

The Year of the – WORD

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 8:3 | NIV



'I am the light of the world' (John 8:12)

We are a church in Umhlanga that connects people to God,
to others and to the needs of the world.

We're glad you're here.

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12th JULY 2020 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis	25:19-24	OT	Pg	28
Psalms	119:105-112	APB	Pg	763
Romans	8:1-11	NT	Pg	229
Matthew	13:1-9,18-23	G	Pg	21
Canticle	6	APB	Pg	346
Creed	Nicene	APB	Pg	108
Eucharistic	Prayer	APB	Pg	119

COLLECT: O God of mercy, by your Holy Spirit you nourish us with life: plant us now in good soil, that we may bear the fruit of justice and peace; through the Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR OUR CONTINENT God, bless South Africa and Africa, guard her children, guide her leaders and give her healing and peace; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen*

BIBLE CHALLENGE

(Answers will be in next week's leaflet)

1. Who was Ruth's son?
2. Who wrote the most books of the New Testament?
3. In what sermon did Jesus preach the Beatitudes?
4. Where did the angel find Gideon threshing wheat?
5. How many books in the Bible are named John?
6. What two things did Jesus compare us to?

Previous week's Challenge answers

1. Isaac *(Genesis 22:7)*
2. Paul *(Acts 18:1-2)*
3. A covenant, contract, agreement
4. Wilderness *(Isaiah 40:3)*
5. Thirteen *(1 Corinthians 13)*
6. Genesis *(Genesis 17:2-5)*

Men go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering.

Augustine of Hippo - Saint and Mystic

A DAILY PRAYER O God, my Father, silence everything in me that would keep me from hearing what you have to say. Control my mind, that all my thoughts may be concentrated on you. Help me find here a light to shine upon my path and strength to walk in it through Jesus Christ my Lord.

THE SICK **JAMES 5:13-16**

Please pray for our Parishioners: Barry Lambert, Anand Rapiti, Stan Bromley, Mike Sturgess, Margaret Beaumont, Flo Tunnington, Jennifer Pennington, Barbara Crossley, Gill Gordon, Eileen East, Cindy Townsend

Please pray for family and friends: Courtney Hunt, Leona Raymonde, Theo Prinsloo, Jessica Wilson, Caleb Camp, Mavis Rodd, Marian Peeperkorn, Natasha Heffer, Letitia Camp, Roy Dunster, Anne Coetzee, Gill Hawkey, Mandy & Paul Allan

Prayer Requests: Please keep Kerry updated via Email.
If you are sick at home or are going into hospital, please let Kerry know via Email.

***Pray for the Parish of St Bride, Magabheni, Umkomaas
and in our Archdeaconry, the Parish of Ekuvukeni, KwaMashu
and their Rector Rev Phumlani Dlodla***

For Your Prayers & Reading of Scripture this week

Sunday 12 th	Parishioners Birthdays Years Mind Matthew	Terance, Heather, Sián & Samantha Kruger Karen Burne, Lynne Johnson James Clark, George Murdoch, Teddy Naidoo 13:1-9, 18-23
Monday 13 th	Parishioner Anniversary Years Mind Mark	Jill Kruse Philip & Pam Crowsley Geoff Blackbeard 10:42-45
Tuesday 14 th	Parishioner Years Mind Matthew	Edwin Kudziraine Edward Woodward, Ellen Newson, Mike Shadbolt 11:20-24
Wednesday 15 th	Parishioners Matthew	Lois & Rob Stock 11:25-27
Thursday 16 th	Parishioners Birthday Anniversary Years Mind Matthew	Garlane, Berenice, Kheerah, Tyrese & Tameekah Kyster Jim Aiken Henry & Ayanda du Toit Alban Gardiner 11:28-30
Friday 17 th	Parishioners Birthdays Years Mind Matthew	Peter, Debbie & Josie Lambert Debbie Coulson, Sandra Fann, Alison & Elizabeth O'Neill, William Perkins 12:1-8
Saturday 18 th	Parishioners Anniversary Matthew	Barry & Sheila Lambert Barry & Sheila Lambert 12:14-21

GOD'S PROMISE:

Always remember that God made you.
God loves you.
And that God is always with you.

