



Our Lady of Lourdes

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Reflection....

In contrast to our world culture of indifference, God calls us to tend to the wounds of the world as we start the season of Advent. During this time let us walk the path that Christ has laid before us. In trials and tribulations, we must remain steadfast and sober to realize our redemption in serving God and our neighbours. We must turn towards humanity's pain and remember those who others have forgotten. So, as we await the arrival of Christ this Advent season, we should explore ways to embody God's justice in the world, following the loving example of our Lord. In doing so, we can bring about the peace that our world so desperately needs.

Prayer

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells amongst us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells amongst us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells amongst us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives always, and particularly this Advent time.
Amen

Parish Notices

December's Second Collection is for the Gaudete Advent and Christmas collection for the poor .

Little Sisters of Jesus will be selling their home-made Jams and Biscuits on Sunday 8 December after 07h30 and 09h30 Masses.

The SSVF Annual Christmas Gift Drive has begun and will conclude on the 2nd December 2024 . For further information please contact Divasha: 071 423 6626 or Nancy: 084 644 5427.

Food Parcel and Christmas Gift Box Packing will be taking place on Saturday 7th December 2024 in the old church building from 9 am. All helping hands are greatly appreciated.

San Salvador Home offers homemade Christmas Puddings made with the finest ingredients . Prices: Large 1kg R260 Small 500g R130 . To order please call 010 449 6459 or Ronelle 082 878 8630 .

Repository : The Liturgical Calendar and the Springs of Carmel Diaries for 2025 are available in the Repository.

First Sunday **ADVENT** of Year C



Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.
Luke 21:36



Prayer Intentions

Please pray for the sick and those in need of prayers:

Gaynor Hawkins Damian McLeish
Kenny Nkabinde Francis Brown
Louise Canham Peter Ronald
Debbie Ryan

Recently Departed Family and Friends:
Jacques Raffray RIP

ADVENT is a term from the Latin word "Adventus" which means arrival. It is a time for us to prepare for the arrival of God through Jesus, but also a time for us to think of what we would like to achieve.

Sandwich making



Our final Sandwich Making for 2024 will be taking place this Sunday 1st December 2024 after the 9:30am and 5:30pm Masses . Donations of Bread, Jam and Peanut butter would be appreciated. All help is welcome.

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday : 08h00

Tuesday : 06h30

Wednesday : 08h00

Thursday : 08h00

Friday : 17h00 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Holy Mass at 18h00

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday : 17h30

Sunday : 07h30, 09h30, 17h30

CONFESSION

Saturday : 10h00-11h00

ADORATION CHAPEL TIMES

Daily : 07h00- 18h00

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Carols by Candlelight will be held on the 8th December after the Sunday 17h30 Mass.

Children are welcome to dress up as Nativity Characters. Bring your own candle.

