

St Francis Parkview

18 December 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

God of Joseph and Mary:
fulfill Joseph's dream
and make us heralds of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



Advent Candles in the shape of the Southern Cross

Bless us and our Advent candles.
May the light that shines forth from them
illumine our way
as we journey towards Christmas,
just as the Southern Cross has guided
pilgrims through the ages.

Pray for the Church: We pray for the church in Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh in Armagh in Ireland and for the Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield.

We pray for **Steve our Bishop** and for Liziwe and **Thabo our Archbishop** and Lungi.

Prayer for the World: Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Prayer for Parishioners:

Birthdays: Sunday 18: Ruth Rensburg, Tebogo Sebambo, Hayley Vos;

Tuesday 20: Niki Blumentrit; **Thursday 22:** John Reynders; **Friday 23:** Pam King, Colin Morris

Wedding Anniversaries: Tuesday 20: Sue Sprott; **Wednesday 21:** Anita and John Speedy;

Friday 23: Clementine Nishimwe and Fulgence Tulinumukiza

Families to be prayed for this week: Kabelo Murray; Daniel Muthabo; Dave and Barbara Nabarro; Joan Naude; Betty and Thandazo Ndlovu; Julia, Erin and Holly Nelson

Prayers for those in need of prayer: Sonja Begg; Pat Cawthorn; Bill Currie; Jeffery Gavin; Chloe Heylen; Xenka Kinnaird; Ally Martin; Khanya Mills; Maria Miszti; Tsungi Ngwenya; Maria Nkabinde; Jay Owens; Geoff Paxton; Wendy Price; Val Robertson; Marlene Sterling; Desmond Tutu, Hope Zwambila

Give thanks for healing and recovery: Rosemary Dormer and Francis Wilson

Year's Mind: Wesly Yon; Opje Cox; Adeline Wigmore; Maria Cox; Robert Henderson

READINGS THIS WEEK

Isaiah 7: 10 – 16 OT 673
 Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 APB 705
 Romans 1: 1-7 NT 190
 Matthew 1: 18-25 NT 4

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.

EUCCHARIST 09:00

Celebrant	Maria Frahm-Arp
Preacher	Paul Germond
Parish Ministers	Patience Dlamini Susan Alexander
Eucharistic Prayer	Advent Eucharistic Prayer
Server	Alan King
First Reader	Mike Williams
Second Reader	Steve Pryor
Music	Jonathan van Rensburg
Sides People	Edward Newton Jan Reinecke
Chapel Prayer	Ann Pryor
Powerpoint	Martyn Brooks
Flowers	None during Advent
Keys Unlock	Mike Williams
Keys Lock Up	Paul Germond
Tea 09:00	Val Archer Prue Hall

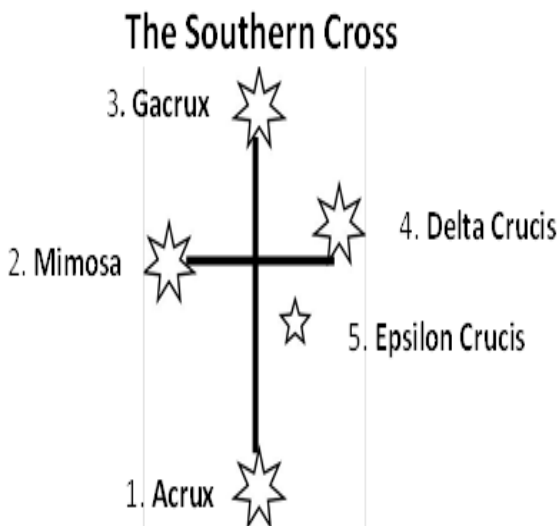
THE ADVENT CANDLES IN THE SHAPE OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

In the night sky of the Southern Hemisphere, the four central stars of the Southern Cross shine permanently above us. From ancient times, these stars offered travellers and ocean navigators who looked up to them, a sure sense of direction, the way to true south. In this season of Advent we remember and anticipate the coming into the world of the light that enlightens everyone. So also as Christians, we look to the cross of Jesus and the light of His resurrection to offer us a true bearing for our lives; to Christ who is the Way, the Truth, the Life.

This Advent we place the Advent Candles in the shape of the Southern Cross in front of the altar in place of the traditional Advent Wreath. The wreath reflects the Northern Hemisphere winter conditions. By using the Southern Cross in this way we, with many other parishes in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, are guided by *Celebrating Sunday under Southern Skies* a liturgical resource book published in September and approved by the Provincial Synod for use in parishes. The Advent Liturgy we will use throughout Advent 2016 has been shaped by this useful and exciting book.

The Southern Cross constellation is made up of five stars scientifically called Acrux, Mimosa, Gacrux, Delta Crucis, and Epsilon Crucis. Depending on the time of year and the position of the viewer the arrangement and shape of the constellation can vary.

Each Sunday at the lighting of the Advent Candles we will use the names of these stars for each candle, the 5th, Epsilon Crucis, being the candle we light on Christmas day. It is the candle in the gold candlestick.



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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 **PRAYER CHAIN** works for any need or emergency:

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 20 December	17:30 Eucharist
Wednesday 21 December	09:30 Eucharist
Friday 23 December	13:00 Parish Office Closes till 9 January 2017
Saturday 24 December	08:30 Advent Meditation 17:00 Children's Christmas Eve Service 23:00 Midnight Mass Eucharist
Sunday 25 December	09:00 Christmas Day Eucharist

NOTICES:

ADVENT MEDITATION: This will take place on a Saturday morning from 08:30 for the duration of Advent. All are welcome to attend.

PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES: Today is the last Sunday we will be making sandwiches for 2016. We will start again on Sunday 8 January after the 09:00 service. Thank you to all who have helped make the weekly sandwiches. Thank you to all those who have so generously donated the peanut butter, it is greatly appreciated!

DECEMBER/JANUARY COMBINED SERVICES: Our Sunday services are a combined service at 09:00. This will continue up to and including January 8. The services will all be at 9:00.