

## 7th Sunday

**FIRST READING:** Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 103

**RESPONSE:**

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious.*

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R.**
3. The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**
4. As far as the east is from the west,  
so far from us does he remove our  
transgressions.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
the Lord's compassion is on those who fear him. **R.**

**SECOND READING:** 1Corinthians 3:16-23

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Whoever keeps Christ's word, in him truly love for  
God is perfected. Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL** Matthew 5:38-48

## VII Domenica ordinaria

**PRIMA LETTURA:** Dal libro del  
Levitico 19,1-2.17-18

**SALMO RESPONSORIALE** dal Salmo 102

**RITORNELLO:**

*Il Signore è buono e grande nell'amore.*

1. Benedici il Signore, anima mia,  
quanto è in me benedica il suo santo nome.  
Benedici il Signore, anima mia,  
non dimenticare tanti suoi benefici. **Rit.**
2. Egli perdona tutte le tue colpe,  
guarisce tutte le tue malattie;  
salva dalla fossa la tua vita,  
ti corona di grazia e di misericordia. **Rit.**
3. Buono e pietoso è il Signore,  
lento all'ira e grande nell'amore.  
Non ci tratta secondo i nostri peccati,  
non ci ripaga secondo le nostre colpe. **Rit.**
4. Come dista l'oriente dall'occidente,  
così allontana da noi le nostre colpe.  
Come un padre ha pietà dei suoi figli,  
così il Signore ha pietà di quanti lo temono. **Rit.**

**SECONDA LETTURA:** 1Corinzi 3,16-23

**CANTO AL VANGELO:**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Le tue parole, Signore, sono spirito e vita.*

*Tu hai parole di vita eterna. Alleluia.*

**VANGELO** Matteo 5,38-48

**Pregliera dei fedeli**

**R/ Sia glorificato il tuo nome, Signore.**

Silence is to be observed before, during and after all masses. Behave and dress in an appropriate manner, showing respect towards Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

## NOTICES

### Diocesan Vocation Discernment - Sun 23/02

All young people wanting to know more about vocations contact 076 080 5045. Sunday, 23rd Feb 9am - 2pm.

### Young Adult Meeting - Fri 28/02

We get together on the last Friday of the month. Starting Friday 28th Feb, Stations of the Cross at 6pm, followed by pizza and talk with Fr Deney's about Gender Theory.

### The Way of the Cross - 28/02

During Lent there will be a traditional pious exercise of "The Way of the Cross" every Friday at 6pm, starting 28<sup>th</sup> February, until Easter.

### Bishop's Lenten Appeal 01/03 - 05/04

The second collection for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal will run every weekend, from 1<sup>st</sup> March - 5<sup>th</sup> April. Mite boxes for children will be available in the church.

### First Friday Evening Mass - 06/03

There will be First Friday mass at 7pm and devotion starting Fri 6th March.

### Pilgrimage to Ngome - April 2020

A pilgrimage to Ngome Marian Shrine will take place from 3rd - 5th April 2020. The bus will leave from the parish. Please contact Sandi Leuta 082 535 9692.

### May Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 2020

The Parish is organising a small pilgrimage to Lourdes 10-17 May 2020. For more information speak to Fr Joe.

### Transport

A shuttle service to the Saturday & Sunday mass for disabled persons who cannot get to church is under consideration. Further details to follow shortly.

*Notices continued...*

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

For information on SSVF please call Michelle 066 2398 526 or Debbie 072 1819 387.

### Sunday Children care

We need a parishioner who could go to 8am mass and help Laura look after the little children during the 9am mass in the hall. It helps us to keep the mass more quiet. Please speak to Fr Joe.

### Library Newsletter

Newsletters are available on the table.

### Plans for Cry Chapel and Security House

A board explaining the renovation is available in the foyer of the church.

### Website

Our new website has been launched [www.materdolorosa.org.za](http://www.materdolorosa.org.za)

### New Mosaics

Two new mosaics are currently being manufactured, one for the Baptismal font, one for Our Lady. There are 16800 pieces between the two mosaics, each mosaic tile costs R5.00. How many tiles would you like to sponsor. See

### Visits to the Sick

**Please pray for our sick:** Sancho Coelho; Megan Karam; Garron Jameson; Pat Ponte; Barbara Peters; Loma, Ted & Steven Karam; Felicity Dickerson; Dabela Lebabo; Gladys; Joan Stewart; Michel Istace; Rene Moothoo; Milucha Da Costa; Marnie; Alma Di Santolo; Estelle Jacquet; Jade Deena Lo Drago; Mickey Van Wyk; Maria Muzzolini; Francisco Macuacua; Gloria Buchanan. **Contact Fr Joe or the parish office to add a name to the list or to be visited.**

### BANKING DETAILS

**Account Name** : Catholic Church  
Kensington  
**Account Number:** 221 294 481  
**Standard Bank** : Eastgate  
**Branch Number** : 051001

## Shrove Tuesday, 25/02

*Shrove Tuesday will be a fund-raiser towards the third church bell for the parish. Shrove Tuesday, 25th February the day before Ash Wednesday.*

