



Diocese of Johannesburg

Anglican Church of Southern Africa
The Parish of Orlando West



Parish Mission Statement

Holy Cross Church will always be a Relevant, Vibrant Christian Community.

Collect 27 December 2020

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Almighty God, you wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us; as Jesus Christ came to share our humanity, so may we share the life of his diversity; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Covid-19 Online edition

Welcome back to Holy Cross Worship Service

Warm greetings during this unprecedented time. Be assured of our love and prayers at this difficult time. Please engage with us on our Social Media platforms: www.hcross.org.za for regular updates as well as Facebook & Instagram. Be in touch: lankiri.thaba@anglicanjoburg.org.za for any issues that need Council's attention. *Please strive to arrive at least 30min early before the service starts to allow for screening process prior to entering the Church.*

Next Sunday: There will be **ONE**

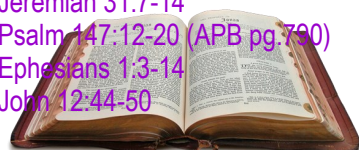
service next Sunday the 3rd January 2021 at 10h00 as we celebrate the New Year. It has always been our practice to come to thank the Lord at the first service of the year. Please Book your space with your Zone Leader as numbers are always limited. Today is the last service that Fr Lankiri is leading at Holy Cross as he and his family will be leaving at the end of the month to start a new ministry in Cape Town. We ask that you arrive at least 30 minutes before the service starts to allow for screening process to take place. Every one's safety is our priority. We appreciate your cooperation thus far. Spaces are limited due to Covid-19.

Readings for today

Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Psalm 148 (APB pg.790)
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

Next Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20 (APB pg.790)
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 12:44-50



Birthdays

Lesedi Monnakgotla 21/12
Sinalo Mfutwana 21/12
Lerato Mathabathe 21/12
Lerato Makgaka 21/12
Pitso Lethoko 21/12
Athini Ngolobe 21/12
Kamogelo Pooe 21/12
Kgotsie Tsoletszi 21/12
Onallenna Nawa 22/12
Lesego Ngoboo 22/12
Joel Molefe 22/12
Rethabile Mompoti 23/12
Rethabile More 23/12
Prudence Malebane 24/12
Caroline Phakela 24/12
Zanele Khumalo 24/12
Evelina Dhlamini 24/12
Nokukhanya Maseko 25/12
Nonkosi Ndlovu 25/12
Yoliswa Ntloko 25/12
Khanyisa Vena 25/12
Mamohapi Motsoari 26/12
Mpilo Zungu 27/12

Blessings on you as you start a new year ahead.

Rector's Departing Note

I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for the time we spent together in worship for the past nine years and four months. We have done a lot together and could have done more but God has allowed us to achieve that which we have during this period. As I bow out, I would like to commend you all to the mercy and love of God and will continue to pray for you as you go into the interregnum period that you may work together to grow this parish until you are given a new Rector. Together we shall stand and defeat all odds. Support one another and the incoming new Rector in pursuit of God's ministry. We wish you a restful Festive Season with your families. Yours full of love and prayers.

The Rev Lankiri, Makananelo, Kananelo, Charles and Motebang Thaba saying their goodbyes with many blessings!

Church Banking Details

Orlando Holy Cross Anglican Church
Bank: Standard Bank
Account Number: 201028557
Branch Code: 006805
Reference: Name & Surname

Welcome to Holy Cross Church In-Person Worship

PLEASE NOTE the Parish Office will be open on Thursdays from **11h00** for your pledges and other admin matters. All Covid-19 Regulations should always be adhered to in order to minimize any infections. Kindly communicate your intentions to attend either of the services by texting/calling your Zone Leader. This is meant to keep to the prescribed number of maximum people in attendance at every service which is currently capped at 100. Your cooperation in this regard will help us maintain a smooth running of our services. **Do not sit on the crossed area of the pews to observe social distancing. Also NOTE that singing is not allowed during this time of Covid-19. Moreover, if you have the following health conditions, you are STRONGLY encouraged to remain at home to minimize the risk of contracting the CORONAVIRUS:**

- Poorly controlled hypertension
- Cardiac disease
- Poorly controlled Diabetes Mellitus
- Chronic Lung Disease e.g. **COPD**
- Poorly controlled Asthma
- Cancer currently undergoing Chemotherapy

We humbly request that you do not come to Church if you are not feeling well, have an unexplained fever/ sore throat/ generalised tiredness/ lack of smell OR taste as these may suggest active Covid-19 disease.

For those attending the Church services in person, please do remember:

- ◆ No face mask, no entry.
- ◆ Maintain social distancing at all times,
- ◆ Wash and/or sanitize your hands frequently.
- ◆ Please try to arrive at least **30min** early for the services to allow for screening prior to entering the Church.
- ◆ No face mask, no entry.
- ◆ Wash and/or sanitize your hands frequently.

Stay at home and **ONLY** leave when it is really necessary.

Christmas Service

We had a service on Christmas Day that proved to be a great way to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour—Jesus. We hope we all had a beautiful time with loved ones. We continue to emphasize the importance of respecting the Covid-19 Protocols especially during this time of festivities. Wear your face mask every time you are in public space and make sure you cover both your nose and mouth, keep a safe space between yourself and the next person and always wash your hands with soap and/or use an alcohol based sanitizer and save lives.

Dire Parish Financial Situation

With more than 7 months of hard lockdown, this situation has seen the Parish tumbling down in her finances. We are in a dire situation as we speak and would like to plead with all parishioners to kindly bring up to date all the pledges, dedicated giving and also consider back dating the offertory you missed during the months of lockdown where possible. The specialised envelopes are available in this regard. Please collect and return your Easter, Holy Cross and Christmas envelopes before we close off for the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Rest in eternal peace Malesedi Vilakazi & Esther Mphuthi

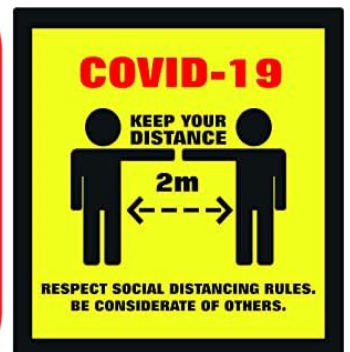
It was with the heaviest of hearts to announce the deaths of Malesedi Vilakazi & Esther Mphuthi who passed away this past week. Their funerals were held on Tuesday and Thursday respectively. Please continue to hold the Vilakazi and Mphuthi families in your prayers as they mourn these losses. Rest in eternal peace Malesedi and Esther and in the mercy of God to rise in God's glory. Amen

2020 Academic Year: We wish all learners a restful holiday and God's safety during this difficult and challenging time of Covid-19. You have worked harder to achieve the results. Sit back, relax and enjoy your well deserved break. It has been an ever demanding academic year for all of you.

Let's make our worship space safe

Emergency Numbers:

Suicide: 0800567567
Rape: 0214479762
Depression: 0800121314
Trauma Line: 0800205026
Mental Health: 0112344837
Covid-19: 0600123456



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