

The Year of the – WORD

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 | NIV

BIBLE CHALLENGE

(Answers will be in next week's leaflet)

1. Who was Ahab's wife?
2. Who was the first person to see Jesus resurrected?
3. "Faith without Deeds is useless."
4. What mountain did Caleb inherit as his reward?
5. How many times was Naaman supposed to dip in the river to be healed of his leprosy?
6. Name an apostle whose name begins with the letter 'T'.

Previous week's Challenge answers

1. Joseph *(Genesis 41:25-27)*
2. John the Baptist *(John 1:29)*
3. He said he was slow of speech and tongue *(Exodus 4:10-16)*
4. To Abraham's side (heaven) *(Luke 16:22)*
5. The twelve disciples *(Matthew 26:19-20)*
6. Joshua *(Joshua 6)*



'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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2nd MAY 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BIBLE READINGS

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| Acts | 8:26-40 | First Reading |
| Psalm | 22:25-31 | APB pg 628 |
| 1 John | 4:7-21 | Second Reading |
| John | 15:1-8 | Gospel |

COLLECT: God of love, you sent your Son into the world that we may abide in him: graft us into his risen life that we may bear the fruit of love for you and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR OUR CONTINENT God, bless our country and Africa, protect her children, direct her leaders and give her peace with justice; for Jesus Christ's sake. *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.

**"SET ASIDE TIME, AND
ALLOT CERTAIN HOURS TO THE
WELFARE OF YOUR SOUL."**

- ST. AUGUSTINE

COVID-19 PRAYER

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.

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, Marcus Smidt, Maeve Pearce, Margaret Ivins, John van Reenan

For family and friends: Courtney Hunt, Theo Prinsloo, Jessica Wilson, Caleb Camp, Natasha Heffer, Roy Dunster, Belinda Irmischer, Chloe Sherwood, Marge Joseph, Bernard & Ann Chamberlin

For Your Prayers & Reading of Scripture this week

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| Sunday 2 nd | Parishioners Birthday Anniversary Years Mind John | Olive & Michelle Kapote Mabel Tomlinson Terance & Heather Kruger Jean Adamson 15:1-8 |
| Monday 3 rd | Parishioner Birthday Years Mind John | Pam Kay Damien Angel, George Tattari Daniel Crowsley 14:1-14 |
| Tuesday 4 th | Parishioners Birthday Anniversary John | Anne Keightley Braydon Forte Murt & Lou Murdoch, Marcus & Helen Smidt 16:20-24 |
| Wednesday 5 th | Parishioners Birthday John | Sam, Georgina, Alexander, James & Sophia Kerr Norman Christoferos, Elaine Gardiner, Kiara Jenkins 15:1-8 |
| Thursday 6 th | Parishioner Anniversary John | Faith Kinundu Gavin & Cindy Townsend 15:9-11 |
| Friday 7 th | Parishioner John | Brittany Kipper 15:12-27 |
| Saturday 8 th | Parishioner Birthday Years Mind John | Dylan Kirsten Kerry Tattari Basil Hill 15:18-21 |

Pray for the Parish of Umzimkhulwana, Nqabeni & its Chapelries, and in our Archdeaconry, the Parish of Ekuvukeni, KwaMashu and their Rector, Rev Phumlani Dladla



CHURCH SERVICES

ST MICHAELS CHURCH
EMILIANA DRIVE

Strict Covid protocols apply

WEDNESDAYS 9am

SUNDAYS 7am & 8.30am

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

facebook **LIVE** HOME PILGRIMAGE

ST. MICHAEL'S ANGLICAN PARISH UMLANGA ROCKE

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| MONDAY | 3pm | Issues of Faith Bible Study via Zoom |
| | 5pm | Evening Prayer |
| TUESDAY | 7am | Morning Prayer |
| WEDNESDAY | 9am | Holy Eucharist |
| THURSDAY | 7am | Morning Prayer |
| SUNDAY | 8.30am | Holy Eucharist |
| MONDAY TO THURSDAY | 12noon | Daily Prayer |

Please note: Bible Study will resume on Monday 3rd May at 3pm

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.

Tuesday 4th May Holy Eucharist Service 9.30am at Pioneer Park
10.30am at Rolling Hills

Thursday 6th May Holy Eucharist Service 9.30am at Twilanga
10.30am at Ridgewood

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES Thursday 13th May at 9am and 6pm

NOTICES

Parish Potjie Sunday 2nd May at 12noon Join us for the parish potjie and fellowship on the this Sunday. Please bring your own drinks and R50 contribution towards the potjie. Please RSVP Kerry if you are able to join us.

