




St Francis of Assisi, Parkview
Diocese of Johannesburg
Anglican Church of Southern Africa



17 May 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God,
you reveal yourself in love:
pour into our hearts such love towards you,
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

The Holy Spirit



"parakletos"

Advocate
Comforter
Helper
Counselor
Intercessor

**... to help you and be with you forever
- the Spirit of truth. (Jn. 14:16-17)**

WELCOME TO CHURCH UNUSUAL – LIVE FROM ST FRANCIS

Physical Distancing, Social Solidarity and Spiritual Reality

Each of us should live as if we are positive to protect those around us.

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you”.

Matthew 7:12

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

We Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea **The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo** - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon. We pray for **Steve our Bishop** and our Diocese, for **Thabo our Metropolitan** and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, for **Justin of Canterbury** and the Anglican Communion, and all Christians across the world.

A PRAYER FOR CONNECTION IN A TIME OF PHYSICAL SEPARATION

O God, in this time of physical separation may we be united in our desire to care for each other and our world. Strengthen our communication in unexpected ways, keep us listening in deep and meaningful ways, keep us patient in practical and resourceful ways and soften our hearts to help those who need us.

A PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

As Christians celebrate Ascension Day and Muslims, Eid-al-Fitr, we pray that all nations be inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed. Unite us to fight Covid-19; unite us to fight for each other and for life; inspire us to love one another. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS:

Birthdays: Sunday 17: Serf Bouwer; Nicky Pryor; Cally Tuckey **Monday 18:** Miranda Hunt, Valentino Meirotti **Thursday 21:** Teresa Dirsuweit **Friday 22:** James Macdonald

Wedding Anniversaries: Thursday 21: Robert and Sandra Mackay

Families to be prayed for this week: Graham, Hailey, Wyatt, and Jasper HILL; Spike HOLLIDAY, Janet, Duncan, Jessica and Abigail HOLLOWAY; Mike and Louise HONNET; Michael, Karin, Cordelia and Miranda HUNT; Trevor, June and Louise IMPEY; David, Fiona and Arabella INGHAM

Prayers for those in need of prayer: Susan Alexander; Michael Cruz; Stephen Botha Jentina Frahm-Arp; the Germond family; Marilyn Gianadda; Joyce Halse; Lesley Henderson; June Impey; Tim Kinnard; Maria Longley and family; the Mgeyane family; Hilary Mudau; Thabani Mudau; Reginé Ndlibu; the Nelson Family; Wendy Price; Gerald Strever; Michael, Mymie, Charl and the whole Vermooten family, and for **those who have long-term needs:** Pat Cawthorn; Maria Frahm-Arp; Geraldine Matlhare; Elzett Mufamadi; Thandazo Ndlovu; Dudley Spratt, Travis and Cheryl Williams and family.

Years Mind: Robert Botha; Stefan John Rasmussen

Ascension Day Zoom Service - Thursday 21 May at 12 noon

Join the Zoom Service by clicking on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84036811078>

SUNDAY 17 MAY

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-9

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

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SOME NOTICES

1. Our Eastertide weekly rhythm

In this season of Eastertide, we have established a weekly rhythm for our life together as a Parish. The basic structure of the week is:

Wednesday Diana's Reflections on the Post Resurrection Words of Jesus.

Friday 7:00 am Eucharist on Zoom: Click on link. No password needed.

<https://zoom.us/j/97918618359>

Friday 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm Youth meet on Zoom

Sunday 8:30 am Church Unusual – Live from St Francis

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt35PbtR_ZhmelxXjQ3EIBg

Sunday 12:00 Confirmation Class on Zoom

2. Pastoral care, a listening ear and someone to pray with

In this time of confusion, of isolation, and of stress we want to assure you that we are available for a friendly conversation if you feel alone, prayer if you would like to pray with someone and pastoral counselling if you are in need. Please know that you are welcome to call any of the people on the list below for whatever you might need.

