

## 4th Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1b.6-7.10-13a

### RESPONSORIAL:

Psalm 23

### RESPONSE:

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me;  
he revives my soul. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path,  
for the sake of his name.  
Though I should walk in the valley of the  
shadow of death,  
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.  
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a table before me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for length of days unending. **R.**

### SECOND READING:

Ephesians 5:8-14

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord; he who  
follows me will have the light of life.*

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

### GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

## IV Domenica di Quaresima

PRIMA LETTURA: Dal 1 libro dal libro di  
Samuèle 16,1.4.6-7.10-13

### SALMO RESPONSORIALE dal Salmo 22

#### RITORNELLO:

*Il Signore è il mio pastore: non manco di nulla.*

1. Su pascoli erbosi il Signore mi fa riposare,  
ad acque tranquille mi conduce.  
Mi rinfranca, mi guida per il giusto cammino,  
per amore del suo nome. **Rit.**
2. Se dovessi camminare in una valle oscura,  
non temerei alcun male, perché tu sei  
con me.  
Il tuo bastone e il tuo vincastro  
mi danno sicurezza. **Rit.**
3. Davanti a me tu prepari una mensa  
sotto gli occhi dei miei nemici;  
cospargi di olio il mio capo.  
Il mio calice trabocca. **Rit.**
4. Felicità e grazia mi saranno compagne  
tutti i giorni della mia vita,  
e abiterò nella casa del Signore  
per lunghissimi anni. Rit.

### SECONDA LETTURA: Efesini 5,8-14

#### CANTO AL VANGELO:

**Gloria a te, o Cristo, Verbo di Dio!**

*Io sono la luce del mondo, dice il Signore,  
chi segue me avrà la luce della vita.*

**Gloria te, o Cristo, Verbo di Dio!**

### VANGELO Giovanni 9,1-41

**Pregiera dei fedeli**

**R/ Illumina i tuoi figli, 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

### The Way of the Cross - 6pm

During Lent there will be a traditional pious  
exercise of " **The Way of the Cross**"  
every Friday at 6pm, until Easter.

### Pilgrimage to Ngome - Cancelled

We are cancelling the pilgrimage to Ngome due to  
the coronavirus. Please contact Sandi Leuta  
0825359296.

### Paschal Meal - Cancelled

We are cancelling our Paschal meal celebration  
due to the situation of the coronavirus.

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Cancelled

We are cancelling the Pilgrimage to Lourdes 10-17  
May 2020 due to the coronavirus.

### Uber Transport

People who need transport, please fill in the forms  
on the table.

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

For information on SSVP please call Debbie  
072 1819 387 or Juanito 072 4365 845.

### JUMBLE SALE

There will be a SSVP Jumble sale on Sunday, 5th  
April after the 09h00 Mass. Please support this as  
all funds obtained will be used to assist the poor in  
our community.

### DVD Library

We have been given a good collection of  
DVD's. We ask parishioners to donate DVD's for  
the library. You are welcome to hire the DVD'S  
please come to the parish office.

### 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.**

### New Mosaic

The new mosaic has been installed. See the  
notice board in the foyer to purchase your piece  
of mosaic. Contact the parish office.

### Mass stipends in the Archdiocese of Jhb

The decision was taken in the General Priests  
meeting on 4th March 2020 to adjust the mass  
stipends figure of 2011 of R40/mass to R50/  
mass, effective from 1st April 2020.

### BANKING DETAILS

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

## Joy in the Cross

(From Conversation with God, Fernandez Carvajal)

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her, we sing in the Antiphon of today's Mass: Rejoice with Jerusalem. Joy is essentially a Christian characteristic, and in this liturgical season the Church does not fail to remind us that it should be present at every moment of our lives. There is a joy proper to the hope of Advent, then the joy of Christmas itself, so lively and warm. And as the year advances there is the joy of increasing closeness to the risen Christ. But today, as we approach the end of Lent, we meditate on the joy of the Cross. It is one and the same joy as that of being united to Christ: only in him can each of us say truthfully with St Paul: He loved me and gave himself up for me. This should be the source of our greatest happiness, as well as the source of our strength and support. Should we have the misfortune to encounter sorrow, undergo suffering, experience misunderstanding, or even to fall into sin, how quickly will our thoughts turn to the One who always loves us and who, with his infinite love as God, overcomes in every trial, fills our emptiness, forgives all our sins and eagerly impels us towards a new path that is safe and joyful.

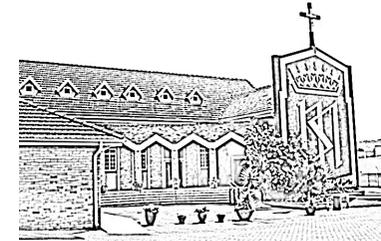
This Sunday is traditionally called Laetare Sunday from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon. The strictness of the Lenten liturgy is interrupted on this Sunday with words that speak to us of joy. Today, rose-coloured vestments, if they are available, are permitted in place of purple, and the altar can be decked with flowers as on no other day in Lent.

In this way the Church wishes to remind us that joy is perfectly compatible with mortification and pain. It is sadness and not penance which is opposed to happiness. Taking part to the utmost in this liturgical season which reaches its climax in the Passion, and hence in suffering, we realize that approaching the Cross also means that the moment of our Redemption is coming ever closer. In this way, the Church and each of her children are filled with joy: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her.

The sacrifices we do during these days should not cast a shadow over our interior joy. Rather, it ought to increase it, because our Redemption is near at hand; the pouring out of love for mankind, which is the Passion, is coming and the joy of Easter will soon be upon us. We therefore feel the need to be very closely united to Our Lord, so that our lives too may reflect once more the suffering He underwent for our sakes, as well as experiencing great happiness in the attainment of the glory and joy of the Resurrection through his Passion and his Cross.

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### Mass Times

Mon-Fri 7 am  
Sat 7 am and 6 pm  
Sun 8 am  
Sun 9 am  
Sun 10:30 am (Italian)

### Confession Times

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 22 MARCH 2020 - YEAR A

<b>Sat</b>	<b>21sh</b>	<b>17h00</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
		<b>18h00</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>08h00</b>	<b>Deceased</b> Assis da Mata; Tina Florio (4th years Anniversary)
		<b>09h00</b>	<b>Intentions</b> Special Intention - Barbara Peters Special Intentions - Sobreira family
			<b>Deceased</b> Michele Grasso; Antonio & Madalena Rodrigues; Francisco De Agrela; Doris Roos (Birthday)
		<b>10h30</b>	<b>Defunti</b> Alan Stewart; Lino Mordini; Teresa Belletti
<b>Mon</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>07h00</b>	<b>Monday, 4th Week of Lent</b> Special Intentions - Jennefer Ilung
<b>Tue</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>07h00</b>	<b>Tuesday, 4th Week of Lent</b> Special Intentions - Rachel Ozorio (Birthday)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>07h00</b>	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord, solemnity</b> Ginesia Di Paolo - R.I.P (Birthday)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>07h00</b>	<b>Thursday, 4th Week of Lent</b> Gianna Grasso - R.I.P
<b>Fri</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>07h00</b>	<b>Friday, 4th Week of Lent</b> Special Intentions - Georgette Bukas-Ilung
<b>Sat</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>07h00</b>	<b>Saturday, 4th Week of Lent</b> Giovanni Ruggeri - R.I P (Birthday)