## The Year of the - WORD

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. *Matthew 7:24* | *NIV* 

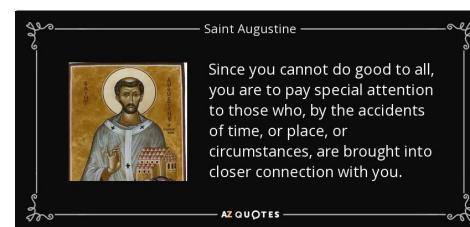
#### **BIBLE CHALLENGE**

(Answers will be in next week's leaflet)

- 1. Who left her son under a shrub so that she did not have to watch him die?
- 2. Who was the governor of Judea during the time of Christ?
- 3. What is the root of all evil?
- 4. Into what land was Joseph sold?
- 5. How many braids of Samson's hair did Delilah have shaved?
- 6. Who did Jesus say the Sabbath was made for?

#### Previous week's Challenge answers

| 1. Leah and Rachel | (Genesis 29:15-30) |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2. Mary            | (Luke 1:39-40)     |
| 3. The Word of God | (Luke 8:11)        |
| 4. Galilee         | (Matthew 4:18-19)  |
| 5. Seven           | (Revelation 5:1)   |
| 6. Job             | (James 5:11)       |
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'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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## 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## **BIBLE READINGS**

| 1 Kings   | 2:10-12,3:3-14 | First Reading  |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Psalm     | 111            | APB pg 749     |
| Ephesians | 5:15-20        | Second Reading |
| John      | 6:51-58        | Gospel         |

**COLLECT:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Living Bread: nourish us with your life that we will understand your truth and recognize your presence among us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

We are called to "know Jesus and make Him known"

GOD'S PROMISE: He made you. He loves you. And He is always with you.

#### FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYERS



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)

**For our Parishioners:** Anand Rapiti, Stan Bromley, Mike Sturgess, Don Attwood, Laurelle Barnett, Maeve Pearce, Margaret Ivins, Eddie Litchfield, Barbara Crossley, John Moorhouse, Brenda Thorpe, Murt Murdoch

**For family and friends:** Courtney Hunt, Theo Prinsloo, Jessica Wilson, Caleb Camp, Natasha Heffer, Belinda Irmscher, Ann Chamberlin, Peter Erlank, Esme Green, Diane Venter, Lynton Lloyd, Nicola Jessop, Lesley Witherspoon

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Anthony and I would like to thank Fr. Martin and St. Michaels for their support and prayers for Chloe over the last year. She has tested completely cancer free! God is great. Take care and God bless, Lorna Sherwood

#### For Your Prayers & Reading of Scripture this week

| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | Parishioners<br>Birthday<br>John                 | Ernest, Leah, Masango, Nonkululeko, Charity,<br>Phiwayinkosi & Kwanele Sithole<br>Anand Rapiti<br>6:51-58 |
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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Parishioners<br>Years Mind<br>Luke               | Marcus & Helen Smidt<br>Roma Brown<br>11:27-28  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Parishioner<br>Birthday<br>Years Mind<br>Matthew | Noleen Smith<br>Bette, Blom, Jenna Mitchell<br>Dennis Bowie, Alexander Weave<br>19:23-30                  |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> | Parishioner<br>Birthday<br>Years Mind<br>Matthew | Florence Smith<br>Marlene Briant<br>Salome Johnston, Richard Perkin<br>20:1-16                            |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Parishioner<br>Matthew                           | Errol Smith<br>22:1-14  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Parishioner<br>Anniversary<br>Matthew            | Eileen Spence<br>Chritopher & Linda Eginutuoha<br>22:34-40  |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Parishioner<br>Birthday<br>Matthew               | Gail Stead<br>Riley Mottram<br>23:1-12  |

Pray for the Parish of St Michael, Drakensberg, and in our Archdeaconry, the Parish of St Margaret-on-the-Hill, Northlands and their Rector-in-Charge, Rev Kevin Robertson

| CHURCH SERVICES<br>St MICHAELS CHURCH<br>Strict Covid protocols apply |   |              |  |  |
|---|---|--------------|--|--|
| WEDNESDA  | WEDNESDAYS 9am  |              |  |  |
| SUNDAYS   |   | 7am & 8.30am |  |  |
| ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES  |   |              |  |  |
| MONDAY  | <mark>3pm</mark> Issues of Faith<br>Bible Study via Zoom<br><mark>6pm</mark> Evening Prayer |              |  |  |
| TUESDAY   | <mark>9am</mark> Morning Prayer<br><mark>6pm</mark> Evening Prayer                          |              |  |  |
| WEDNESDAY   | 9am Holy I  | Eucharist    |  |  |
| THURSDAY  | 9am Morning Prayer  |              |  |  |

SUNDAY 8.30am Holy Eucharist

MONDAY TO THUBSDAY 12noon - Daily Prayer

5th August '21

#### COVID-19 PRAYER

THURSDAY

KEEP US, GOOD LORD UNDER THE SHADOW OF YOUR MERCY IN THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY & 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.

CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

#### **NOTICES**

**Paul Rugg Interment of Ashes, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am**. Please join Fr Martin in the Memorial Garden after the Second Service on Sunday.

**Sunday & Wednesday Church Services** Folk can also now attend the Sunday Morning Services at 7am and 8.30am and also the Wednesday Service at 9am.

Please can we appeal to everyone to arrive at least 15mins before the Services are due to start as there are Covid protocols to complete and the Services will commence promptly.