Diana Lawrenson: 072 258 5537

Sue Jordaan: 082 416 7199

Cynthia Botha: 083 425 4833

Fabian Oliver: 079 760 8443

Val Archer: 083 7019443

Patience Dlamini: 082 558 8547

Bart Cox: 083 755 1656

Cally Tuckey: 082 901 5857

Paul Germond: 072 397 2284

3. Sunday Offerings Unusual

If you would like to continue making your Sunday collection, please make an EFT to: Standard Bank. Account name: Parkview St Francis. Account number: 000496502

4. St Francis Support Fund (previously the Solidarity Fund)

Thank you to all who have made contributions to the Parish Support Fund. Please considered continuing to do so. We are now in a position to assist parishioners who are in need. Please contact the clergy or churchwardens if you wish to find support. Your request will be treated in utmost confidence and be assessed by the Rector and Churchwardens and please explain: What do you need support for? How much do you need? For how long will you need support? How many people are dependent on this support? We welcome this opportunity to take care of members of our family who are in need. Funds available will not be able to cover major or sustained costs.

The Franciscan – Youth Edition – June 2020 – Photos Please

The Young People of the Parish will be the focus of the next edition of the Franciscan. We would like to have photographs of **all the Young People** (0 to 18 years) of the Parish. Please could you send the pictures to Fabian (fabszashwin@gmail.com). We will take the email as the parents' consent to the publications of the pictures in The Franciscan.

Parish Finances: An update

It is important to let you know what steps the Parish leadership is taking to ensure the Parish's financial good health and continued ministry in this time of unprecedented economic stress.

The first step was to forecast where we will be financially at the end of the year. Given what we have seen in the reduction of Parish income (loss of Sunday collection and rental income, and reduction in DG giving) we, tentatively, forecast that we will have a shortfall in the region of R250,000 by 31 December if we were to carry on as usual.

The second step is to find ways in which we can reduce our expenses to reduce the forecast deficit. While discussions around this are ongoing, we initially plan to:

- a. reduce office costs substantially (printing, electricity, housekeeping materials etc)
- b. not fill the Assistant Administrator's position by spreading responsibilities between the Administrator, Youth Worker, Clergy, and parishioner volunteers,
- c. not replace our Social Concerns community worker (Eunice Mhlangu will retire at end of June at 80 years old) and putting in place a parishioner led advice office,
- d. covering the vacant Parish Caretaker position in ways that do not require an appointment at the level of the previous Caretaker. This matter is still under deliberation.

These, and other possible steps under consideration, would reduce the forecast deficit substantially to an estimated R40,000.

If you have any questions or suggestions, we would be most grateful if you contact either clergy or churchwardens.

SOME PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH

THE CLERGY

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| Revd Canon Cynthia Botha | 010 880 4398 | 083 425 4833 | cynthialbotha@gmail.com |
| Revd Prof Maria Frahm-Arp | <i>Seconded to UJ</i> | 082 847 6793 | mariafrahmarp@gmail.com |
| Revd Diana Lawrenson | 011 646 2660 | 072 258 5537 | diana.lawrenson@gmail.com |
| Revd Susan Alexander | | 083 549 4345 | sujohn@iafrica.com |
| Fabian Oliver- Youth Pastor | 011 646 2660 | 079 760 8443 | fabszashwin@gmail.com |

THE OFFICE

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CHURCH WARDENS

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| Tim Wilson | 082 576 2090 | tim.wilson@mweb.co.za |
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| Sabelo Mbatha | 083 395 6853 | sabelombatha0@gmail.com |

CHOIR

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| Kenneth Jackson | 076 567 8306 |
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| ANGLICARE COUNSELLORS for counselling needs | Val Archer 083 701 9443 |
| PASTORAL CARE | Sue Jordaan 082 416 7199 |

BANK DETAILS:

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| Bank: | Standard Bank | Account number: | 000496502 |
| Account name: | Parkview St Francis | Branch: | 000205 |