The Seventeenth Sunday after PENTECOST
06 October 2019

SERVICES AT ST FRANCIS CHAPEL

SUNDAYS 9:30am Holy Communion
WEDNESDAYS 9:30am Morning Prayer

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To be a vibrant parish which supports all our ministries through the strength and guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ to show that “WE CARE”

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 on the shelf at the chapel entrance.

PERSONS ON DUTY AT ST FRANCIS – 06 October 2019

Clergy: Rev Selwyn Engelbrecht
Lay ministers: Selwyn January and Charles Bird
Sidespersons: Antonio, Lucinda and Charles
Readers: 1st reading Bonnie 2nd reading Estelle
Servers: MC Ashwill Crucifer Gilberto Acolytes Gabriella & Kaylin

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Lamentations 1:1 – 6  Psalm: 137
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1 - 14
Gospel reading: Luke 17:5 - 10  Canticle: 10

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
You appointed us as heralds of your gospel:
Increase our faith that we may serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever, Amen
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 07 – 12 October

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Sunday 13 October 2019
1st Reading: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4 – 7  Psalm: 66: 1 - 11
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8 - 15

ST FRANCIS – 13 October

PLEASE NOTE
THERE WILL NOT BE A SERVICE AT ST FRANCIS ON 13 OCTOBER.

INSTEAD, THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO ATTEND
THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST OSWALD’S AT 09H00.

PRAYERS
Jack Lippert, Roslin Brevis, Ruth Pepper, Godfrey Abrahams, Wilma Brandt, Rebecca Morgan, Keith and Mark Vincent, Jane Solomon, Carla Pretorius, and all in need of the Lord’s healing.

HOME VISITS
Parishioners who would like someone to visit them – please make contact with the office via tel: 021 551 8529 or email: info@stoswalds.org.za

BIRTHDAYS
Today  Ricardo Murphy  07/10  Amanda Inder, Maggret Mtsinje
09/10  Alvaro Augustine  10/10  Henry Erasmus, Allyssa de Villiers
11/10  Desiree Nelson  12/10  Gershwin Linderoth

WINE & WAFERS DONATIONS
We would like to sincerely thank those parishioners, who have in the past, donated wine and wafers for our Eucharist services. If you would also like to make a donation, kindly speak to Fr Selwyn.

SABBATICAL – FR ERNEST
Fr Ernest will be on sabbatical leave from 01 August until 31 October 2019.

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.

◊ HALL HIRE:
Parishioners are to please note that to book the St Oswald’s hall, the church wardens, (Loretta Welcomes: welcometsloretta@gmail.com / 071 3420353 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/fees.

CLERGY:
Revd Selwyn Engelbrecht  Ph 021 552 3262
Revd Ernest Ward-Cox  Ph 021 554 1777
Revd Tozamile Shweni
Revd Tembeka Mpambani

PARISH OFFICE:
Deirdre Marshall  Ph 021 551 8529
8.30am-12.30pm Tues – Friday Fax: 021 5518529 & 0866469561

CHAPEL WARDENS:
Charles Bird  Ph 084 531 1578
Selwyn January  Ph 071 947 2665

NEW E-MAIL: info@stoswalds.org.za www.stoswalds.org.za

Self-supporting & Retired Clergy periodically assisting in the Parish:
Revd Anthony Gregorowski, Revd Canon Mervyn Moore, Revd Maxwell Malan, Revd Rod Walsh, Revd Mxolisi Mpambani, Revd Matthew Esau

NEW E-MAIL: info@stoswalds.org.za www.stoswalds.org.za
**TAIZE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING**

St John’s, Bellville

Today – Sunday 06 October 2019

16h00

All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

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**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Focus text: Luke 17: 5 - 10

Absence of total trust in God, which culminated in activities that were not in line with the covenant of God made with Abraham, brought suffering to people, as described in Lamentations. Their woes were brought upon themselves when God used the Babylonians as instruments to punish them. However, one needs to guard against associating suffering with lack of faith. Neither can the Babylonians’ defeat of the Jews be linked to their faith in God. They actually mocked the Jews for their belief in God. Faith in God assisted the exiled, suffering Jews to have hope and to pray for the change of tide. No wonder that Paul appealed to Timothy to rekindle the gift of God that was within him (2 Tim 1:6). This is an invitation to Christians to seek, to think, to say and do things that keep building up the faith we have in God. Some Christians meet weekly, other than on Sundays, to have Bible studies and share testimonies that show strength and victory through Christ. All Christians need this exercise of stirring up faith in God. It is also necessary for the support of our faith community when things are not going according to our understanding of God’s plan for us. No wonder that Jesus’ disciples asked Him to add more faith to that which they had. They were like the father of a boy with an evil spirit in Mark. When Jesus told him that everything is possible to one with faith, he replied, ‘I do have faith, but not enough, help me to have more.’ (Mk 9:24).

Faith in God is the ultimate state to which every Christian must aspire. It is the key to being in the company of the almighty God.

(Taken from Word and Worship – Year C 2018-2019, p310)

**Restore our faith in You Lord**

So that we can be renewed to serve You.

Give us the power, through your Holy Spirit to go out and proclaim our faith.

We are ready to serve one another with Your love

And to serve our community

with the gifts You have given us.

Amen

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**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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NOTICES

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
- Gerald 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

WEDNESDAY MORNING KNITTING GROUP
Parishioners have long been knitting squares for blankets here at St Oswald’s. Recently we received a generous donation of wool. To put this to good use, we would like to establish a Knitting Group every Wednesday morning after the 09h30 service. The idea is for anyone who may be interested to come along and knit for an hour. A room will be made available in Maureen’s house where ladies can work around a table. Coffee and tea will keep your creative strength up!

Please do come along and join us – the more the merrier!

We are knitting squares to be made up into blankets. They are then delivered to St Oswald’s office for someone to sort and crochet the squares into blankets. These are being delivered at present to children in rural areas who are affected by Foetal Alcohol Syndrome. A pattern for the correct size is available.

Please contact the office (021 551 8529) or Rosetta Cupido 081 539 2999 for more information.

CENTERING & CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER
The next gathering this year will be held on Saturday 12 October 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.

SHOES PROJECT
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 at the Park Road entrance.

Please contact Catherine Alexander for more info – 0827385707

BOTTLE TOPS / BREAD TAGS
We would like to appeal to you to kindly continue collecting plastic bottle tops & bread tags. These will be taken up to the Milnerton Pre-Primary school who collects them in support of OPERATION SMILE – a charity who raises funds for safe surgery for children with cleft palates. Please leave them in the containers at the church door. Thank you for your support.