



St Francis of Assisi, Parkview

**Diocese of Johannesburg
Anglican Church of Southern Africa**

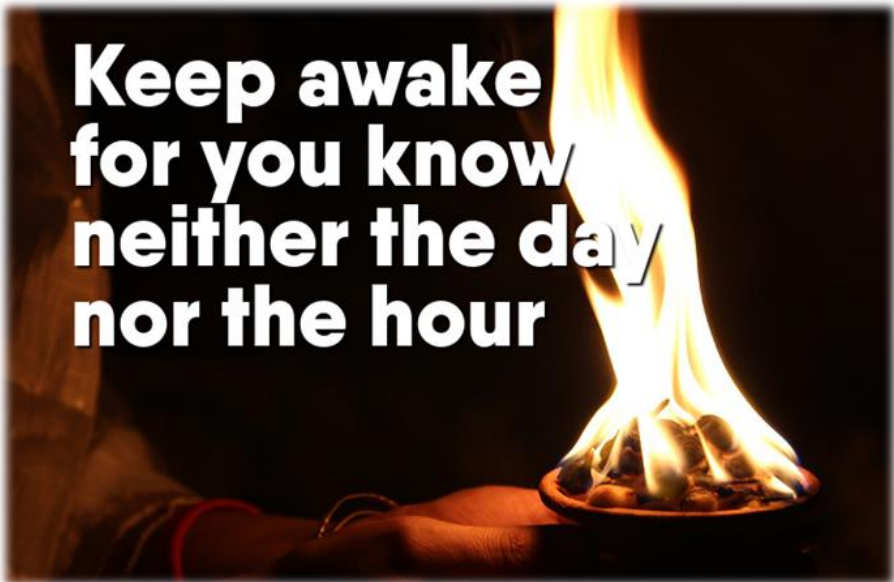


**29 November 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Almighty Father,
your Son came to us in humility as our saviour
and the last day he will come again in glory as our judge:
give us grace to turn away from darkness to
the light of Christ that we will be ready to welcome him;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever an ever.**

Amen

**Keep awake
for you know
neither the day
nor the hour**



SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

READINGS FOR TODAY

Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Pray for the **Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)** and **The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church**. We pray for **Steve our Bishop** and our Diocese, for **Thabo our Metropolitan** and the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, for **Justin of Canterbury**, the Anglican Communion, and all Christians in the world.

PRAYER AND ACTIVISM FOR THE END OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & CHILDREN

During these 16 Days of Prayer and Activism we pray to you, God of love:

- For all our relationships, that they may be holy and healthy, liberated from all harm by the misuse of power and strength
- For all people who are going through abuse and suffering violence they may find emotional and physical healing and the transformation of their circumstances
- For all young people, that they might grow into relationships of peace, dignity, respect and value
- For all people of faith, that as Jesus welcomed children as models of faith and protected and cared for the women he encountered, may we love as he did and stand up against injustice as he did
- For all communities of faith that they may transform their traditions, beliefs and practices and so live as communities of safety and equality for all, affirming in word and deed the dignity of all God's children

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS:

Birthdays Sunday 29: Diketso Mufamadi; Zimkhitha Mkhonza; Derek Pryor; Reuben Pienaar **Monday 30:** Caelen Buchanan ; Gary Peckett; Nicholas Whittaker; Caley May **Tuesday 1:** Piero Gianadda; Lerato Morand **Wednesday 2:** Esther Malia **Thursday 3:** Hayley Pienaar **Friday 4:** Janine Nolan; Angeliqe Sabastian **Saturday 5:** Noah Malgas; Kiara Gregory; Enver SABASTIAN

Wedding Anniversaries: Friday 4: Darryl and Lee McMullen

Upcoming Wedding: We pray for the daughter of Jillian and Nigel, Mary Carman and Jonathan Haenen as they prepare for their wedding on 12 December.

