



CHURCH NOTICES

- **MESSY CORNER** : Please diarise the next Messy Church for **Saturday 13 August at 15h00**. For further information, please contact Jean on 083 234 3371.
- **SOUP**: Please keep it up as we need 30 litres each Thursday. You can deliver your frozen soup any day and give it to Mduduzi who will put it into our freezers.



CUTTING OUT TRACK SUITS: Di needs help cutting out tracksuits for Cosmo City. If you can help please give her a call on 082 441 1221.



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.*

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SUNDAY 31 JULY 2011

(The eighteenth 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: AUGUST 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

Saturday 13	09h00	Baptism preparation
	11h00	Private Baptism
	15h00	Messy Church
Saturday 20	11h00	Pvt Body Corp Meeting in Narthex
Sunday 28	09H00	Baptism DG Sunday

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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

Eternal God
your Son is the way, the truth and the life:
grant that we may walk in his way
rejoice in his truth and share in his risen life;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever.

Please note that there will be NO Sunday School on 7 August (Pvt School holidays and long weekend).



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: EX 12: 1-14 PSALM 143 : 1-10

SECOND READING: ROM 8: 31-39

GOSPEL: MT 14:13– 21 Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." 16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. 18 "Bring them here to me," he said. 19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. (NIV)

PRAYERS: Denise Morton, Jean Mann, Paddy Sander, Wendy & Chunky Young, Mike & Lindi, Sasha, Marlene Palm, Deborah Lewis, Andrew Edward, Audrey Westmoreland, Sophie Banfield.

YEARS MIND: Mary Nash

TWO MINDS

Somewhere in the Bible, Jesus was recorded as saying that we are to love our enemies. I suppose that also includes those we don't like and those with whom we do not agree. Eish, no easy task. I wish he hadn't said that – I mean it really is nice to have a go at some of our politicians, our rugby coach, SARS, and even some top cops, and those semi-human ignoramuses that want to charge us 66c per kilometer on the highways. I sometimes want to throw a brick at the TV when they appear.

I suppose that makes me a sinner – there goes the nice room overlooking the 18th hole at GHGC (God's Heavenly Golf Club – you know that one where the green's funnel every shot to the hole and WOW (walk on water) shoes are issued for use at the water holes). But then I got to thinking...what did he mean by "love" your enemies? It cannot mean that just because I love my wife I must also love her mother. Must be another kind of love. I hope.

Then I had a flash! I remember someone saying, from the pulpit, that one of the main messages we learn from the life of Jesus was about "union". You know, that Jesus came to "reconnect", make us one with God and since God lives in all of us (another bible quote), make us "one" with each other and all creation. Like those environmental scientists keep saying – that there is interconnectedness in all things. So if I call someone I don't like, a fool, I'm really calling myself (and you) a fool – not so cool.

So how do I look with new eyes at the "other" that threatens or upsets me? I mean some politicians suffer from incremental foot in mouth disease. I mean, look at that bunch of conservative Republicans in USA who are playing with our lives but not agreeing to disagree with Obama – economic disaster for all, especially the poor. Our leaders are not exempt. According to Moetse Mbeki (IOL today) our leadership is in decline - a self-servant cannot be a true public-servant! But back to the question : how do I change?

Well St Paul (another clever biblical quote coming) said that we should "put on the mind of Christ". What Maggie Ross so cleverly calls "the process of en-Christening".

It's a complicated neuro-something theory: something about us moving from the little mind which can handle about a dozen things to the deeper mind which can hold 11 million things and, most importantly, has proverbial ears to hear the gentle whisper of the Spirit that indwells.

But there is a catch: you must want it and you must be intentional in your endeavor to change minds. If you wants to play on the surface with the sharks (not the rugby team) expect no change. However, if you have the courage to dive to the depths – with no aqualung- you will "learn how to breathe underwater". Desire and intention are amply rewarded by the gratuity of God, the perfect gift, Godself. In union we can love and forgive – even if it means hugging Julius.



The internet, if used properly, gives us access to a huge number of spiritual sites which may assist you in your life journey. Regrettably, as far as Christian sites are concerned, the fundamentalist/conservative wing has both the money and the energy to use the net. However, there are sites out there that take you "beyond" yourself into the realm of the Spirit. It will come as no surprise that my first recommendation is the site Radical Grace which is the home also of Richard Rohr. He has daily short meditations which are a good vehicle to take a short break and allow the words to find a home in your soul. You can subscribe at no cost and it will daily find a place in your inbox. Because many of you receive a great number of e mails, I would suggest that you open a folder in your inbox and drop and drag the daily article to be stored for a better moment.

Go to cacracticalgrace.org then click Richard Rohr and subscribe on right hand side of the page.

There are many other sites, and we will publish recommended ones from time to time.