



Taizé – Pilgrimage of Trust, 25-29 September 2019, Cape Town

Several thousand young adults will gather from South Africa, other African countries, and other continents.

- Celebrating Christ, source of peace and true reconciliation. Praying, singing, being in silence and sharing faith with thousands of other young people.
- Discovering people of different cultures and their lives.
- Experiencing the Church as a ferment of unity and communion in the human family.
- Accommodation with local families.

MONTH OF CREATION PROJECT

The Confirmation Class are collecting plastic bottle-tops during the month of September. Please support this project by bringing along all of your plastic tops as well as your bread tags. Please drop them off in the container provided at the front door of the church.

CLERGY:	Revd Selwyn Engelbrecht	Ph 021 552 3262
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	Revd Clever Matsilele	Ph 084 578 5976
	Revd Tozamile Shweni	
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ST LUKE'S CHAPEL

JOE SLOVO

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (A.C.S.A)

SEASON OF CREATION

The Thirteenth Sunday after PENTECOST 08 September 2019

SERVICES AT ST LUKE'S CHAPEL

SUNDAYS 9:30am Holy Communion Xhosa Service

Our Regular Church Groups Meet at St Luke's Chapel

Youth:	Friday – 6.00 – 8.00pm
Sunday School:	Every Sunday at 08h30 (School Terms only)
Confirmation Class & Bible Study:	Every Sunday at 12h00 noon
Server's Guild:	Saturday – 10.00am (for ages 8 – 13 yrs)
Bernard Mzeki Men's Guild:	Saturday - 2.00 – 3.00 pm
Mother's Union:	Saturday - 3.00 – 4.00 pm
Mary Magdalene Guild:	Saturday - 4.00 – 5.00 pm

A very warm welcome to you all, especially to visitors who are worshipping with us today. Should any newcomer wish to join the parish, forms are available from the Chapel Wardens

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Jeremiah 18: 1 - 11 **Psalm:** 139: 1 – 5, 12 - 18

2nd Reading: Philemon 1 - 21

Gospel reading: Luke 14: 25 - 33 **Canticle:** 8

UMthandazo

Bawo onenceba

uNyana wakho uYesu Krestu wabaphilisa abagulayo

wababuyisela kwinzaliseko yobomi:

khangela ngemfesane kwintlungu yehlabathi

unyange intlupheko yabantu bakho:

ngenxa yeNkosi noMsindisi wethu uYesu Krestu.

Amen

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2nd Sunday of Creation
Focus text: Luke 14:25-33

This section of Luke is presented as teaching for all the crowds who were following Jesus. It is placed immediately after the parable of the Great banquet, which illustrates God's welcome for everyone, especially the most vulnerable. We are challenged to become disciples, not just followers, and that has a cost. We need to sit down and look at our lifestyle and decide what must change, as we would in planning an extension to a home or preparing for a battle. If we do not plan, the potential consequences range from ridicule, through to financial ruin and/or military occupation. The potential costs of discipleship are spelt out. We have to consider our priorities, and understand that following Jesus will take precedence over family ties and obligations, over relationships and commitments, over security and comfort, over possessions and finances, over popularity and crowds. We are reminded that our lives are not our own – they are a gift from God, and all of life comes under Jesus' way. When we consider God's creation, there are many voices to listen to – firstly the voice of those living with the consequences of climate change and environmental destruction right now, but also the voices of scientists, economists, campaigners, theologians and people of future generations. The costs of inaction are becoming clearer every day – because inaction is a path of "business as usual", and we are called to a path of transformational love. The blessings from listening to God's call to care are tangled up in struggle and costs to our current way of life – but the invitation to follow, and to find new fruitful life, is there too.

(Taken from Word and Worship – Year C 2018-2019, p275)

*God of all, you give us life,
And in Your generosity You give us freedom
to choose life and hope
For us, for others and for creation,
Or to turn away to dust and despair.
Fill us with Your love,
For us, for others and for creation,
That we would listen, we would follow and we would flourish
In new fullness of life for all,
whatever it brings.
Amen*

ALTERNATIVE BIBLE STUDY

There is an alternative Bible Study available on the Devotions page on the website. It will always relate to the current Sunday's readings, which may be found in the pew leaflet, or on the Readings and Rosters page.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you all very much for your financial contribution towards your parish church and chapelries. Together we are still able to fulfil our monthly contributions to the Diocese and cover our monthly overhead costs. However, our monthly income is totally dependent on the generosity and commitment of all of us. Our Monthly Financial Statement (See Noticeboard) shows that we are currently experiencing monthly shortfalls on our pledges income from which we budget. We are all aware of the tough economic challenges that we are facing and this requires that we, as the parish leadership, have to be prudent with the handling of our parish and chapelry finances. We have a sound financial system in place which is supported by the Diocese and all income and expenditure is recorded. To help us fulfil our commitment to you, we need your ongoing prayer, support and assistance to ensure the following:

- Remain committed in your tithing to your parish and chapelry
- If you are unable to fulfil your tithing commitment, please speak to the Rector or churchwardens. Doing this will enable us to plan accordingly.
- If you are making use of monthly pledge envelopes to tithe, please ensure that you have already received your envelopes from July – December. If you have not received your envelopes yet, please call or email the parish office. **Tel: 021 551 8529 / info@stoswalds.org.za**
- Encourage all parishioners who are employed to tithe regularly.

