

The Year of the – WORD

The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Matthew 13:22 | NIV



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

BIBLE CHALLENGE

(Answers will be in next week's leaflet)

1. Who was Moses' wife?
2. Who wrote Philippians ?
3. What did the Israelites use in place of swords and spears to fight the Philistines?
4. What is another name for the city of David?
5. How long is a millennium?
6. In what Old Testament book did Moses lead God's people out of Egypt?

Previous week's Challenge answers

1. Joseph *(Genesis 37:5-9)*
2. Paul *(Ephesians 1:1)*
3. The fire killed them *(Daniel 3:22)*
4. In the house of the Lord *(1 Samuel 1:24)*
5. Three *(Matthew 17:1-2)*
6. Judges *(Judges 13-16)*

A Quote from Teresa of Avilla:

"To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that."

Courage is not the absence of fear, it is the victory of peace over fear.

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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28th JUNE 2020 **4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis	22:1-14	OT	Pg	23
Psalms	13	APB	Pg	618
Romans	6:12-23	NT	Pg	227
Matthew	10: 40-42	G	Pg	17
Canticle	4	APB	Pg	344
Creed	Nicene	APB	Pg	108
Eucharistic	Prayer	APB	Pg	124

COLLECT: Faithful God, your love stands firm from generation to generation: open our hearts to hear your word that we may seek Christ's presence in everyone we meet; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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*

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, Lou Murdoch, Eileen East

Please pray for family and friends: Courtney Hunt, Leona Raymonde, Theo Prinsloo, Jessica Wilson, Caleb Camp, Mavis Rodd, John White Jnr, Marian Peeperkorn, Natasha Heffer, Letitia Camp, Roy Dunster, Anne Coetzee

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 All Saints, Ladysmith
and in our Archdeaconry, the Parish of St Columba, Greenwood Park
and their Rector Rev Roland Prince*

REST IN PEACE NOREEN TIFFLIN 25 JUNE 2020 ~ *We give thanks to God for the life of Noreen Tifflin, whom He has called to His eternal rest. Our deepest sympathy to Fr Martin, Linda, Christopher and Melissa, we remember them in our prayers.*

For Your Prayers & Reading of Scripture this week

Sunday 28 th	Parishioners Years Mind Matthew	Lennon, Richelle, Natanya & Kyle Joseph Victor Davoren 10:40-42
Monday 29 th	Parishioner Birthday John	Ruth Joseph Matt Brimacombe, Sheila Graves, Yolande Seetal 21:15-19
Tuesday 30 th	Parishioner Birthday Years Mind Matthew	Erica Joubert Joan Reeler Anthony Blom, Derick Pattenhdew, Archibald Taylor 8:23-27
Wednesday 1 st	Parishioners Birthdays Years Mind Matthew	Craig, Shaye-Lynn & Liam Joyce Michelle Kapote, Maeve Pearce William Pennington, Molly Townsend 8:28-34
Thursday 2 nd	Parishioner Years Mind Matthew	Thobeka Kakano Graham Woodcock 9:1-8
Friday 3 rd	Parishioners Birthdays John	Olive & Michelle Kapote Clive Manzele 20:24-29
Saturday 4 th	Parishioner Birthdays Matthew	Pam Kay Dee Chili, <i>Jennifer Pennington ~ Congratulations 80!</i> 9:14-17

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

DISCIPLINE

Please read Psalm 81; 1 Kings 20:35-43; 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Everything must be done in a proper and orderly way.

1 Corinthian 14:40

Do not give room to a person who is full of idle chatter and tittle tattle;
just give them your blessing and send them on their way.

Go along with any rule that evokes devotion.

Divide your work into three parts: first, your personal needs; second, the needs of your community; third, work that meets the needs of your neighbours, either discipling or practical work.

Give to people in need.

Do not eat until you are hungry. Do not sleep until you are ready for it.

Do not converse with people except for a good cause.

Every time you receive something, give something away to a friend or a poor person.

Love God with all your heart and strength.

Love your neighbour as yourself.

Make the Old and New Testaments your home at all times.

Work at your devotion until tears come, or at least until perspiration comes.

Selected from Columba's Rule

Lord temper with tranquillity
our manifold activity
that we may do our work for thee
with very great simplicity.

A sixteenth-century prayer

Thomas (1st century) Apostle. According to the Gospel of St John, Thomas was termed 'Didymus' (meaning 'twin'). He was present at the Last Supper but famously was absent at the moment of Christ's Resurrection. When he was subsequently told of it by the other apostles he declined to believe what he was hearing until Christ appeared to him and allowed him to touch his wounds, upon which Thomas expressed immediate conviction. He is often referred to as 'Doubting Thomas' on the strength of this episode (John 20:24-29). It is unclear what became of Thomas after these events. One tradition has it that he preached the gospel in India and may have died the death of a martyr when speared at Mylapore near Madras. Another claims that he spent the rest of his life evangelizing in Parthia. He is honoured as the patron saint of builders and architects (a reference to the legend that he once built a heavenly palace for an Indian king) and of theologians.

Feast Day: 3 July





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,

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