herman Mashaba, Mayor of JHB
- For integrity in all our leaders
- Rain! Especially in the Western and Eastern Cape and other catchment areas

Would you like to contribute to the cost of the Easter Flowers?

Please be in touch with the Church office—in memory of a loved one? just because you are grateful to Jesus? for whatever reason you have ..



Birthdays this week



25	Theo Reader	Zoe Thomson
28	Freddy Why	
29	Megan Harker	Janette Ross
30	Sue Tinsley	



Anniversaries this week



31	Simon & Fumane Matsoso	1992
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Holy Saturday (31 March):

The Easter Vigil Service is the only service of its kind in the Christian calendar. It celebrates in dramatic form the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Traditionally the service takes place in the dark - Jesus was raised during the night and appeared in the early morning to his disciples (check the gospel accounts). In Jewish reckoning, the new day starts at sunset which is why we say that Jesus was raised after three days. This also means that any service after sunset is taking place on "the third day" and so the Easter Vigil Service is held in some place during what we call Saturday night and in others on what we would call Sunday morning - in Jewish reckoning they are both the same.

The service reminds us of what it cost God to bring us back into full relationship as children of the God who loves us more than we will ever be able to grasp. People who have attended this service for the first time find it moving and profound.

Maybe try it this year?

Prayer @ St. Luke's

Please consider joining one or all of the Prayer Meetings that take place in our Church weekly. You are also welcome to join for just part of the prayer time.

Monday—Friday:

08h30—09h00: Morning Devotions

16h30—17h00: Evening Prayer

Monday

17h30—18h30: Prayers for St. Luke's

Thursday:

12h00—13h00: Prayers for our Country

Saturday (2nd Sat of the month)

09h00—10h00: Prayers for St. Luke's

All Welcome

Holy Week

Sunday 25 March (Palm Sunday)

@ 07h30 & 09h30

Bishop Brian Germond

@ 18h00

Prayer #4 DVD: Perseverance

Holy Week: (all services @ 19h00)

Monday: Dramatic Reading

Tuesday: Taizé service

Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion @ 09h30 & 19h00

Good Friday: 3 hour service @ 12h00

Saturday: Easter Vigil

Sunday (Easter):

@ 07h30 & 09h30

Holy Communion

Holy week

Monday—27 March:
A Dramatic Reading from Matthew's Gospel

Once again we are making the most of Monday in Holy Week @ 7pm.

Join us for this exciting interesting holy occasion as we witness a dramatic presentation of St. Matthew's Passion.

Tuesday—28 March:
Taizé service

Join us for a time of quiet prayer, meditation and reflection.

Thursday—29 March:
Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion at both the morning service @ 09h30, and the evening service @ 19h00—Christa will be reading Psalm 22 and at the end of the service we will strip the altar.

Good Friday—30 March:
3-hour service

Join us for the whole service, or for one or more of the 30 minute slots, being led by David, Jerry, Janette, Jordan and Chris.

Soul Friends

Are you interested or involved in the Soul Friends Programme? Please come to a meeting in the Robyn Crawford Centre from 7pm to 8pm on Wednesday 25 April. Any enquiries contact

Jenni Gous
Sue Tinsley .