



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



12 DECEMBER 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**God of hope and joy, you sent John the Baptist
to announce the coming of your son:
inspire all who serve in your Church
to prepare for His coming again;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen



SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER

READINGS FOR TODAY

Ezra 7:1-10

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for **The Anglican Church of Canada**. 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 FOR THE WORLD

Come, Lord Jesus to our troubled and weary spirits. We ask that managing this pandemic will bring people throughout the world together, rather than thrust them apart. We all long for a way of living where plans can be made and kept, where we can be reunited with loved ones. As our outer lives are so conflicted help us to open our inner lives to welcome your peace and loving presence within us. Amen

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS:

As one year moves towards another, bless this season of transition which includes celebrations, farewells, and holidays. O God, keep us safe, wise, and open your call in what we do, how we use our resources and where we travel.

Birthdays: Sunday 12: Thomas Wolstenholme; Natalie Gregory; Craig Webster; Janet

Holloway **Tuesday 14:** Jacqueline McMullen; Sibongiseni Shingange **Wednesday 15:** Merin

Mani **Thursday 16:** Odirile Modise; Khaya Mbatha; Roger Johnson **Friday 17:** Ethan

September; Neil Archer **Saturday 18:** Tebogo Sebambo; Hayley Hill; Ruth Rensburg

Wedding Anniversaries: Sunday 12: Cally Tuckey and Roger Johnson **Thursday 16:** Ruth and

Theo Coggin; Janette and Craig Webster; Cheryl and Travis Williams **Friday 17:** Cherry and

Jay Owens **Saturday 18:** Chris and Bailey Blake

Families to be prayed for this week: Matthew, Jamie-Lee and Nathan BREMMER ; Zara, Lee, Juliet and Stella BROMFIELD; Martyn, Lee and Richard BROOKS; Ange, Brent, Richard and Caelen BUCHANAN; Samantha BUSHELL; Rosalind, Joseph and Francesca BUTLER;

For those in need of prayer: Bianca Beaumont; Eunice Botha; Geraldine Lawson; Lerato Mapefane; Thabani Mudau; Wendy Price; John Reynders; Alicia Siyasiya; Francis and Lindy Wilson. **And for those who have long-term needs:** Lucille Evans; Maria Frahm-Arp; Marilyn Gianadda; Elzett Mufamadi; Thandazo Ndlovu; Byron Spratt.

We continue to hold Merle, Geoff and Phillip Williams and their families in prayer as they mourn Mike. We pray that his absence in our community would be filled with tender presence.

ECO QUOTE

Carbon emission has damaged the ozone layer. If we can't cut down on the carbon, then say goodbye to life on planet earth.

"We must now agree on a binding review mechanism under international law so that this century can credibly be called a century of decarbonization." – Angela Merkel

OUR WEEKLY RHYTHM

Wednesday	Reflection on YouTube
Friday	7:00 am Eucharist on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859747270
Friday	4:00 pm & 6:00 pm Youth meet on Zoom.
Saturday	Meditation (Fourth Saturday of the month)
Sunday	8:30 am Church Inclusive – Live on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt35PbtR_ZhmeLxXjQ3EIBg

SOME NOTICES

INSTITUTION OF THE VENERABLE MICHELLE PILET

The Venerable Michelle Pilet will be instituted as our new Rector by the Bishop today at our 8.30 service. **Welcome Bishop Steve!** It is a great blessing to have you celebrate with us on this special day.

THE ADVENT MARKET WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. Thank you to Val Archer for organising it and to all who came both to sell and purchase. The church received a 10% donation of all sales. If you would still like to buy a raffle ticket for the blankets, you can do so after the service at tea.

WE HAVE FLOWERS TODAY in celebration of the Michelle's institution and generously donated by the Williams family in memory of Mike.

PARISH AUCTION SITE : <https://www.myminiauction.com/stfrancisparkview>

Please visit this site.

ADVENT 2021- WATCHING, WAITING, WONDERING AND WANDERING

Advent begins this year on Sunday, November 28. Let us journey together:

- **Daily Advent calendar and Labyrinth prayer suggestion (hard and soft copies available)**
- **Maria's weekly reflections (YouTube)**
- **Meditations** every Saturday morning at 8:30 in person in the Church
- **Carol and Family Service** at 5pm on Friday 24 December.
- **Late Night and Christmas Mass** at 10pm on Christmas Eve
- **Christmas Eucharist** – 25 December at 8.30

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH: THURSDAY 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. There is also one at the back of the church. Please let the office know what you will be able to do.

GIVING AND SUNDAY UNUSUAL OFFERINGS

We continue to be so grateful for the generosity of this community. Should you wish to know more about giving, please contact the office. If you would like to donate, thank you! Please use the baking details below. If it is for a particular purpose, please reference this, e.g., *Social Concerns, Parish Support Fund, Collection*

Standard Bank. Acc: Parkview St Francis. Acc no: 000496502.

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"In the out of the way places of your heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.
The delight when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground
eyes young again with energy and dream,
A path of plentitude opening before you.
Though your destination is not yet clear
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
that is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm
For your souls sense the world that awaits you."

From A
Blessing for
New
Beginnings
by John O
Donohue