Families to be prayed for this week: Craig, Zoe, William and Jack WATERSTON; Craig, Jannette, Dalton and Douglas WEBSTER; Antoinette WELSH; Jonathan; Robyn; Nicholas, Christopher and Cathryn WHITTAKER

Prayers for those in need of prayer: John Alexander; Susan Alexander; Felicity Bailey; Isaac Bergover; Melanie Deysel and family; Lucille Evans; Yvonne Franklin, Julia and Martin and their families; Jane Hlela and Bongo and Hazel; June Impey; Irid Johnson; Wendy McConnell; Malcolm McDonald; the Mgeyane family; Reginè Ndjibu; the Nelson Family; Alicia Siyasiya; Merle Spratt and family; Gerald Strever; Amanda van Ryneveld; Selwyn Wyngaard and for **those who have long-term needs:** Pat Cawthorn; Maria Frahm-Arp; Marilyn Gianadda; Joyce Halse; Elzett Mufamadi; Thandazo Ndlovu; Van Rooyen family; Wendy Price

Years mind: Ilse Germond; Myrtle van der Byl; Ivy Brooks; Aileen Hope; Telfer Ramage

SOME NOTICES

MOVEMENTS:

Fabian will be on leave from November 27 to 29

Laurel will be on leave from November 30 to December 4

THE ADVENT THEME THIS YEAR WILL BE "LIGHT"

Advent begins this year on November 29.

- **Advent Thursday Noon Eucharist** in the church (starts Dec 3)
- **Advent Meditations** on Saturdays at 8:30 am in person at the Church (starts Dec 5)
- **Advent Bible Studies** on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm on Zoom (starts Dec 2)

Paul will lead a series on **Light and Darkness in the Gospel of John**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83729247949?pwd=TnVYZ3NJZTNpWVdXd1I4ZzUvanc4UT09>

LIGHT AND DARKNESS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

December 2: **The light shines in the darkness**

December 9: **He was a burning and shining lamp**

December 16: **Are there not twelve hours of daylight?**

December 23: **If you walk in the darkness**

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday December 20 at 6:00pm

Lead by the Young People of our Family

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16, FROM 9:00 AM

Planning for our Community Christmas Lunch is under way. We are looking for both donations and volunteers. A list for how you can participate and contribute has been circulated. Please let the office know what you will be able to do.

OUR WEEKLY RHYTHM

The Church Office is open on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

Wednesday **Diana's Reflections**

6:00 pm **Advent Studies – Light in the Gospel of John**

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Thursday **9:00 am Study Group** in the church

10:00 am Knitting Group

12:00 pm Eucharist

Friday **7:00 am Eucharist on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859747270>

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

Sunday **8:30 am Church Unusual – Live on YouTube and at St Francis**

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt35PbtR_ZhmeLxXjQ3EIBg

SUNDAY OFFERINGS UNUSUAL

If you can continue making your Sunday collection, please make an EFT to: Standard Bank.
Acc: Parkview St Francis. Acc no: 000496502. Ref: Collection

We now take a **Retiring Offering** for those who are in church on Sundays.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE TO BE EARLY IN 2021

The Confirmation Class has been meeting throughout the year and has completed everything except the Confirmation Camp which we hope to hold early in 2021. The Bishop has indicated that he will do the Confirmation Services in the first part of 2021. We will notify you as soon as we have a date. Thank you to Fabian and all the Confirmands for their hard work and dedication this year.

ST FRANCIS RELIEF FUND

Thank you to all who have made contributions to the Parish Support Fund. Please consider continuing to do so. We welcome this opportunity to take care of members of our family who are in need and are pleased to tell you that several members of the congregation have been helped in these difficult times. Please contact the clergy or churchwardens if you wish to receive support. Your request will be treated in utmost confidence and be assessed by the Rector and Churchwardens. We are pleased to announce that thus far R76,000 has been donated to the Fund of which of which R51,000 has either been distributed or committed for future monthly payments. Thank you to all those who have contributed so generously.

SOME PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH

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BANK DETAILS:

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

ECO QUOTE

*A drop of water is worth more than a sack of gold to a thirsty man.
Conserving water is to conserve life.*