ONGOING MINISTRY FOR US ALL:

Sunday Eucharist at 10am on St Michaels Facebook page.

Please join Fr Martin at this service.

If you're not able to be part of it via SMS, a link will later in the morning be sent out for you to watch.

Monday at 3pm

Bible Study on the Zoom platform.

Fr Martin will lead the bible study and you are welcome to join.

The ID and password will be sent out via SMS about 5 minutes before the hour for you to log in. Please have your bible, note pad/book and pen at hand.

Tuesday Morning at 7am.

Join Fr Martin for Morning Prayer.

Wednesday Evening at 6pm.

Join Fr Martin for Holy Eucharist.

Thursday Morning at 7am

Join Fr Martin for Morning Prayer.

Please do contact Fr Martin concerning pastoral needs.

If you are feeling lonely or depressed.

You are ill at home or in hospital.

You need help in any way, e.g. shopping etc.

You know of anyone who needs help, even if be for meals or daily essentials.

COLLECTION PLATE

To those folk whose offering to God for the ministry of the Church is through the Collection Plate on a Wednesday or Sunday, you can during the week bring it to the parish office between 8:30am and 12 noon.

Bank Details: St Michaels Church, ABSA Acc 4068992982,
Umhlanga Ridge, Branch Code 632005

UNITY

Please read Psalm 122; Genesis 24:1-53; Colossians 3:16-4:1

Be of the same mind. Have the same love. Be in full accord.

Philippians 2:2

The spread of Christianity to diverse cultures posed this question: How do Christians remain united?

St Paul gave the advice above. Cyprian, a second-century church leader, urged Christians to think of themselves as members of a choir, whose conductor was the bishop.

Antony was sought out for advice by Christians of very different backgrounds – peasants and politicians, army officers and teachers. His secret of unity was to live the simplicity of the Beatitudes – the beautiful attitudes which Jesus recommended in Matthew 5. We learn that so many people followed Antony's way of life in the desert that their cells in the hills were like tents filled with divine choirs – people chanting, studying, fasting, praying, rejoicing in the hope of future boons, working for the distribution of alms, and maintaining love and harmony among themselves. It was as if one truly looked on a land all its own – a land of devotion and righteousness. For neither perpetrator nor victim of injustice was there, nor complaint.

The Life of Antony, Athanasius

One secret of unity for Celtic Christians was to make themselves one with the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and to make themselves one with the people among whom they lived. In this way they experienced unity in diversity, unity without uniformity. When we make ourselves one we want what is good for the other. In order to make ourselves one we must empty ourselves, as Jesus emptied himself. This brings about a universal love. The attitude of making ourselves one in all things except sin should be the basis of our relationship with everyone, with those in authority and with those who have nothing.

Perhaps you are sometimes caught speaking disparagingly of Christians of another church? Remember, you do not have to agree with them to be of the same love. Whenever you find yourself doing this, decide to make yourself one.

Father, I make myself one with you.

Jesus, I make myself one with you.

Spirit, I make myself one with you.

Christians of every church, I make myself one with you.

Henry II (973-1024) Holy Roman emperor. Born in Bavaria, he succeeded to the dukedom of the country in 995 and became emperor of the Holy Roman Empire in 1014. He devoted himself to the consolidation of the empire, chiefly through waging war with various neighbours, but he also reformed and reorganized the church as a subordinate part of the imperial structure. According to unsubstantiated legend, he really wished to become a monk and agreed a celibate marriage with his wife St Cunegund. As emperor he restored the wealth of the church and also founded the see of Bamberg, where he built a monastery and the cathedral in which he was eventually buried. He was canonized in 1146.

Feast Day: 13 July

WINTER WOOLIES APPEAL

We are making a winter warmth appeal for Zululand.

