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# ST. SAVIOUR'S

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Dear Friends, Lenten greetings.

Today marks the final Sunday of Lent, as we celebrate Passion Sunday next week. This Lenten journey has been filled with deep and profound revelations for many. As a Parish we have embarked on a journey of healing and wholeness and in last week's instalment of our Lenten reflections, we considered the difference between restoration and transformation.

I believe for authentic healing to manifest in our lives, we ought to seek the gift of transformation rather than restoration. We are an Easter people, Easter calls us to the gift of new beginnings, so rather than being restored to who or what we were, let us seek ways of embracing newness through the gift of transformation.

This week, we read the same Psalm which we read on Ash Wednesday, and so in one way we have almost come full circle. Psalm 51 can be read as a very sorrowful or depressing Psalm, depending on the mood of the reader, but at the heart of the Psalm is a call for renewal: **create in me a clean heart, o God, and renew a right spirit within me.** Again, the Psalmist does not call for a restoration of heart and spirit. The Psalmist calls for the creation of something and a renewal of Spirit, a refreshed and new spirit.

As we steadily move towards our Easter celebrations, which again will be different because of COVID-19, we are encouraged as a community to pray these words daily: **create in me a clean heart, o God, and renew a right spirit within me.** We do so to hear what God is saying to God's Church and so too, to be obedient to God's call.

We continue to pray with each other and for each other.

In the Rectory, we find ourselves operating on minimal sleep, but enjoy having some extra life around us. As a family, we continue to express our sincere and deep gratitude for all your prayers, well wishes and the many gifts we received, and we continue to be excited about our journey here at St. Saviour's.

Please keep a look out for our Palm Sunday, Holy week and Easter programme.

God Bless.

Fr. Chesnay Frantz (Rector)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### **Pray for the sick or hospitalised.**

Mervyn Bost, Trevor Kleinsmith, Edith Abrahams, Sandra Fourie, Joyce Erasmus, Crystal Bouwers, James April, Iris Hartnick, Mervyn Johnson, Frank Kennel, Monica Fry, Muriel Tshitshiba and Martin Dyers.

### **Housebound and elderly:**

Christabel Nokumbuza, Rachel Vermeulen, Evan Brink, Breval Brown, Aletta Cloete, Stella Collins, Freda Connelly, Brenda de Vos, Linda de Vos, Constant Eckardt, Joyce Hiebner, Edith Lekay, Daniel & Magdalene Meyer, Ellen Olivier, Joanne White, Ronald Smedley and May Rushin

## BIRTHDAYS

### **Prayers for those with Birthdays and Anniversaries this week.**

21 Mar	Iris Dodgen
22 Mar	Bernadine Rodkin
24 Mar	Leo Francis, Robin Kerchhoff, Craig Meyer
25 Mar	Kristen Fabing, Ryan Goliath, Ivan Sampson, Miguel Wilson
26 Mar	Denise Padayachie
27 Mar	George Jacobs, Daniel Meyer (Jnr) Jean-Marie Thomas, Jonathan Thomas

**“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” Romans 15:13**

## HYMNS AT 09h15 – AMR

Introit:	AMR 107	Glory be to Jesus
Gradual:	AMR 104	All ye, who seek for sure relief
Offertory:	AMR 102	My song is love unknown
Communion:	AMR 111	O scared head surrounded
Recessional:	AMR 108	When I survey the wondrous Cross

## READERS

*07H30 – Anthea Fabing*

*09H15 – Suzette Sampson*

## LAYMINISTERS

*07H30 – Brendan Brown*

*09H15 – Herby Halls*

## READINGS OF THE DAY

OT Reading:           Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalm:                 Psalm 51: 1-12

NT Reading:          Hebrews 5: 5-10

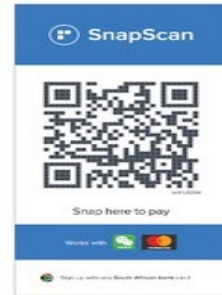
Gospel:                John 12: 20-33

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of suffering and glory,  
in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life:  
inscribe your law on our hearts,  
that we may not stray from you,  
but remain your faithful people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

