



CHURCH NOTICES



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS

*This cup is the symbol of this Parish.
It is the Christ Cup;
It is the ciborium of Grace, the chalice of forgiveness.
It is the Presence of Christ whom we encounter in
this Eucharist.*

- **JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER AT 08H00:** We are once again appealing for any clean unwanted clothing etc to be dropped off at the church. With thanks Shirley Vermeulen.
- **URGENT RE JUMBLE :** As I will no longer be able to continue this work in 2012 we are looking for someone to run the Jumble section of Outreach. It will involve approximately 1 ½ hours of your time each week and also making the final arrangements before each sale. Training will be given. Di Levinsohn is at the helm at all times. Please give this matter prayerful thought and consideration. Contact Shirley Vermeulen on 011 465 5867 or 082 414 4259.

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SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2011
(The twenty-fifth Sunday of the year according to the Church calendar)

Our Vision:

is to achieve a shared vision and practice of the ministry of all believers.

This means that every parishioner takes responsibility to contribute to the life of the faith community and be a witness in the broader community. This requires the spiritual growth of all believers, a deepening relationship with God, others, oneself and creation.

The spiritual growth and ministry of all believers is dependent on vibrant Christian community.

*We welcome all who are worshipping with us today, particularly our newcomers and visitors.
May God bless your encounter with Him.
We invite you to join us for tea after the 9.00 am service.*

ALL SAINTS DIARY: SEPTEMBER 2011

- MONDAYS 13H30 BRIDGE (Beginners Welcome)
- TUESDAYS 12h30 PRAYER GROUP
- SATURDAYS 12H00 TO 13H00 BELL RINGING PRACTICE (CONTACT BRIAN STACEY ON 0824946453)
- THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: Worship meeting at 19h30
- FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: Choir practice at 14h30

September

Sunday 25 DG Sunday

October

Saturday 8 15h00 Messy Church
 Friday 14 9—12 noon Nursery School rehearsal
 Saturday 15 9—12 noon Nursery School concert
 Sunday 16 Bishop Brian's visit

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Sunday Services

Said Eucharist 07:30
 Said Eucharist with hymns 09:00
 Young Saints 09:00

Weekday Services (Wednesday)

Said Eucharist 09:30
 Fellowship & Bible Study 10:30

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father
 your Son has taught us
 that anything we do
 for the least of our neighbours
 we do for him:
 open our eyes to the needs of others
 and give us the will to serve you in them;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: EX 32:1-14 PSALM 106: 7-9; 20-24

SECOND READING: PHIL 1:21-27

GOSPEL: MT 20:1-16 1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. 3 "About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' 5 So they went. "He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. 6 About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' 7 "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' 8 "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' 9 "The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' 13 "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last." (NIV)

PRAYERS: Denise Morton, Jean Mann, Paddy Sander, Mike & Lindi, Marlene Palm, Deborah Lewis, Lynda Main, Keith Johnson, Casey Bennett, Bennett family, Cheryl Jearey, Andrew Edward, Lynn Edward.

Year's Mind: Frank Muller

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Dark side to improved WEF Competitiveness report card

Alec Hogg celebrates SA's improved showing, but highlights a national shame. By Alec Hogg*

PRETORIA – I listened to a Nun panicking this week. Well, not quite a nun, but that's her background and she's still called Sister. So near enough. What I heard, Smokey Robinson, is that there truly are things sadder than tears of a clown.

The lady in question is my idea of Superwoman. Armed with nothing other than faith in her Higher Power, she decamped to South Africa a decade back to wage war on HIV. Today, the organisation she built, St Joseph's Care, is the sole source of nutrition for hundreds of orphaned children and the only medical support for a hundred thousand of the nation's most vulnerable. But St Joseph's is in Sizanani Village, an outpost east of Pretoria. It's far enough away to be invisible to the wealthy or observant. Closest town is dusty Bronkhorstspuit. Not being fashionable hurts. And lately St Joseph's has been taking more body shots than an aging Muhammad Ali.

Because of Sister Elisabeth Schilling's German roots, St Joseph's has always relied heavily on European funding. But SA is now regarded as a middle-income country. So those funds are being channelled elsewhere. Ditto PEPFAR, the US president's programme for Aids relief and once a generous provider. Local support has never been great, with Anglo American and De Beers among the exceptions. But after banking a billion in cash from selling the nearby Cullinan diamond mine, that source has also dried up. Despite decades of profit, these now multinational corporations are, after all, businesses. Led by people for whom local social responsibility ends when you leave the district.

The heaviest blow arrived this week. Hence the panicky Sister. St Joseph's had been banking on continued funding from the National Lottery. But Lotto has decided to switch focus to new projects, cutting off organisations that it has supported for the past three years. So St Joseph's application for funding was turned down. Not on merit, because there can be no denying it is one of the most worthy, effective social projects in the country. But because Lotto changed direction after the call for proposals. Creating a raft of unintended consequences. Including the impact on an area where St Joseph's clinic and travelling social workers means Aids is no longer a death sentence. For now.

The plight of St Joseph's emphasised the underbelly of an otherwise confidence-building [report on Global Competitiveness](#) released on Wednesday. This year SA climbed four places to 50th of 142 countries surveyed by the World Economic Forum, reversing a long decline. It ranked 45th two years ago and better before that. But back to the good news, SA is once more the most competitive country on the continent and of the five Brics, is second only to China. It suggests despite the choppy surface, bones of this economy are strengthening, muscle is building, broad policies working.

Take a bow JSE and Saica. The WEF found SA to have the world's best-regulated stock market and its top auditing and accounting standards. SA banks are the second soundest in the world; a number two spot was also achieved for efficacy of SA corporate boards. Other top five finishes include access to financial services and equity finance. The Competitions Commission is another national treasure – SA's anti-monopolies policy rating a stellar 7th in the world. Chest expanding stuff for a nation whose economy generates just 50c of every \$100 produced worldwide.

But healthcare is at the other end of the spectrum. South Africans are second most at risk of anyone anywhere in contracting tuberculosis. Life expectancy is 51.6 years, lower than all but 12 of 142 countries surveyed. As armies march on their stomachs, a nation builds from the health of its citizens. Something radical is being done. It's called National Health Insurance. Figures like those in the WEF report will convince even the harshest critics that NHI is a great investment.

With an average of 17.8% of its citizens HIV positive, SA is the third highest infected nation on earth. Far higher rates exist in informal settlements like those around Sizanani Village. NHI will eventually kick in. But it could be years before the State is able to care for everyone. Until then, doing so is the lot of hardy souls like Elisabeth Schilling and a team who daily take on impossible odds. Because they believe it's the right thing to do. They should be applauded and supported. Not denied their funding lifeblood. – alechogg@gmail.com