

*Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo; Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Manasseh Gahima; Gambia (West Africa) The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**MONDAY 30**

O God, the beginning and the end of all things, who is always the same, and whose years fail not, we now, at the close of another year, kneel before you, and offer you our deepest thanks for the care with which you have watched over us during the past, for the many times you have protected us from evils of soul and body, and for the numberless blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which you have showered upon us. May it please you to accept the reverence of our grateful hearts which we offer you in union with the infinite thanksgiving of your divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with you lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen. *Pray for Gasabo (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Onesphore Rwaje; Gboko (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Nyitsse (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**TUESDAY 31**

A new year is unfolding. Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good; with the comfort of warmth in our relationships; with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible with Your help and guidance. *Pray for George (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Brian Marajh; Georgia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Scott Benhase (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

*Wishing you all a blessed Christmastide and a happy New Year.*

**Prayers for January are for the Diocese of False Bay. Any submissions will be welcome.  
Please submit before 6 December**

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**PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS  
FOR THE PEOPLE AND PARISHES OF  
THE DIOCESE OF FALSE BAY  
DECEMBER 2019**

**PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:**

The birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF MOUNTAIN BAY (Formerly Kalk Bay)**

**SUNDAY 1-FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Special Day of Prayer-World Aids Day, recognised by the UN**

As we begin this new church year and prepare for the coming of Christ, we pray for the Spirit of the Risen Christ to be with us today and always. Be our light, our guide and our comforter; be our strength, our courage, and our sanctifier. May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us; a time of welcoming Your graces and gifts; a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally; a time for growing in virtue and goodness. Come, Holy Spirit, be with us today and always. Amen. *Pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**EVENTS IN DECEMBER:**

- 1 ADVENT SUNDAY
- 1 AIDS DAY
- 2 SocDev AIDS Awareness Prog.
- 4 Schools Close
- 6 BISHOP'S PARTY
- 16 DAY OF RECONCILIATION
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 26 DAY OF GOODWILL

**MONDAY 2- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, recognized by the UN**

Dear Father God, we ask you to walk with us in our HIV and AIDS filled world. We pray expecting Your presence among us. Be with all who live with the effects of this disease; be with those who wait to die because they have no access to medication. We pray that you would be with children who received HIV as a legacy from their parents, with the orphans and families who have lost loved ones. Be with countries who have millions of citizens with HIV/AIDS, with all who are stigmatised and ignored because of their disease. Be with politicians and corporate executives who control access to affordable medications, with researchers and scientists who work to find a cure, the healthcare workers and caregivers who comfort and encourage. We pray that you will be with all who have lost hope

because of HIV and AIDS. Lord, fill the hearts of people around the world with good will so that together we can work for justice and healing for all who suffer from HIV and AIDS. Amen. *Pray for Seoul (Korea) The Rt Revd Peter Lee; Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador (Canada) The Rt Revd Geofrey Peddle (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **TUESDAY 3-Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary to the East, 1552**

We pray for travel mercies for all in our country who will be travelling at this time. O God our Father, give to us and to all who use the roads, watchfulness and care and consideration for others: that death and injury may be caused to none, and all who travel may complete their journey in safety and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Pray for Seychelles (Indian Ocean) The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song (Primate); Eastern Oregon (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Patrick Bell (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **WEDNESDAY 4-John of Damascus, teacher of the Faith, c.760 SIMON OF CYRENE, PARKWOOD**

We pray for the Ministry of our incumbent, Fr. Brian Bolton, along with his family. We pray for the Parish leadership, the Parish Wardens, the Alternate Warden supported by their families. We continue to pray and thank God for the guidance and leadership taken by the Parish Council and the leadership of the Parish Organisations. We praise God for the vibrant ministry of the young people within the Parish, working together, using their various gifts and talents drawing more young people into the Ministry of the Church. We thank God for blessing the Parish with a successful Parish Bazaar and we praise God for the many parishioners who voluntarily came and offered their gifts and talents to God, and worked together for the building up of His Church. *Pray for Sheffield (England) The Rt Revd Pete Wilcox; Sheffield (England) The Rt Revd Peter Burrows; Eastern Zambia (Central Africa) The Rt Revd William Mchombo; Easton (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Santosh Marray (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **THURSDAY 5-Peter Masiza, Priest 1907**