We invite you to join our Gifting Initiative ~ You will find the bags outside the Church on Sunday. Please put your name on the register and take a bag to fill with the items listed on the next page. The deadline for the completed gift is end of September 2021.

Baptism Those interested in Baptism for themselves or for their children, please contact Fr Martin or the parish office - being mindful that there is also a short baptism course to attend before the service of baptism.

Evening Yoga Classes Monday & Wednesday at 5pm in the Hall. Please contact Sharon on 060 770 6555 if you are interested in joining.

Sacristans We are looking for some ladies or gentlemen to join our group of Sacristans who prepare the Altar, credence table and frontals for our Worship services. They also take care of the sacred vessels, candles, wine, wafers and vestments. Interested persons can speak to Helen or contact the parish office.

Sidespersons If you are interested in joining our group of ladies and gentlemen who carry out Sidespeople duty on Sundays at either the 7am or 8.30am Service, please speak to Quentin or contact the parish office.

Readers We need some parishioners who would like to read at either the 7am or 8.30am Service. Please contact the parish office.

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**PLEASE SCAN AND USE THIS FOR YOUR PLATE COLLECTION
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CHURCH SERVICES IN PERSON**

We invite you to join our Gifting Initiative.

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

Item of clothing: girl/boy - 4/5/6 years old

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.

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



Ain't no party like an Eastertide party... 🎉

That's right; Easter Sunday is only the beginning!

A great fifty-day feast (known as "Eastertide," "Easter Season," or "Easter Time," as well as "Paschal Tide," "Paschal Season," or "Paschal Time") kicks off on Easter Day. In the Church Year, this is quite literally fifty days of feasting. Easter is the high point of the Church Year. So it makes sense that we would party for so long. After all, the main point of the whole gospel is to prepare us for an eternal celebration and feast.

This is reflected in the fact that our Lenten fast only lasts forty days (not including Sundays), while Easter is fifty days. Fasting will pass away, as Jesus said, but the Great Feast of the Lamb will last for ages of ages (a Hebrew into Greek idiom for eternity!).
So, let the feasting begin!

Why fifty days of Easter Time?

$40 + 10 = 50$. After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost.

Luke writes in the first chapter of Acts that Jesus "presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God."

In Luke 2, we find the followers of Jesus gathered for the Day of Pentecost, which actually means "fifty." It happened during the Hebrew feast of Shavuot, which is why the followers of Jesus were gathering. The Hebrew festival was originally a harvest first fruits celebration, and later it had evolved into a commemoration of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

So, Eastertide is a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ and all that means for us, leading to the launching of the Christian Church and its mission on Pentecost.

How do Christians celebrate the Easter season?

After giving up the word for Lent, we say "Alleluia!" a lot during Eastertide! Here's the traditional Eastertide greeting and response:

Person 1: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

Person/people 2: "The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Ok, now that that's out of the way, let's take a moment to note that the Easter season actually begins with the Easter Vigil, traditionally held sometime after dark on Holy Saturday evening. Easter Day Celebrations then take place on Easter Sunday.

The Lectionary readings (Sunday Scriptures) during the following Sundays of Easter explore the post-resurrection appearances of Christ, and also the promise of a future resurrection.

We go back to a closed room in which Jesus suddenly appears...but Thomas isn't there. He doubts. Jesus later appears to him. Poor Thomas, forever cast as "doubting" even though his doubts were a helpful thing that eventually led him to worship Jesus and say, "My Lord, and My God."

Then we have breakfast with Jesus and Peter. Peter had denied Jesus three times and, after the Resurrection, had returned to fishing. Jesus restores him and gives him a mission: "Feed my Sheep" and "Follow me." (He also prophecies that Peter will be arrested and martyred. Tough breakfast conversation.)

We revisit Jesus' teaching on himself and his mission as well. He is preparing his disciples, and us, to take the power of his Resurrection to the world. Ascension Day then falls on the 40th day of Eastertide, which always falls on a Thursday. Because this is a weekday, some churches observe or focus on the Ascension that following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter. At Ascension, we hear Jesus give us the Great Commission, our true Mission Statement.

