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HALL BOOKINGS
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5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

INTRODUCTION:

Life can be miserable. For many it involves suffering and disappointment. Many silently ask themselves: what is the purpose of life? Life is boring. The only thing I can look forward to is my wages, food and drink. In our celebration today we see the example of Christ. His life was not boring. He was anxious to go to the people that needed him. He helped them without looking for profit or fame. He talked to people and with God. This gave him strength, direction and joy. Christ made a success of his life. Are we doing the same or is life boring for us?

GOSPEL: MARK 1: 29 - 39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

SEMINARIANS' DEANERY CONTRIBUTION

Second collection on the 2nd, 3rd, 9th & 10th February. Our target this year is R15000.

HEALING SERVICE - CALLING ALL HEALTH WORKERS

The Nurses Guild would invite all health workers to be part of the beginning of the year healing service.

Venue: eZakheni Kwanina Womsindisi

Date: 17/02/2024

Time 10:00am

Dress Code: Uniform

LAST YEAR'S PALMS

Please bring last year's palms for burning to make ash for Ash Wednesday. A box will be in the porch. Burning of palms will be on 10/02/24 after Mass.

PALM SUNDAY

Preparations for Palm Sunday, we need volunteers to decorate the church.

FEASTING BEFORE FASTING @ St Jude

St Jude will be having a fundraising on 11/02/24 after church. Cake sale, hot dogs & waffles. Let's enjoy some treats before Lent & support the church.

SHROVE TUESDAY evening 13/02/2024 @ RPP

(MORE FEASTING BEFORE THE FAST)

Parishioners attending, please bring fillings for pancakes.

YOUNG ADULTS

Would like to invite parishioners between the ages of 20 and 40 yrs to join the group. Anyone interested in joining can contact Melissa on 076673642.

PROCLAIMERS

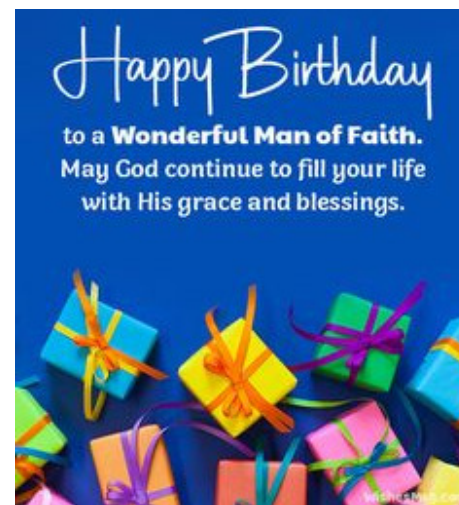
Commissioning of all proclaimers for the year will be on the 10 & 11 February at Mass.

FANS

Please do not adjust the wall fans. Two were irreparably damaged last month. Please ask the Sacristan on duty for assistance.

HOLY THURSDAY

We need volunteers to have their feet washed, please put your name on the list in the porch.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FATHER MAREK!**

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY:

For The Terminally Ill: Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Mon 05	18:00	Choir practice
Tue 06	10:00	Mass @ RPP
Wed 07	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 08	09:00	Mass @ RPP
Fri 09	13:30	Catechism @ RPP
	17:30	Mass @ St Jude, Fund raising comm meeting
Sat 10	17:30	Mass @ RPP
Sun 11	08:00	Mass @ RPP
	09:00	Catechism @ St Jude
	10:00	Mass @ St Jude
		Altar servers' training @ St Jude

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

13/02 Bereavement Group after Mass
13/02 Shrove Tuesday & pancake evening
14/02 Ash Wednesday

SICK & ELDERLY

Please pray for the sick & elderly of the parish, family & friends especially: Fr John-Allen Green OFM, Nokuthula Kubheka, Penny Powell, Jean Smith, Dolly Bimbrish, Simon Zulu, Alvin Govender, Siva Naidoo, Mavis Makhubo, Fidelma Hanlon, Noel Hoffman, Norman Brown, Anabela De Pontes, Benvinda Da Costa and Mike Edwards.

BIBLE DIARIES 2024

Due to popular demand, we are placing another order. If you would like to order a Bible diary, please write your name on the list in the porch.

REPOSITORY

Should you have a special request, please supply a picture if possible because we do not always know exactly what your needs are.

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
03/02/2024	Sal		Michelle/Patricia	Fr Marek's Birthday intention	Candida
04/02/2024	Lindiwe	Fabian	Nonhlanhla/Lihle	Stella Khumalo - special intention	
10/02/2024	Celeste		Evelyn/Luiz	Special intention	Bhavna
11/02/2024	Brenda	Anton	Leah/Asanda		