Our Heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer; that we may reflect upon the wonder of your love and allow the story of the Saviour's birth to penetrate our hearts and minds. So may our joy be deeper, our worship more real, and our lives worthier of all that you have done for us through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Pray for Shinyanga (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Johnson Chinyong'ole; Eau Claire (The Episcopal Church) The Revd William Jay Lambert (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **FRIDAY 6 ST CLARE OF ASSISI (OCEAN VIEW) AND ST MATTHEW (MASIPHUMELELE).**

Sovereign Lord, we give you thanks for the parish family of St Clare of Assisi (Ocean View) and St Matthew (Masiphumelele). We commend to God all those in our pastoral care; for God to bestow upon them light, happiness and peace. Looking back we praise God for the events we had in recent months; Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Marriage Festival, Peace Sunday, Uniform Sunday and our Annual Bazaar. And we thank God for blessing us with joy and fellowship during these events. We pray for a decrease in the levels of crime in our communities and we include in our prayers both perpetrators and victims of crime. For those who make themselves guilty of crime, bring about conversion of heart and mind, in order for them to make a positive contribution to society. Bless our parish planning for 2020, especially the Masiphumelele building project, in realising the dream of a proper sacred space for the Chapelry of St Matthew. As we pray for the Advent (coming) of our Lord, may we be inspired by the holy baby Jesus, to continue with Christ's incarnational ministry. Gracious Father, protect and lead the incumbent, Ulric Groenewald, his wife Althea, and children Minke' and Noah. *Pray for Shyira (Rwanda) The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda (Primate); Edinburgh (Scotland) The Rt Revd John Armes (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **SATURDAY 7-Ambrose, Bishop of Milan and Teacher of the Faith, 397**

We pray for homeless people and for refugees who have no country to call their own. Let your blessing be with those who work to help the homeless this Christmas, and give to all of us the determination to help where we can. We pray for people who are lonely; those who are lonely because they have lost a

### **WEDNESDAY 25-CHRISTMAS DAY**

May we go often to the Bethlehem of our hearts and visit the one who offers us peace. May we bring peace to our world. May we daily open the gift of our lives and be grateful for the treasures it contains. May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as we gather with family, friends, associates around the table of festivity and nourishment. May we keep our eyes on the Star within us and trust our own inner wisdom. May the wonder and awe of Christmas lead us to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever we easily take for granted. May each person who comes into our lives be greeted as Christ in our midst. We pray this in the most holy name of Jesus Christ. *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem; Falkland Islands (Parish of) (Falkland Islands) The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton; False Bay (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Margaret Brenda Vertue; Federal Ministries (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Carl Wright; Federal Ministries (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd James Magness (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **THURSDAY 26-ST STEPHEN ALL SAINTS, MUIZENBERG**

We give thanks for the ministry of our Rector, Fr. Stafford and for his wife, Bishop Yvette Moses, and for her ministry in the Methodist Church and their daughters Melanie and Bethany. We give thanks for the ministry of Rev. Stanton Robertson as Distinctive Deacon, his wife, Mrs. Gaylinn Robertson and their son in the parish. We continue to give thanks for the ministries of our retired clergy Fr. Michael and Fr. Robin together with their spouses. We pray for the Churchwardens and the members of the Parish Council. We Pray for the Muizos, and their ministry through their gift of music in the parish. We pray for the AWF and for their leader together with the executive in providing a care package for the women who have been traumatised and are seen at the Muizenberg Police Station Trauma Room. We continue to pray for our Malawian brothers and sisters in Capricorn and in Westlake as they are pastorally cared for by the Rector. We give thanks for the growth in their faith and in membership through the sacrament of Holy baptism. We continue to pray for the many who are unemployed; those who struggle to have their documentation in place to find employment. *Pray for Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Gilbert Ratelosen Rakotondravelo; Florida (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Howard (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **FRIDAY 27-ST JOHN**