Please remember to wear a mask, sanitize your hands, keep a social distance of 1.5m, no gathering outside the Church and no singing. Your co-operation at all times will be appreciated.

**Bank Details** Below are our banking details should you wish to make a transfer to our bank account:

St Michaels Church, ABSA 4068992982 Umhlanga Ridge, 632005

**Zapper** The QR Code below is for St Michael's Parish. You can make payments by scanning this QR Code with your mobile. If you are making a payment for anything other than plate giving, please let Kerry in the office know, by phone, email or sms.





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## AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF COMPASSION

### Reading

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. *1 Peter 3:8* 



#### Prayer

Lord, I thank You for caring for me, tending my hurts with Your inexhaustible compassion.

As we begin this new week together, renew my mind and my heart. Help me to share Your unfailing compassion with all people, especially those with whom I live and work.

In your Mighty Name I pray.. Amen

## **ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

Saint Mary (1<sup>st</sup> Century) The virgin mother of Christ. According to the Bible, Mary (or Miriam in Hebrew) was descended from the house of King David, although no information is offered about her immediate parents or her place of birth. Having become betrothed to St Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, she was visited (at the socalled 'Annunciation') by the angel Gabriel, who informed her that through the power of the Holy spirit she would bear the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Submitting to the will of God, she duly became pregnant. Joseph did not reject her because of the pregnancy and the marriage went ahead. Mary's baby was born while the couple were in Bethlehem to have their names recorded in the official census, after which they evaded the murderous soldiers of Herod seeking out the new-born Saviour and fled to Egypt. The holy family later returned to Nazareth and little is known of their lives over the next few years. Mary reappears., however, at the Feast of Cana (as related at John 2:1-10), during which Christ changed the water into wine at his mother's prompting, and finally at the Crucifixion (John 19:25-27), after which she seems to have been entrusted by Christ to John's care. She prayed with the other apostles at the time of Christ's ascension to heaven (Acts 1:12-14), but is not mentioned again afterwards. Conflicting traditions claim that she died either in Jerusalem or in Ephesus. Roman Catholics believe that Mary was herself born without sin, the product of an 'Immaculate Conception', and that she remained a virgin throughout her marriage. At the end of her life she did not die in the usual way but was transported body and soul to heaven in what is usually dubbed her "Assumption". As the foremost intercessor between humanity and Christ, Mary has been singled out for special devotion since the early history of the Roman Catholic Church and many orders, churches and other organizations have claimed to have experienced visions of Mary or to have benefited from her divine intervention. Mary is variously honoured as the patron saint of numerous countries and organizations and was named patron saint of the entire human race in 1944. Her Annunciation is celebrated on 25 March and her Immaculate Conception on 8 December, while her part in the Incarnation and Redemption is commemorated on 1 January and the Visitation is remembered on 31 May. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows falls on 15 September. She is also celebrated in numerous local festivals and commemorated in countless placenames.

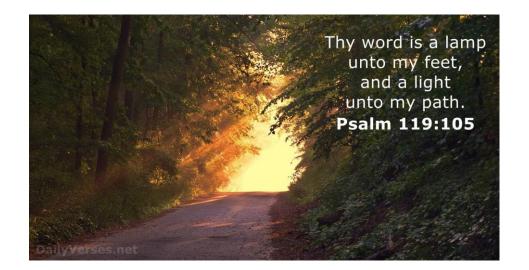
Feast Day 15 August

## **A READING FOR TODAY**

Relax in My healing, holy Presence. Allow Me to tranform you through this time alone with Me. As your thoughts center more and more on me, trust discplaces fear and worry. Your mind is somewhat like a seesaw. As your trust in Me goes up, fear and worry automatically go down. Time spent with Me not only increases your trust; it also helps you discern what is imprtant and what is not.

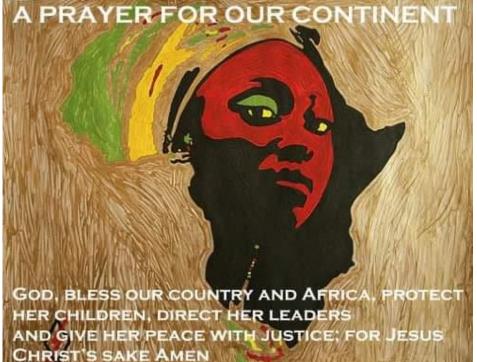
Energy and time are precious, limited entities. Therefore, you need to use them wisely, focusing on what is truly important. As you walk clos tome, saturating your mind with Scripture, I will show you ow to spend your time and energy. *My Word is a lamp to your feet; My Presence is a Light for your path.* 

> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. EPHESIANS 5: 15-16 Also read: PSALM 119:105



# **COVID BASKET SUNDAY**





# We invite you to join our Gifting Initiative.

More bags have arrived, please come and collect from the parish office.

We have boy & girl goodie bags for children aged 4 - 6.

Vodacom has donated the bags for the Milimani Educational Trust's Christmas Gifting ceremony. The bags are 70cm x 30cm – with a blue ribbon for boys and red for girls.

Please put your name on a register and take a bag to fill with the following items each month – or



as you wish.

The deadline for the completed gift is the end of September 2021.

Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Facecloth; and Item of clothing: girl/boy - 4/5/6 years old; and Toy (for same age e.g. a ball or small car for boys, and small doll or soft toy for girls)

Please mark on the bags which age group you have catered for, and feel free to write a little note to your lucky child.

We have been so overwhelmed by the positive response to the Milimani Christmas bags.

Thank you for bringing so much joy to the kids of Milimani.