***Please see the Monthly Income vs Expenditure
for August 2019 below.***

INCOME

Collections: R 1009

Pledges: R 3660

Total: R4 669

EXPENSES

Fund raising (St Lawrence)

R 7 000

Security

R 473

Clergy

R 4 000

Insurance

R 300

Municipal Charges

R 957

Total: R 12 730

(Note: Does not include assessments & expenses which are paid by St Oswald's) **SHORTFALL: - R 8 061**



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

2019

Please pray for our candidates who are to be confirmed on **13 October** at the **09h00 Eucharist service**.

St Oswald's

Cassidy Butler Kaylyn Cheddie
Jemma Daries Daniel Goodman
Chloe Minshall Geraldo Pieterse
Dillon Rinkwest

St Francis' Chapel

Jadine-Lee Arends Jared Bird
Saritta January Darian Lawrence
Tara Nieuwstad Caitlin Peters

St Francis Chapel Adult Candidate

Macha Hendricks

St Luke's Chapel

Azola Mafenuka Ezemvelo Mdludlu
Khanyisa Nongongoma Orlando Quku

St Luke's Chapel Adult Candidate

Mzuvukile Sigodlo



PRAYER FOR AFRICA

God bless Africa, Guard our children
Guide our leaders
Heal our wounds and bind anxiety and despair
Cure the hurt and suffering
Send angels to whisper words of comfort
Instil hope and mercifully restore heartfelt peace
God has promised healing light and love, Amen.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK 9 – 14 September

Luke 6: 6 - 11 | Luke 6: 12 - 19 | Luke 6: 20 - 26
Luke 6: 27 - 38 | Luke 6: 39 - 42 | Luke 6: 43 - 49

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Sunday 15 Sept 2019

1st Reading: Jeremiah 4: 11 – 12, 22 - 28 Psalm: 14

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17

Gospel reading: Luke 15: 1 - 10 Canticle: 1

PRAYERS

Please pray for

Mrs Tshona, Mr Hlazo, Mrs Maseko, Mrs Mdiya
and all those in need of the Lord's healing.

◇ HALL HIRE:

Parishioners are to please note that to book the St Oswald's hall, the church wardens, **Loretta Welcomets:** welcometsloretta@gmail.com / 071 342 0353 and **Andrée Lombard: 082 449 4955 – andreelombard@absamail.co.za** should be contacted. You may also contact **the office (021 551 8529)** where your booking will be put into the calendar **provisionally** until the wardens have been consulted about arrangements and fees.

NOTICES

FR SELWYN - RETREAT

Please note Fr Selwyn will be away on an **Archdeaconry Clergy Retreat** from **09 – 13 September** in Goedgedacht.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

These adult classes will be taking place with Fr Selwyn **every Thursday evening at 7pm starting from 15 August and continuing until 26 September.**

CENTERING & CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

The next gathering this year will be held on **Saturday 10 August 8:30 to 10:15 am in Maureen's House**. The Centering Prayer will be preceded by a short Eucharist. Everyone is welcome. Contact Elizabeth Simpson - 074 1819808

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER is the opening of mind and heart – our whole being – to God. The root of prayer is interior silence. Though we may think of prayers as thoughts or feelings expressed in words, this is only one expression. It is also an experience of God's presence as the ground in which our being is rooted, the Source from whom our life emerges at every moment.

CENTERING PRAYER is a method of prayer which prepares us to receive the gift of Contemplative Prayer. It consists of responding to the Spirit of Christ by consenting to God's presence and action within. It furthers the development of Contemplative prayer by preparing our faculties to cooperate with this gift.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

The rehearsal for the Confirmation service is scheduled for **Sunday – 29 Sept at 16h00.** It is for candidates only and those from St Francis and St Luke's are also expected to be present.

CONFESSION - CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

There will be confession for St Luke's Confirmation candidates here at St Oswald's with Fr Selwyn on **Wednesday 02 October from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.** All candidates are to please attend.

SHOES PROJECT

STARTED IN JULY AND NOW ONGOING.....

we are making an appeal for donations of your old shoes in good condition. We would like to support this initiative in which shoes for men, women and children will be collected and distributed **for the homeless**

in the Cape Town CBD. There is a great need over the winter months especially and we would value your support. Please place all **your unwanted shoes** in the specially marked box. **Please contact Catherine Alexander for more information – 0827385707**



ST FRANCIS

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NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

The Parish receives regular news from the Diocesan office. These bulletins will now be made available for your interest. We will now be posting them on our noticeboards as well as our website (www.stoswalds.org.za/recentnews).

Please be sure to keep up to date with what is happening in our Diocese.