

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

*He fed them with the finest wheat,
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 147

RESPONSE:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

1. O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!
O Sion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you. **R**
2. He established peace on your borders;
he gives your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command. **R**
3. He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decreed and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia.

*I am the living bread which came down from heaven,
says the Lord; if any one eats this bread he will live
for ever. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

SS. CORPO E SANGUE DI CRISTO

ANTIFONA D'INGRESSO:

*Il Signore ha nutrito il suo popolo
con fior di frumento,
lo ha saziato di miele della roccia.*

PRIMA LETTURA:

Dal libro del Deuteronomio 8,2-3.14-16

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Dal salmo 147

RITORNELLO:

Benedetto il Signore, gloria del suo popolo.

1. Glorifica il Signore, Gerusalemme,
loda il tuo Dio, Sion.
Perché ha rinforzato le sbarre delle tue porte,
in mezzo a te ha benedetto i tuoi figli. **Rit.**
2. Egli ha messo pace nei tuoi confine
e ti sazia con fior di frumento.
Manda sulla terra la sua parola,
il suo messaggio corre veloce. **Rit.**
3. Annunzia a Giacobbe la sua parola,
le sue leggi e i suoi decreti a Israele.
Così non ha fatto con nessun altro popolo,
non ha manifestato ad altri i suoi precetti. **Rit.**

CANTO AL VANGELO:

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Io sono il pane vivo disceso dal cielo,
dice il Signore;
chi mangia di questo pane vivrà in eterno.
Alleluia.*

VANGELO

Giovanni 5,51-59

Preghiera dei fedeli

R: *Per il mister del tuo Corpo e del tuo Sangue,
salvaci, Signore.*

Visits to the Sick

Please pray for our sick: Gloria Buchanan; Maria Muzzulini; Steven Karam; Frieda Tennan; Monique Terblanche; Lola Dias; Anne Moodley; Alcinda Dos Santos; Mr & Mrs Caetano; Jeanne Stewart; Francis Kornegay; Reg Bonthuys;
If you know of someone to be included in this list or to be visited, contact Fr Joe Pich or the Parish office.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy queen, Mother of mercy!
Hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve!
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning, and weeping in this valley of tears!
Turn, then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.

Saint Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael the Archangel,
defend us in our daily battle.
Be our safeguard against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust down into hell,
Satan and all the evil spirits,
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

NOTICES

• Catholicism DVD Series

A good documentary series about the faith. Every Monday at 6pm and Saturday at 11am, in the Upper Room. Everybody is welcome.

• Book Sale and Raffle - Fund Raisers

Over the next few weekends there will be English and Italian books on sale. Donations of books are needed please. A food hamper is also being raffled at R10/ticket. The draw of the raffle will take place at the end of July.

• Selling of Religious Books

Anyone interested in selling religious books after mass, please contact Fr Joe or the parish office.

• Men's Recollection - 27/06

There will be a Recollection for men on Tuesday, 27th June at 6pm at the parish.

• Peter's Pence Collection - 24 & 25/06

The annual Peter's Pence collection will take place next weekend 24th & 25th June. This unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the pope to respond to the suffering with love and compassion.

BANKING DETAILS

Account Name: Catholic Church Kensington
Account Number: 221 294 481
Standard Bank, Eastgate
Branch Number: 8505

Mini World Youth Day - Second Collection - 18/06

At the request of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, each Diocese is asked to take up a second collection over the weekend of 17th & 18th June, in order to facilitate the event of the Mini Youth Day in Durban, the first week of Dec 2017. A group from the parish will be attending the event.

Corpus Christi

(From Conversation with God, Fernandez Carvajal)

Today we celebrate this great Solemnity in honour of the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. On this day the liturgy itself and popular piety, which have spared no efforts in their search for inventiveness and beauty, come together to sing to the Love of loves. For this day Saint Thomas Aquinas composed those very beautiful texts of the Mass and of the Divine Office. Today we must give many thanks to God for having remained amongst us, make atonement to him and express to him our joy at having him so close to us.

