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Dear Friends

RECTOR'S LETTER

Almost every day we are confronted with some drama caused by our politicians and government. There are deep and real concerns about the direction this country is heading in. Everyday corruption is revealed from government down. Crime is and has been out of control for so long and there appears to be no political will to address anything affecting the well-being of South African citizens other than to create dissension, division and polarisation.

We need to return to the verse from 2 Chronicles 7:14 *"If my people, who are called by name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God and it is also a transforming reality that leads to the greater good. With two weeks remaining in Lent, let us commit to praying for South Africa and her people and let our prayer transform into deeds that will contribute to making a difference.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 09 April

7.00 a.m. Mass and blessing of palm crosses.

9.00 a.m. Sung Mass, Procession and blessing of palm crosses.

Maundy Thursday 13 April

6.00 p.m. Sung Mass, Washing of the Feet and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 14 April

9.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

12 Noon - 3.00 p.m. Three Hour Devotion

Holy Saturday 15 April

6.00 p.m. Service of Light

Easter Sunday 16 April

7.00 a.m. Mass with hymns

9.00 a.m. Sung High Mass

Palm crosses will be made on Saturday 08 April at 9.00 a.m. If you can help, please bring a pair of scissors. Donations of palm branches are needed. Tea and hot cross buns will be served to the helpers.

EASTER OFFERING

The annual Easter Offering is given to the Parish Priest as a supplement to his stipend and in appreciation for his ministrations. I have of my own accord chosen not to receive the Easter Offering but rather to ask that it be given to the parish to assist with the running costs.

I would ask you to join me in making a generous donation to the parish as a gift of love, appreciation and thankfulness for all God gives us in life and in one another. Enclosed is an envelope for you to return with your offering or alternatively if you do an EFT to use Easter Offering as the reference.

SUPPER CLUB

The Supper Club evenings are well supported and attended. They are evenings of fellowship, friendship and an enjoyable meal of fish and chips, ice cream and chocolate sauce. We are spoilt with the outstanding speakers who give us an insight into areas of life that we don't come across every day. They also enhance our knowledge and experience. The cost is R50 for the supper and there is a cash bar. The supper club evenings have been going for 20 years since 1997.

The next Supper Club is on Tuesday 25 April. The speaker is Ros Pearson, a member of the Parish. Ros has been blind from birth yet managed to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Natal and a Post Graduate Communications Diploma from Potchefstroom University whereafter she worked for the SABC for twenty years as a journalist, news writer and shortwave news monitor among other things. Ros also sings in the Durban Symphonic Choir. This should be a very interesting talk and Ros will welcome any questions you may have. The list is at the entrance to the Church or phone the Parish Office.

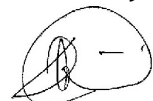
BEFORE WE KNOW IT!

The Parish Fete will be upon us on 24 June. This is our main fundraiser and everyone's support is required. For now books, jumble, white elephant, jewellery etc. can be brought to the Parish Office, Church or be collected. I need help with prizes for the main raffle and donations of wine and spirits for the liquor hampers. If you can help in any way please speak to me or phone the Office.

A PRAYER FOR EASTER

*Lord, the Resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
The will to want to do it,
The courage to undertake it,
The perseverance to continue to do it,
And the strength to complete it.
In Jesus Holy Name Amen!*

With every blessing



FR DANE