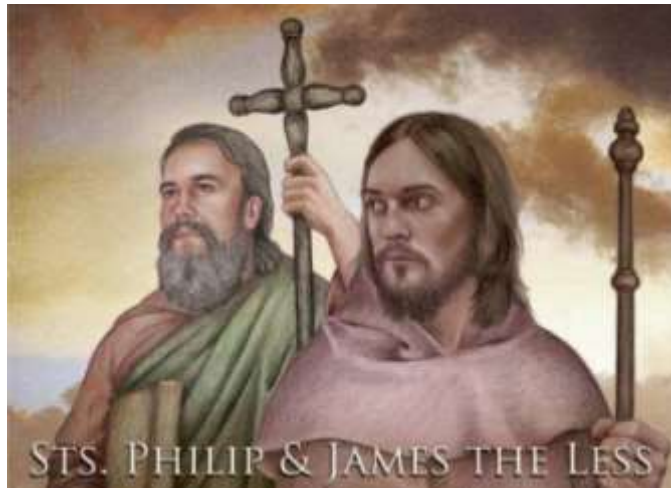
Eastertide then brings us to the feast of Pentecost (AKA "Whitsunday") on the 50th day. (Or, you know, since these details are always debated and contested, some maintain that Eastertide lasts until the Saturday before Trinity Sunday, which is the first Sunday after Pentecost.) After that, it's "Ordinary Time" (AKA "The Season after Pentecost")!

(From Anglican Compass)

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES, APOSTLES

St Philip (1st century) Apostle. According to the New Testament, Philip lived in Bethsaida in Galilee before being recruited as a disciple and himself persuading Nathanael (St Bartholomew) to join the group. He was present at several of the most important episodes of Christ's ministry, including the Feeding of the Five Thousand and the Last Supper. After the Crucifixion he is said to have preached the gospel in Phrygia and ultimately to have died at Hierapolis, possibly being martyred for his faith during the reign of Domitian. Today he is honoured as a patron saint of Uruguay. His emblem is loaves of bread

Feast Day 3 May



St James the Less (d.c.61) Apostle. James the Less (so called to distinguish him from another apostle, James the Greater) was the son of a man named Alphaeus and is traditionally identified either as a brother or first cousin of Christ. If the identification as Jesus' brother is correct, he is the one to whom the risen Christ appeared and subsequently he became the first bishop of Jerusalem, in which post he presided over a meeting of the apostles to decide whether Gentile converts had to become Jews. He supported the eventual conclusion that Gentiles and Jews could worship God alongside one another within the church. James is traditionally identified as the author of the Epistle of St James in the New Testament. As well as being the patron saint of Uruguay, he is honoured as the patron saint of apothecaries, fullers, hatters, milliners, pharmacists and the dying. His emblem is a fuller's club.

Feast Day 3 May

ST JOHN, APOSTLE

St John (d.c.100) Apostle. Various called **John the Apostle, John the Evangelist or John the Divine**, he was one of the most trusted of Christ's disciples as well as the youngest, and the only one of them to witness the Crucifixion. A fisherman of Galilee alongside his brother St James and his father Zebedee, he was rarely separated from Christ after his recruitment as a disciple. Other key biblical moments at which John was present included the last Supper, at which he was permitted to recline against Christ, and the discovery of Christ's empty tomb. At the Crucifixion it was to John that Christ entrusted the future care of his mother Mary. Following the deaths of St Peter and St Paul, John stayed with the church at Ephesus. According to one tradition he was taken from there to Rome on the orders of the Emperor Domitian, but miraculously escaped execution and was subsequently exiled to the island of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation, before returning to Ephesus in 96. It may have been at Ephesus that he wrote the Gospel that carries his name and finally died at a very advanced age, becoming the only disciple to die a natural death. When he became too old and feeble to preach he simply exhorted the faithful to love one another. He is the patron saint of theologians and writers. His emblem is an eagle.

Feast Day 6 May



A READING FOR TODAY

Come to Me with empty hands and an open heart, ready to receive abundant blessings. I know the depth and breadth of your neediness. Your life-path has been difficult, draining you of strength. Come to Me for nurture. Let Me fill you up with My Presence: I in you and you in Me.

My Power flows most freely into weak ones aware of their need for Me. Faltering steps of dependence are not lack of faith; they are links to My Presence.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

John 17:20-23

Also read: Isaiah 40:29-31

