

On duty next week at the 09h00 service (16 December 2018)

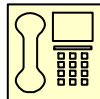
Welcome Table : Brian & Jenny Stacey
Tea : Maseri Seretlo
Readers : Ada Rebelo (1st) & James Jakachira (2nd)

In Church This week (10-16 December)

Monday: No meetings or services 18h00
Tuesday: Centering Prayer 16h00
NA Weekly Meeting (Outside/Narthex) 19h00
Wednesday: NAC Service (Church) 19h00—21h00
Bible Class (Fr. Mikes Office) 19h45
Thursday: no meetings or services 19h00
Friday : no meetings or services 10h00
Saturday: Bell Ringing 12h45
Bible Class 13h00& 14h00
Sunday: Said Eucharist 07h30
Eucharist 09h00
NAC Service 12h00—14h00

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at
All SAINTS FOURWAYS GARDENS

9 December 2018
2nd Sunday in Advent

**We welcome all who are worshipping with us today to our service,
Particularly our newcomers and visitors.
May God bless your encounter with Him.**

COLLECT FOR TODAY

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation:
make us ready for the message that prepares the way,
so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy, we may eagerly await the
kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever.
Amen.

Today's Readings

1st Reading : Malachi 3 : 1-4
In place of the Psalm : Luke 1 : 68-79
2nd Reading : Philippians 1 : 3-11
Gospel : Luke 3 : 1-6



Next weeks Readings (9 December 2018—Advent 3)

1st Reading : Zephaniah 3 : 14-20
In place of the Psalm: Isaiah 12 : 2-6
2nd Reading : Philippians 4 : 4-7
Gospel : Luke 3 : 1-6

Years Mind: Thelma May Hall

Prayers of the Church : Renette Johnson, Fr. Gerald Steward, Louisa Snyman;
Craig Stacey (cancer), Fr. Mike, Maureen Kear, Gra
ham Taylor; Mariette (Mara) Oosthuizen , Palesa
Seretlo, Edna Francis, Anne Marumahoko, Onicah
Mathibe

**The Funeral service of the late Benny Allen will be held at All Saints on Mon-
day, 3 December at 11h30**

Thank you to Pru Hall for tea after the 07h30 service and to Bongani and Lungile Ntenza for tea after the 09h00 service.



Mums-in-waiting: Alex van Rooyen, Mary Maunye, Dominique Madlener, Kimone Ingram

Recent Arrivals: Nonhle Sitho, Cloé Bell King

Please contact Heather (0837897311 / hmaccserv@mweb.co.za) or the Church office for any additions.

NOTICES

- Our **MEGA DRAW** will be held today **09 December 2018** during the 0900 service.
- **Christmas Hamper Raffle** - We will be raffling 3 prizes full of Christmas goodies again this year. If you would like to donate any further items or can help sell raffle tickets so that we can raise funds for the church please see Ernie after the service. Raffle tickets are also already on sale so get your lucky number now.
- A new **tea roster** is on the Roster board. Please consider giving tea after either of the services . If the date you would like to give tea is not yet on the roster, please email the office so that that date can be saved for you.
- **Welcome table and readers** : If you would like to join either of these ministries, please email the office. New rosters for January—March 2019 are being drawn up at the moment so please do let the office know
- **The Advent Southern Star**—Thank you to Ernie Mutch for obtaining and prepping all the wood/logs, to Nadene Twidale for donating the candles and Jean Pienaar for setting everything up as we made preparations for our first Sunday in Advent.

December Service Times

DATE	TIME	SERVICE
23 December	09h00	Sunday Eucharist (One Service)
24 December	10pm	Midnight Mass
25 December	09am	Christmas Day Service
30 December	09am	Sunday Eucharist (One Service only)
06 January 2019	09am	Sunday Eucharist (One Service Only)

Dear Fellow Pilgrims

Anthony de Mello, was one of the most inspirational spiritual guides of our time. He was, and is, a wonderful spiritual director. If you can find time in this busy season of Advent, allow yourself a little quiet to meditate the following words from his beautiful book “Wellsprings – a book on spiritual exercises.”

Enlightenment.

When I try to change what I dislike in me
 By fighting it
 I merely push in underground.
 If I accept it,
 It will surface and evaporate.
 What I resist
 Will stubbornly persist.

I consider the example of Jesus, who sets himself the task of moving mountains and battles with exasperating foes. Yet even in his anger he is loving – he combines a keen desire for change with an acceptance of reality as it is.

I try to be like him.
 I start with the feeling I dislike.
 To each of them I talk
 In a loving, accepting kind of way
 And listen to what each has to say,
 Till I discover that, while it could do me harm,
 It also does me good,
 That it is there for a benign purpose,
 Which I now attempt to see.

I keep on with the dialogue
 till I feel a real acceptance of these feelings
-acceptance, not approval, not resignation
 –
 so that I am no longer depressed about my depressions,
 or angry with my anger
 or discouraged because of my discouragement
 or frightened by my fears

or rejecting of my feelings of rejection.
 I can live with them in peace
 for I can see that God can use them for my good.

I do the same
 With some of the many other things about my life that I want to change:

My body’s disabilities.....
 My personal shortcomings.....
 The external circumstances of my life.....
 The happenings of my past.....
 The persons with whom I live....
 The whole world as it is.....
 Old age, sickness, death.

I speak to them with love
 And the consciousness that they somehow fit
 Into God’s plan.

In doing so I undergo a transformation:
 While everything about me is the same
 -the world, my family, my feelings,
 My body, my neuroses-
 I am the same no longer.

I am more loving now,
 More accepting of what is undesirable.
 More peaceful, too,
 For having come to see
 That violence cannot lead to lasting change
-only love and understanding can.

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