

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST TO SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST

TIME	DAY	DATE	INTENTIONS
09h15 am	Sunday Mass being celebrated for:	9 th August	ALL WOMEN OF ST.THÉRÈSE EDENVALE
07h45 am	Monday Mass is being celebrated for:	10 th August	MARIA CATHARINA VOGELS R.I.P STEVE ALAN
07h45 am	Tuesday Mass is being celebrated for:	11 th August	VANESSA DA SILVA R.I.P
07h45 am	Wednesday Mass is being celebrated for:	12 th August	ALL OBLATES OF THE MARY IMMACULATE
07h45 am	Thursday Mass is being celebrated for:	13 th August	JOE DE COUTO AND FAMILY ALADAR GERTRUDA BILUSKA
07h45 am	Friday Mass is being celebrated for:	14 th August	PHLOEM DE CANHA
07h45 am	Saturday Mass is being celebrated for:	15 th August	SPECIAL INTENTIONS MARIA T N CARLOS COELHO
09h15 am	Sunday Mass is being celebrated for:	16 th August	ALL PARISHIONERS OF ST.THÉRÈSE EDENVALE



ST. THÉRÈSE CATHOLIC CHURCH EDENVALE

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
9th August 2020
(Missal page 373 or 434)

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Rev A. Bishop (Deacon)
Rev D. Gregory (Deacon)
Rev F. Graham (Deacon)*

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, do not forget the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a.11-13a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85

Response: R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God speaks; he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.

His salvation is near for those who fear him, and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R)**

Merciful love and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have kissed.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice look down from heaven. **(R)**

Also the Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. Justice will march before him, and guide his steps on the way. **(R)**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Alleluia. Alleluia

I wait for the Lord, in his word I hope **Alleluia.**

Gospel: Matthew: 14:22-33

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

REFLECTION

Human nature is complex! Very often after resisting the greatest tribulations of life it will fall before the smallest one. It is of no benefit to anybody to be near the Lord physically, if we are not near in faith also. (St John Chrysostom, 349 – 407)

DIARY FOR THE WEEK	
Cycle A	
Monday 10th August	ST LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR, feast
Tuesday 11^h August	ST CLARE, Virgin, memorial
Wednesday 12th August	ST JANE FRANCIS DE CHANTAL, Religious
Thursday 13th August	SS. PONTIAN, Pope and HIPOLYTUS, Priest Martyrs
Friday 14th August	ST MAXMILLIAN KOLBE, memorial
Saturday 15th August	SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY
Sunday 16th August	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Mass Times
Monday
Tuesday **No Masses until further notice due to Covid-19**
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Sunday:
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
BY APPOINTMENT: Tuesday between 11h00 & 12h00. Please Phone, WhatsApp or Email Liz to arrange for confession.

Wednesday: Until further notice
Sacrament of Baptism:
No baptism until further notice
Sacrament of Marriage:
No marriage until further notice

19th SUNDAY **Reflection on Romans 9: 1-5**

In the text of today we hear the sorrow of Paul, he is so heartbroken for the people of Israel, his own people who do not accept Christ. This expression of Paul's pain echo's the pain and the cry of Jesus over the city of Jerusalem.

Paul was greatly disappointed in his people's lack of acceptance of Jesus as the promised Messiah, the Christ. Some of us live with such disappointment, of living and loving people who have rejected Christ or who refuse to acknowledge him. Some live with the disappointment of living and loving those who have done terrible things to other people. Imagine the pain of the parent who religiously visits her child who is imprisoned for committing a crime. The mother is not happy with the criminal activity of their child but she still loves them and shows concern for them.

Christianity is about learning to live with disappointment, because while others disappoint us we too disappoint ourselves. We yearn to do the will of God, to live a virtuous life, but from time to time we find ourselves lowering the bar of our own standards. We find ourselves praying like Paul:

'Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!' (Romans 7:21-25)

It is I believe when we learn to live with our own disappointments and find that we are still acceptable to God that we can learn to live with the disappointments of others. It is when we learn to live with our sins and find acceptance from God that we learn to live with the sins of others.

On Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration. On the mountain, when Jesus was transfigured, the disciples saw him in the presence of Elijah and Moses. Moses was a man who learnt to live with disappointment. After he gave everything to God, leading God's people from slavery to the Promised Land. He was not allowed by God to enter that Promised Land which he prepared for others. However at the Transfiguration of the Son of God; Moses is with him. He who disappointed God through sin, and was disappointed by not entering the Promised Land, is in the presence of God's Son at His moment of glory. God changes our disappointments into glory, law of Gods mercy is greater than the law of our disappointments. Thus when we live the disappointments of others, our challenge is to treat them with the law of mercy.

Fr Zweli Mlotshwa O M I

Please remember in your prayers, the sick, families and the special intentions of all our parishioners and the LITTLE EDEN COMMUNITY. Remember too those members of our community who have entered, or are about to enter, a religious vocation, in particular the priesthood. It would be a kindness to remember those suffering trauma around the world and all HIV/AIDS sufferers, those suffering from COVID-19 and an end to abortion.



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A blessed Women's day to all the ladies in our community

'It is by letting the world go and coming unto Christ that we increasingly live as women God. We are women of faith, virtue, vision, and charity who rejoice in motherhood and in womanhood and in the family. We are not panicked about perfection, but we are working to become more pure. And we know that in the strength of the lord we can do all righteous things because we have immersed ourselves in His gospel. We cannot be women of the world, forte are latter-day women of God' (Sheri L. Dew)