It was faith in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist that led to devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass as well. In the first centuries of the Church the Sacred Species were reserved so that Communion could be taken to the sick and to those who were in prison awaiting martyrdom because they had confessed their faith. As time went by, the faith and love of believers caused them to make both public and private devotion to the Holy Eucharist far richer. Their faith led them to treat the Body of Christ with the greatest possible reverence and this also led to greater public devotion. We can find many testimonies in the most ancient documents of the Church to the veneration by the early Christians which later was to make way for the feast we celebrate today.

Our Lord and our God is in the Tabernacle. Christ is in the Tabernacle, and it is there that we must show him our adoration and our love. This veneration for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is expressed in many ways: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, processions, prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, genuflections that are real acts of faith and of adoration. Amongst these devotions and various forms of worship, particularly worthy of mention is the solemnity of Corpus Christi as a public act by which the Church seeks to pay homage to Christ present in the Eucharist. The Church and the world have great need of Eucharistic devotions. Jesus is waiting for us in this sacrament of Love. Let us not be sparing in the time we spend going to meet him in adoration, in contemplation filled with faith, and let us be prepared to make reparation for the many grave faults and offences committed against him in the world. May our adoration never cease. Today especially has to be filled with acts of faith and of love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

If we take part in the day's procession, accompanying Jesus, we will be like those simple people who joyfully followed the Master during the days of his life on earth, and who with great naturalness told him of all their needs and about the sufferings they endured. We too will experience the happiness and the joy of being with him. If we see him pass through our streets exposed in the Monstrance, we will tell him from the depths of our hearts how much He means to us. Adore him reverently and devoutly; renew in his presence the sincere offerings of your love. Don't be afraid to tell him that you love him. Thank him for giving you this daily proof of his tender mercy, and encourage yourself to go to Communion in a spirit of trust. I am awed by this mystery of Love. Here is the Lord seeking to use my heart as a throne, committed never to leave me, provided I don't run away. Jesus is happier on this throne of my heart than in the most magnificent Monstrance.

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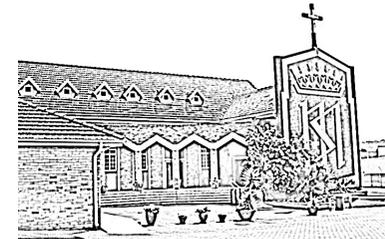
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Mass Times

Mon-Fri 7 am

Sat 7 am and 5.30 pm

Sun 9 am (English)

Sun 10:30 am (Italian)

Confession Times

• Before any Mass

• Any time, by making appointment with the Priest

• During both Sat & Sun Masses

CORPUS CHRISTI 18 JUNE 2017 - YEAR A

Sat 17th 16h30 17h30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Pro Populo

Sun 18th 09h30 Intentions/Intenzioni
Special Intentions - Anita De Sousa (Birthday)
Thanksgiving - Barbara

Deceased/Defunti

Adilia Mendes; Michele Grasso; Alexandra De Agrela;
Francisco De Agrela; Cleto Canetti; Mickelina-Feo Armos;
Manuel Freitas - Maria do Rosario - Manuel Pereira de Agrela;
Louissette Cabanac

Mon 19th 07h00 Monday, 11th Week, Ordinary Time
Nicolō Joseph (Birthday)

Tue 20th 07h00 Tuesday, 11th Week, Ordinary Time
Special Intentions - Raoul Stefano Canetti

Wed 21st 07h00 St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Angiolo De Fabritiis - R.I.P

Thu 22nd 07h00 Ss John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs.
Renato Antonetti - R.I.P (Anniversary)

Fri 23rd 07h00 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, solemnity
Deceased relatives of Blackwell family

Sat 24th 07h00 The Nativity of St John The Baptist, solemnity
Special Intentions - James Joseph (Birthday)