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Saturdays: 5:00 – 5:20 PM
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and on request

HALL BOOKINGS
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT CYCLE A

INTRODUCTION:
In this time of advent, we are watching and waiting or the saviour who can bring unity between the nations and among ourselves. Such unity seems impossible. And yet today we receive the message which proclaims to us: 'Peace is possible – it is close at hand.'

GOSPEL – Mathew 3: 1 – 12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at and! "It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

BIBLE DIARIES FOR 2023 @ R130 each

Available at the parish office at the repository.

LITURGICAL CALENDERS FOR 2023 @ R25

Available at the repository & parish office

ADORATION

There will be no adoration for the month of December due to renovations being done inside the Church. Weekday Masses will continue as usual.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE & DONATIONS

As work continues:

- Painting the church Building inside

Future repairs:

- Fix the wall in the repository
- stained-glass windows

Thank you to all who have donated towards this project. Should you wish to contribute, please contact Fr Marek, OR put your donation in a clearly marked enveloped & drop it at the office,
OR make a direct deposit into the parish bank account (details are in the grey column alongside) clearly referenced Building Fund.

Please be patient with us, there is a lot of dust inside.

SVDP FUNDRAISING

10/12 High Tea 14:00 to 16:00 at RPP.
Raffle for a microwave @ R20 each.
Lucky draws during the function for attendees, prizes include an electric iron, a lipo reduction voucher etc.
There will be talks, music and dancers
Please support and buy tickets.

Also, the box for Christmas food donation is available at the Porch, please open your hearts and give to the less fortunate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/12 Sat- Children of Mary trip to Dundee
16/12 Fri– Fundraising @ St Jude for children.
17/12 Sat– Penitential Service and confession for all Parishioners with a Priest from another Parish.

SOUTHERN CROSS MAGAZINE

December issue now available at the Parish Office.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Mon 05	18:00	Singing practice
Tue 06	10:00 16:30	Mass @ RPP Rosary Prayer@ RPP
Wed 07	06:00	Mass @RPP
Thu 08	09:00 18:00	Mass @ RPP SVDP Meeting
Fri 09	17:30	Mass @ St Jude
Sat 10	17.30	Mass@ RPP
Sun 11	08:00 10:00	Mass @ RPP Mass @ St Jude and ExCom

SICK & ELDERLY

Please pray for the sick & elderly of the parish, family & friends especially: Fr John-Allen Green OFM, Mrs Cocciante, Nokuthula Kubheka, Penny Powell, Jean Smith, Dolly Bimbrish, Rowena Norris, Simon Zulu, Alvin Govender, Mary Harris, Siva Naidoo & Mavis Makhubo.

CATECHISM CLASSES

This weekend will be the last class before the holidays. Classes resume in January. Enjoy your holidays children & teachers and be safe. Please remember to attend Sunday's Masses. There are no holidays from God. 😊

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
03/12/2022	Shamim		Kwazi		Mirna
04/12/2022	Brenda	Anton	Asanda		
10/12/2022	Celeste		Patricia	Nathaniel 8-day Intention	Nirvana
11/12/2022	Christopher	Henri	Lihle		