Adults, babies and children up to 6 years of age.

They are in dire need of blankets, beanies and warm clothing.

Cash or kind would be welcome.



Beloved, I write to express gratitude to you all.

As time seems to have passed by so swiftly since the advent of the Corona Virus and our corporate worship and fellowship has stopped for a season. There has been that one central liturgical celebration we missed out on, namely our Easter Season and the very deep spiritual pilgrimage we would have gone on together. However, we did celebrate Easter, but in a unique way and I do believe that we all were blessed through that uniqueness. I personally want to thank you for your commitment and faithfulness to our church. You have remained faithful in your giving spiritually, financially and materially. What I have found to be such a blessing is how folk have embraced the online Services, be it a Eucharistic Service or a Daily Office (Morning or Evening Prayer).

Our “annual” visit two weeks ago by Linda and I to the community of Sovane in the Pongola area was a joy and blessing. Rob and Lois took us out to the new church and there we handed out much needed food parcels and clothing generously given by you all. We were meant to have had a little thanksgiving party with just a few folk, but as in true African Style it turned out to be a “formal” lunch time celebration, (with protocol being observed, including masks and hand sanitizer). Beloved, you cannot begin to imagine the joy and hope your giving brings to the lives of the children and community in the deepest and most rural areas of our province. Not forgetting, that alongside the folk in Zululand (three crèches) we serve the folk of TAFTA, the children of St Martin’s Children’s Home (which is an Anglican institution) and the two crèches out in Inanda.

Given this “new” way of ministry, I must say that I so dearly miss our Services at the Retirement Homes and look forward to the day of our return. May I through this medium remind folk that if you are in need of help and we are able to be of assistance please do call myself or a churchwarden or Kerry. The church is here to be of service and ministry.

On a more personal note, I want to thank you for the Easter gift, an expression of your appreciation for my ministry. My deepest appreciation cannot be expressed in words, but rather through the ministry I strive to live out as your priest, pastor and friend.

Secondly, to thank you all for the birthday greetings received. As you all know by now I celebrate life, for life is a gift from God and I most certainly celebrate the day He breathed Life into me.

On a more solemn yet joyful note, I do thank all who conveyed their condolences on my mother’s passing. Your cards and phone calls brought a deep comfort and peace and we as family say thank you.

You all remain very much in my thoughts and prayers and I encourage us all to be vigilant, to regularly wash our hands, wear our masks and observe social distancing.

Remember: God made you, God loves you and God is always with you.

Christo et Ecclesia

Fr Martin

“Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.” - Henri Nouwen



Prayers to use during this time of the Coronavirus pandemic

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions

Let us pray to God

who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,

through illness or isolation or anxiety,

that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,

and shaping national policies,

that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,

that through their skill and insights

many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,

for the gravely ill and the dying,

that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,

to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us pray to the Lord,

who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,

that all who are fearful and anxious

may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,

that we may be alert to their needs,

and care for them in their vulnerability:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,

our schools and young people,

and all in any kind of need or distress:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,

that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,

where all are known and cared for:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

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to the mercy and protection of God.

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VIRTUAL PARISH DINNER

17th July at 6pm Place: Your Home

Fr Graham and Joy have suggested this menu for another Virtual Friday Night Parish Dinner.

The idea is that you prepare the meal and at 6pm we, in our homes, eat of a common meal using your own favourite recipes.

We hope you take a selfie or two and sent it on to me (Fr Martin 083 7071344) from which we will make a collage and post it out to all!

The last Virtual Parish Dinner was great fun and I encourage us all to join in.

I know some folk will go off to Woolies and buy the meal – that is OK!

But join in the fun and fellowship.

And don't forget the music!



MENU

Starter

SOUP (your choice)

Dinner

*CASSEROLE
(your favourite recipe)*

Dessert

*YOUR CHOICE
(eg. Bread & Butter Pudding)*

*Drinks ~ AS USUAL ~
(Free, go to your cupboard!)*

"Dinner drinks dancing..."