*It is chiefly marked by feasting and celebration, which traditionally preceded the observance of the Lenten fast. Pancakes will be sold with a variety of fillers in the hall from 4pm - 6.30pm.*

*(See the notice board for full details)*

## Ash Wednesday - 26/02

*(Fasting & Abstinence)*

*Please note that there will be two masses on*

*Ash Wednesday, 26th February, the usual*

*morning mass at 7am, and the evening mass at 6pm.*

*The collection at 6pm mass is for St Vincent de Paul.*

**Treat everybody well**  
(From Conversation with God, Fernandez Carvajal)

“You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, if anyone would go to law with you and take your tunic, let him take your cloak as well; and whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.” These words of Jesus in the Gospel of today’s Mass are an invitation to live charity beyond the criteria of men.

We should not be naive when dealing with people, but rather exercise prudence and justice (which might include demanding our rights). But neither should we regard any renunciation and sacrifice offered for the good of others as a mere excess of zeal, for it is by such actions that we become like Christ, who by his death on the cross gave us the example of a love that knew no human measure.

There is nothing in man more divine, more Christlike, than his meekness and patience in doing good. Of all the virtues leading to salvation, let us seek mainly those that benefit our neighbour. In the things of this world no one lives for himself; the craftsman, the soldier, the farmer, the merchant, all without exception contribute to the common good and to the good of their neighbour. This happens even more fully in the spiritual life, which is the true life. He who lives only for himself and despises his neighbour is useless, is not a man, does not belong to our lineage.

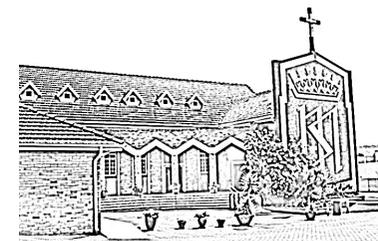
Our Lord’s repeated calls for us to be charitable at all times, and especially in his New Commandment, must stimulate us to follow His lead by finding concrete ways of being of help to others, such as by making those at our side happy, realizing that we can never be too extravagant in the practice of this virtue. Most of the time the practice of charity will consist in little details, something as simple as a smile, a word of encouragement, a kind gesture. In the eyes of God all of this is very pleasing and draws us closer to Him. We should consider areas where we can easily lack charity if we are not careful: rash judgements, negative criticism, neglect of others due to self-centredness, forgetfulness. The Christian way of conduct is not the way of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but to do good always, even though occasionally such an attitude will not result in any human gain in this world - but at least we will have enriched our hearts.

Charity makes us understanding, ready to forgive, fit to live alongside everyone, so that those who think and act differently from us in social, political and even in religious matters will also have a claim on our respect and charity.

Love and courtesy of this kind should not, of course, make us indifferent to truth and goodness. Love, in fact, impels the followers of Christ to proclaim to all men the truth that saves. But we must distinguish between the error - which must always be rejected - and the one who is in error, for he never loses his dignity as a person even though he flounders amid false or inadequate religious ideas. A disciple of Christ will never treat anyone badly. Error he will call error, but he will correct the person in error with kindness. Otherwise he will not be able to help him, to sanctify him. And that is the greatest manifestation of love.

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**Mass Times**

Mon-Fri 7 am  
Sat 7 am and 6 pm  
Sun 8 am  
Sun 9 am

**Confession Times**

- Before any Mass
- Any time, by making appointment with the Priest
- During both Sat & Sun Masses

Sun 10:30 am (Italian)

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**23 FEBRUARY 2020 - YEAR A**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>17h00 18h00</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Pro Populo</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>08h00 09h00</b>	<b>Deceased</b> Assis Da Mata <b>Intentions</b> Special Intentions - Faria family Special Intentions - Ariella Da Silva (Birthday)
		<b>10h30</b>	<b>Defunti</b> Nipoti e Nipoto Cypriano; Rosa Gualino; Antonio e Louisa Gomes; In amorevole ricordo di Elsa, Alberto Vidale, Antonio, Erminia, Loraine, Luisa Renzo e Sonia Caon; Rinatolo Di Santolo; Albina, Antonio e Enrico Di Santolo; Libera e Pietro Di Santolo
<b>Mon</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>07h00</b>	<b>Monday, 7th Week, Ordinary Time</b> Special Intentions - Franco & Sandi Mordini (Wedd Anniversary)
<b>Tue</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>07h00 16h00</b>	<b>Tuesday, 7th Week, Ordinary Time</b> Special Intentions - José Manuel, Maria, Manuel, Maria & Vera De Andrade (Birthdays) <b>Shrove Tuesday</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>07h00 18h00</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Francisco de Agrela - R.I.P Edith Rennick - R.I.P
<b>Thur</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>07h00</b>	<b>Thursday, after Ash Wednesday</b> Special Intentions - Alan Bukas
<b>Fri</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>07h00</b>	<b>Friday, after Ash Wednesday</b> Special Intentions - Baat Bukas
<b>Sat</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>07h00</b>	<b>Saturday, after Ash Wednesday</b> Special Intentions - Joseph Balayi (Birthday)