

St Francis Parkview

20 DECEMBER 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O God of grace and glory,
you visited your servants Elizabeth and Mary
with news of the world's redemption
in the coming of the Saviour:
make our hearts leap with joy,
and fill our mouths with songs of praise,
that we may announce glad tidings of peace,
and welcome the Christ in our midst,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God in glory everlasting,
Amen.



I will walk among you . . . ye shall be my people [Leviticus 26.12]

Word for fourth week of Advent: OBEDIENCE

Pray for the Church: Pray for the Diocese of Yewa in Lagos, Nigeria and for The Rt Revd Michael Adebayo Oluwarohunbi

Pray for the World: Father, we pray for our President and all other government and community leaders throughout our towns, cities and provinces. Save those who are not yet Your own. Give those in authority wisdom in every decision, and help them to think clearly. Grant them discernment and common sense so they'll be strong and effective leaders. Help them to lead and govern with integrity, and may their integrity guide them and keep them on track. Be merciful to give us leaders who are Spirit-filled and follow Your principles. Direct their steps according to Your Word— for their decisions have a great impact on our lives!

Pray for Parishioners:

Birthdays: Sunday 20: Niki Blumentritt; **Tuesday 22:** John Reynders; **Wednesday 23:** Pam King, Colin Morris

Wedding Anniversaries: Sunday 20: Sue Sprott; **Monday 21:** Anita and John Speedy;

Wednesday 23: Clementine Nishimwe and Fulgence Tulinumukiza

Families to be prayed for this week: Thembi Kamanga; Lesley, Frans, Jenna-May and Michael Kamps; Graham Keeley; Margaret Kieser; Alan and Kim King; Pam King; Judith Kinnaird

Prayers for those in need of prayer:

John Alexander; Sonja Begg; Bill Currie; Patience Dlamini; Maria Frahm-Arp; Sara Nieuwoudt; Val Robertson; Desmond Tutu; Jill van Dongen

Year's Mind:

Westy Yon; Opie Cox; Adeline Wigmore; Maria Cox; Robert Henderson

Readings this week

Micah 5: 2-5	OT 902
Psalms 80: 1-7	APB 705
Hebrews 10: 5-10	NT 279
Luke 1: 39-55	NT 74

HYMNS 09:00

Tell out, my soul
 Laudate Dominum!
 Christians, lift your hearts and voices
 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
 You shall go out with joy

Eucharist 09:00

Celebrant	Jonathan Meintjes
Preacher	Jonathan Meintjes
Worship Leader	Alan Carlile
Server	Margi Strever
First Reader	Mike Williams
Second Reader	Terri Miller
Sides People	Charles Campbell Sabelo Mbatha
Music	Jonathan van Rensburg
Power Point	Terri Miller
Keys - Unlock	Mike Williams
Keys - Lockup	Theo Coggin
Chapel Prayer	Susan Alexander
Flowers	None during Advent
Tea for 09:30	Clementine Nishimwe Felicity Kitchin

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Monday 21 December	07:00 Clergy Meeting
Tuesday 22 December	17:30 Eucharist
Wednesday 23 December	09:30 Eucharist
Thursday 24 December	13:00 Office Closed till 4 January 2016 17:00 Children's Christmas Eve Service 23:00 Midnight Mass
Friday 25 December	09:00 Christmas Day Eucharist
Sunday 27 December	09:00 Eucharist

Readings for 27 December 2015:**1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26****Psalm 148****Colossians 3: 12-17****Luke 2: 41-52****NOTICES:**

Today we say goodbye to Jonathan and Jane Meintjes. We wish them both all the best in this new and exciting time.

HOMELESS LUNCH: A big thank you to everyone who donated food, money and all those that helped out on the day. Thank you too to Eunice, our social worker and her family for their generous donation of all the wares, all their cooking and help on the day. We managed to feed about 170 individuals.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY SERVICES: Please note that from 13 December there will only be ONE service at 09:00. Double services will start again on 17 January.

CAROLS IN THE GARDEN: This evening at 17:00. Bring your own delicious picnic and join in by choosing and singing your favourite carols in our beautiful garden. This relaxed affair is fun for the whole family and a great way to get ready for Christmas. Feel free to bring mince pies and Christmas cake to share around.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed from 24 December and will reopen on 4 January.

GRAND PIANO: We trust that everybody has enjoyed the new grand piano being used on various occasions and we have received very generous donations from a number of parishioners (for which we are most grateful). If you haven't contributed yet and would like to do so, please complete the form at the back of the church.

HOME COMMUNION: For those who are housebound for any reason. If you know someone who needs this ministry please contact Susan Alexander 0835494245; Patience Dlamini 0116464182; Suzanne Jordaan 0824167199

GARDEN VOLUNTEER SUPERVISOR: We are looking for someone with an interest in gardens who can supervise Michael our gardener once or twice a week for a few hours. Michael cannot read, so we can't leave written instructions for him. If there is anyone who can help, please call Ceri in the office and let her know. Michael works in the church gardens on a Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Our banking details - Account name: St Francis Church Parkview,
Account number: 50331107348 Bank: FNB Branch: Killarney 256 205

St Francis of Assisi Parish proclaims the Kingdom of God in the power of the Spirit through:

- * Growing in love of God and each other; * Sharing in worship; * Engaging in evangelism;
- * Participating in fellowship; * Serving people in need; * Caring for the environment.

St Francis Parkview gives support to care for the community through:

- * Meals round-the-year for the needy; * Advice service for the homeless; * HIV/Aids counselling; *
- Facilities for pre-school outreach; * Distribution Centre for used clothing.

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Our Church Wardens fulfil several roles, including maintenance of the building and its resources, ministry to the clergy, and lay leadership. The Wardens are:

* Cally Tuckey 082 901 5857 * Theo Coggin 011 487 0026 * Eddie Jooste 082 490 8159 (Alternate) *

For day-to-day matters, please make contact with:

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Verger: Donald Twala	072 441 2140	
Director of Music: Ruth Coggin	082 903 5819	ruth@quo-vadis.co.za

For counselling needs, please contact our Anglicare Counsellors:

Val Archer 083 701 9443 Colleen Gordon 083 503 8187 Terri Miller 072 691 1484

We invite you to come to the Lady Chapel during and after communion if you would like someone to pray for you or with you. For prayers for any need or emergency, please phone

Anita Speedy 011 678 4742 Susan Alexander 011 486 3389 or 083 549 4345

St Francis provides a wide variety of ministries.

To find out more, please contact:

Finance and Administration	Mymie Vos	082 651 3621
Planning and Evaluation	Eddie Jooste	082 490 8159
Property	Keith Ballard	082 416 5105
Worship	TO BE ANNOUNCED	
Education	Cally Tuckey	082 901 5857
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Youth and Sunday School: <i>Rock and Roll</i>	Yvette Angoma	011 646 2660
Communications	Melissa Malgas	083 504 9293
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Outreach (incl Fundraising)	Theo Coggin	011 487 0026
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Social Concerns	TO BE ANNOUNCED	