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## LECTIONARY FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
<p><b>MON 22 MAR</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b> Psalm 91 Jeremiah 24:1-10 Romans 9:19-33</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b> Psalms 92, 93 Exodus 4:10-31 John 9:1-17</p>	<p><b>WED 24 MAR †</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b> Psalms 98, 99, (100), 101 Jeremiah 25:30-38 Romans 10:14-21</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b> Psalm 102 Exodus 7:8-24 John 10:1-18</p>	<p><b>FRI 26 MAR</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b> Psalm 105:1-22 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-13 Romans 11:13-24</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b> Psalm 105:23-45 Exodus 9:13-35 John 11:1-27 or 12:1-1</p>
<p><b>TUE 23 MAR</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b> Psalm 94 Jeremiah 25:8-17 Romans 10:1-13</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b> Psalms (95), 96, 97 Exodus 5:1—6:1 John 9:18-41</p>	<p><b>THU 25 MAR † THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b> Psalm 103 Jeremiah 26:1-16 Romans 11:1-12</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b> Psalm 104 Exodus 7:25—8:19 John 10:19-42</p>	<p><b>SAT 27 MAR</b></p> <p><b>Morning Prayer:</b> Psalm 106:1-24 Jeremiah 31:27-34 Romans 11:25-36</p> <p><b>Evening Prayer:</b> Psalm 106:25-50 Exodus 10:21—11:8 John 11:28-44 or 12:37-50</p>

## PRAYER DIARY

**Monday:** Continue to pray for the Lenten theme: "A Journey of wholeness and healing."

**Tuesday:** Pray for Bishop Joshua and his wife Joan and also Thabo our Metropolitan and his wife Luigi.

**Wednesday:** Pray for all struggling at this time whether it be illness, loneliness, financial hardship or any other adversity.

**Thursday:** Pray for your Church, led by Bishops, Priests and Parishioners, that it should grow, representing to the world and following your direction and love in which we all are enfolded.

**Friday:** Pray for all Frontline Workers that they should not be infected while doing their daily work.

**Saturday:** Pray for all who are sad or suffering from any illness, and scared of the threat of the virus. Grant them strength, health and peace, especially those in our community.

**Sunday:** Pray for our nation and our leaders to turn toward righteousness and away from evil.

## NOTICES

- ❖ The Parish Office is now open: Monday-Friday 09h00-15h00.
- ❖ The Church is open for in-person worship on a Sunday. We continue with 2 services on a Sunday and a Wednesday morning Eucharist. For Lent we will also have a Wednesday evening Eucharist at 19h30.
- ❖ If you would like to be added to the Parish WhatsApp group, please send a message to the Rector (073 256 5200) or Nerine Meyer (072 180 0592).
- ❖ Pledge Envelopes – Parishioners wanting Pledge Envelopes for 2021 must please call the office on 021 671 8171. Pledge Envelopes will be at the back of the church for collection.
- ❖ Thank you to all servers, layministers, readers, choir, sacristans and sidespersons who made an effort to attend the rehearsals yesterday. Thank you. God bless.
- ❖ **Donations** – The Flower Guild is appealing for any donations towards flowers to beautify our Church for Easter Day. There is a box at the back of the Church for flower donations.
- ❖ On Saturday 27 March 2021, we are all invited to come and make palm crosses in the Church garden in preparation for Palm Sunday. Many hands make light work. Bring a pair of scissors along. ALL COVID 19 protocols to be observed. You may even park your car in the church grounds and make the crosses in the safety of your car.
- ❖ Roti & Curry on sale next Sunday (Palm Sunday). Please place your orders with Parish Office before Thursday Afternoon.
- ❖ Water Tanks: A special THANK YOU to all who contributed to the installation of our first water tank, including material and labour of the three bases for these tanks. We are now in search of donations for an addition 2 x 10 000 litre water tanks. If you can assist, please contact the Rector.
- ❖ Parish Council Meeting takes place on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 19h00 in the Parish Room.