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Mon closed

Tue – Thu 08h00-14h00

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REF: Name or Pledge Number.

CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 5:00 – 5:20 PM

Sundays: 7:15 – 7:45 AM

and on request

HALL BOOKINGS

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. We will hear of a bright star which led wise men to Bethlehem where they found the infant Christ. This is the meaning of the Epiphany: Christ appeared as a great light. All nations and races come to him and accept him as their Saviour.

GOSPEL – Mathew 2: 1 - 12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

LITURGICAL CALENDERS

Are available at the repository @ R30 each

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON THURSDAYS

Will resume on 22 January 2026.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office will open on 20 January 2026 when normal working hours will resume

Monday Closed

Tuesday -Thursday 8:00am -2:00pm

Friday 8:00am -5:00pm



SPRINGS OF CARMEL BIBLE DIARIES FOR 2026

Now available @ R130
each at the parish
office and the
repository

CHALKING THE DOOR

The Epiphany House Blessing

"Chalking the Door" is a centuries-old custom in which Christians gather on the feast of the Epiphany to ask for God's blessing on their home.

A traditional way of doing this is to take a piece of blessed chalk and inscribe above the entrance door to the home "20+C+M+B+26". The "20" and "26" refer to the actual year. The "+" between the letters symbolizes the cross of Christ. The "C M B" initials have two meanings:

1. The initials represent the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar; and
2. in Latin "Christus Mansionem Benedict" (May Christ bless this house).

WHEN BLESSING YOUR HOUSE

Say this prayer

Let us pray: Bless, O Lord God Almighty, this home, that in it, there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfilment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CATECHISM CLASSES

Will resume on the 16th of January 2026

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

For prayer with the word of God:

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Mon 05	18:00	NO Music Practice
Tue 06	10:00	Mass @RPP
Wed 07	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 08	09:00	Mass @ RPP
Fri 09	17:30	Mass @ St Jude
Sat 10	17:30	Mass @ RPP
Sun 11	08:00	Mass @ RPP
	10:00	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, Sebenzile Molefe, Margarida De Franca, Joyce Chetty, Netta Liebenberg, Mthokozisi Mthembu, Avenel Aarons, Siva Naidoo, Francesca Poonsamy and Dolly Govender.

LITURGY

Tuesday the 6th will be the start of Ordinary Time in Liturgy. Traditionally we will keep Christmas decorations and sing Christmas Carols until the 2nd of February the Feast of Presentation of the Lord.



CLOSURE OF 2025 JUBILEE YEAR Pilgrims of Hope

Our special Jubilee year ends on 6 January 2026.

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
03/01/2026	Michelle		Nokwazi / Evelyn	Thanksgiving Evelyn & Noel	Mirna
04/01/2026	Ntokozo	Fabian	Sacred Heart		
10/01/2026	Nokwazi		Gil / Michelle	Thanksgiving Mass De Franca Family	Sandra
11/01/2026	Brenda	Nombuso	Lindiwe N / Barbara K		