

NOTICES

[Information for the Pew leaflet must reach the office by Wednesday morning]

Parishioners celebrating their birthdays: (4) Shantal Rossouw, (5) Bongani Malinga, Frances Rault, (7) Amkitha Motsoasele, (8) Frankie Glover, Tikita Raghunath, Brett Ross, Brishay & Bryce Seezing, (9) Russell Scott, (10) Atlehang Simelane,

***** Anniversaries*****

- Please give generously to our Soup Kitchen: bread, peanut butter & juice are needed. Contact Keith on 082 900 5468.
- Should you have special prayer needs, Lay Ministers will be waiting to pray with you in the Lady Chapel after Mass.
- Please fill in a DG form if you have not done so yet. A completed DG form expresses your commitment and intention to serve God and God's people in this parish through your talents, time, and finances. This aids in planning and coordinating the Parish Ministry.
- Lay Ministers' and Servers' meeting after Mass.
- Lay Ministers Quiet Day – Saturday, 10 February.

Visit our website for more information: www.sfc.org.za

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St Francis of Assisi

Anglican Church, Alberton

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sung Mass

4 February 2024

Welcome to St Francis of Assisi where we strive to be vibrant disciples of Christ serving the community. We hope that you find the service meaningful and uplifting.

Introit	CP 555 Praise my soul the King of heaven
Collect:	Everlasting God, you heal the sick and restore the distressed: make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be experienced throughout creation, Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
1 st Reading:	Isaiah 40:21-31 pg. 807
Psalm:	147:1-11 pg. 789
2 nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 9:16-23 pg. 202
Gradual:	CP 349 When to our world the Saviour came
Gospel:	Mark 1:29-39 Pg. 41
Offertory:	LP 173 O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Eucharist:	1 st Eucharist Prayer
Communion 1:	CP472 I waited for the Lord my God
Communion 2:	CP 416 Father, hear the prayer we offer
Communion 3:	CP 96 Jesu, lover of my soul
Communion 4:	LP 22 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Recessional:	CP 437 Go forth and tell

Please join us for tea in the hall after mass.



DIARY AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 5	The Martyrs of Japan, 1597		
1 Kings 8:1-13	Psalm 132:5-9	Mark 6:53-56	
	Rector's day of rest		
TUESDAY 6			
1 Kings 8:22-30	Psalm 84	Mark 7:1-13	
WEDNESDAY 7			
1 Kings 10:1-10	Psalm 37:1-6	Mark 7:14-23	
	09:30 Eucharist Service		
	19:00 Lay Ministers' meeting		
THURSDAY 8			
1 Kings 11:4-13	Psalm 132:10-18	Mark 7:24-30	
	11:00 Mother's Union Prayer meeting		
FRIDAY 9	James Mata Dwane, Priest, 1916		
Acts 20:17-24	Psalm 23	Matthew 23:1-12	
	19:00 Young Adults Get together (21 & above)		
SATURDAY 10			
1 Kings 12:26-33; 13:33-34	Psalm 106:20-23	Mark 8:1-10	
	09:00 Diocesan LM's Quiet Day		
	13:00 Mother's Union Prayer meeting		
SUNDAY 11	TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY		
2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalm 50:1-6	1 Corinthians 4:3-6	
		Mark 9:2-9	
	07:30 Choir Practice		
	After Mass Server's meeting		

DEDICATED GIVING PROGRESS:2023

Month	Amount Dedicated	Amount Received	Surplus +	Accumulated Surplus + or Shortfall - for 2023
			Shortfall -	
October	R97,000	140476	R43,476	R161,787
November	R97,000	98495	R1,495	R163,282
December	R97,000	156315	R59,315	R222,597

Honour your dedication promise to God.

Pray and consider increasing your monthly giving if it is not in proportion to what God gives you.

Please inform Patricia if you are unable to support your commitment (admin@sfc.org.za)

FOR OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada.

Province: Diocese of Pretoria.

Diocese: St Matthew and St Luke, Eden Park.

Highveld Anglican Board of Social Responsibility.

Prayer for our link Parishes of St Dyfrig & St Mellon, Monmouth Wales.

We pray for all parishioners who are ill or in hospital and for those who are on the St Raphael's Prayer list.

Prayer for Family and Friends of our Parishioners:

Maytiah Rachidi, Jenny Genis, Errol Peace & Georgy Abraham.

Years Mind: Departed loved ones over the past seven years.

February– Gareth Tucker, Derek Roper, Charlotte Jelly.

Thoughts to ponder and pray about during the week.

God of all power, you are the One who called this world into being and we acknowledge that you have no equal in the extent of your power. Yet, you want to share your power—your strength—with those who are powerless; you ache to heal the broken-hearted and to bind up the wounds of the lost and rejected folk of this world. Such radical love leaves us speechless, but you gave it human form and shape in the person of Jesus, in whom your promises of healing and empowerment were fulfilled. We give you thanks and praise for blessing our lives in this way, and we pray that in Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we too can become radical lovers of the powerless, and passionate bearers of hope to those whose lives are filled with despair and hopelessness. May this time of worship be a true expression of our desire to praise and glorify you, O God, for the many ways in which you bless us, and may our lives reveal our gratitude in all we think, and do, and speak. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

