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CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 5:00 - 5:20 PM

Sundays: 7:15 - 7:45 AM

and on request

HALL BOOKINGS

Gil Hoffman 0828719183



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

INTRODUCTION:

'There is no way' people say. 'Prepare the way' is God's reply. 'There is no way of improving life in this area' people say. Then prepare a way, make a way is God's reply. 'There is no way of making people friendlier', we say. 'There is no way of making marriages happier, of finding work for the many unemployed, of securing just laws for our country.' If there is no way, then make a way, is the message of this second Sunday of Advent: 'Prepare a way for the Lord.'

GOSPEL: LUKE 3: 1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*



2025 BIBLE DIARIES & LITURGICAL

CALENDERS

Bible Diaries R130 each

Liturgical Calendars R25 each.

Both are available at the repository



ADVENT IN YOUR HOME

Advent wreath packs are available in the repository @ R45, it consists of four coloured candles and instructions.

CONFESSION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

On Saturday, 14 December 2024:

St Jude @ 14:30-15:30.

RPP @ 16:00-17:15



See the Pope's intention for December 2024.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR IS 2025 JUBILEE YEAR

This year's theme is Pilgrims of Hope, chosen to promote peacebuilding in a world threatened by climate change and ongoing wars.

The official logo of the Jubilee Year 2025 depicts

- humanity coming from the four corners of the Earth,
- in the act of clinging to the Cross.
- The cross is in the shape of a sail, one of the signs of Christian Hope that carries with it the certainty of the victory of good over evil. A sail that imposes itself on the sea moved by the happenings of life.
- The cross ends in the shape of an anchor, another symbol of hope that brings confidence and security in life.

On 24 December 2024, Pope Francis will launch this Jubilee. The Jubilee ends on 6 January 2026.



NEW PPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Parish Pastoral Committee Executive Committee)

Congratulations to the new members:

Chairperson; Sandra De França

Vice Chairperson; Brenda Amod

New members:

Brian Mdlalose

Joanne Reid

Cecilia De Freitas

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday 12 December will be the last Adoration for the year. We will start again next year on the 16th of January 2025.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Mon 09	18:00	NO singing practice
Tue 10	10:00	Mass @RPP
Wed 11	06:00	Mass @RPP
Thu 12	09:00 09:30 18:00	Mass @RPP Adoration Benediction
Fri 13	17:30	Mass @ St Jude
Sat 14	17:30	Mass @RPP
Sun 15	08:00 10:00	Mass @ RPP Mass @ St Jude

SICK & ELDERLY

Please pray for the sick & elderly of the parish, family & friends especially: Nokuthula Kubheka, Penny Powell, Jean Smith, Dolly Bimbrish, Alvin Govender, Mavis Makhubo, Norman Browne, Khohli Kunene, Barbara Amod, Audrey Vries, Sebenzile Molefe, Margarida De Franca, Joyce Chetty, Nethah Liebenberg & Mthokozisi Mthembu.

VISITING OF THE SICK

This coming week priests will be visiting all sick & elderly people. If you have family members that are sick or elderly and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish secretary during working hours.

2025 YEAR PLANS

All groups & sodalities, please start preparing your year plans for submission to the PPC ASAP. Your plans are to be incorporated into the PPC plans. We understand that some may need to refer to the plans of the higher echelons & may be delayed but do what you are able to in the meantime, there are certain events which are constant year to year.

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
07/12/2024	Celeste		Luiz/Gil	Fidelma Hanlon R.I. P	Bhavna
08/12/2024	Brenda	Lindiwe	Leah/Asanda		
14/12/2024	Shamim		Evelyn/Nokwazi	Thanksgiving	Nirvana
15/12/2024	Lindiwe	Alvin	Nonhlanhla/Lihle		