Living Lord, we thank you for the honour and joy of being called to your service in the fellowship of your Church. Help us never to grow weary in well-doing; make us always ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us; and keep us faithful and vigilant as servants who wait for their Lord. We ask this in your name's sake. Amen. *Pray for Fond du Lac (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Matthew Alan Gunter; Fort Worth (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Scott Mayer (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **SATURDAY 28 -THE HOLY INNOCENTS THE HOLY INNOCENTS**

God, heavenly Father, look upon us and hear our prayer during this holy season. By the good works you inspire, help us to discipline our bodies and to be renewed in spirit. Without you, we can do nothing. By your Spirit help us to know what is right and to be eager in doing your will. Teach us to find new life through penance. Keep us from sin, and help us to live by your commandment of love. *Pray for Fredericton (Canada) The Rt Revd David Edwards; Freetown (Sierra Leone) (West Africa) The Rt Revd Thomas Arnold Ikunika Wilson (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

### **SUNDAY 29-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

Father, we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; for the love which moved him to endure the cross for us and for all humankind; for the victory of his resurrection and the glory of his ascension; for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the witness of the Church through many centuries; for the encouragement of our growing awareness that we are all one in Christ Jesus; for the blessings received in belonging to each other in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit; for the privilege of being called to discipleship of Jesus Christ, to bear witness to his eternal presence and saving power. For all these joyful gifts, thanks be to you, O God. *Pray for Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt*

We give thanks to God for the vibrant ministry that continues to unfold in this parish church; with its rich history and faithful witness for more than a century; for the commitment of clergy and lay leaders in responding to God's call on their lives. We pray for those recently confirmed and those who were admitted to receive First Holy Communion. We give thanks to God for a successful debutante ball. We pray for those who seek to add value to our communities through the Alcoholics Anonymous, the Food Parcel Ministry and Soup Kitchens. We pray for the educators, learners and support staff at EC Primary School. We continue to pray for an end to violence against women and children. Amid all of the challenges in this community we give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us and for the faithfulness of those who worship in our church. We pray God's blessing on the collective ministries of our clergy, the Reverends Joseph Humbles, Netta Gallant, Charles Sims and their spouses who support them. May the voice of the Good Shepherd continue to be a spiritual compass in our community. *Pray for South West Tanganyika (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Matthew Mhagama; Esan (Nigeria) The Most Revd Friday Imaekhai (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **SATURDAY 21**

We thank you heavenly Father, for the loveliness of the Christmas story: the child in the manger, the song of angels, the homage of the shepherds, the tender love of Mary. Most of all we thank you for the meaning of the Christmas story: that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, that all might live through him. All praise and thanks be yours, O God, for so great a love, so great a gift, so great a Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Pray for Etche (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Precious Nwala; Etsako (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jacob Bada (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **SUNDAY 22-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

We pray for the church at Christmas; for the Christian family who will be celebrating this festival in so many different ways, and for those who dare not celebrate openly; for Christians in countries where there is persecution; for Christians in our own country, with whom we will share our celebrations; for our Church family. Grant that all who come into our church this Christmas time may be enabled to renew their relationship with you. Help us all to be glad of your presence, and to rejoice at the coming of Jesus. May your blessing be upon all who worship with us and give us grace to live as faithful members of your family, that we may learn each day afresh to love and serve you. *Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement; His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome; His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch; The Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council; The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **MONDAY 23**

To God our Father, who has given us the grace to wait in graceful hope for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us make our prayer: Show us your mercy, Lord. Sanctify us in mind and body; keep us without sin until the coming of your Son. Make us walk this day in holiness, and live upright and devout lives in this world. May we be clothed in our Lord Jesus Christ, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Lord, help us to stand watchful and ready until your Son is revealed in all his glory. *Pray for Eyo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Innocent Ordu; Exeter (England) The Rt Revd Robert Atwell; Exeter (England) The Rt Revd Nick McKinnel; Exeter (England) The Rt Revd Jackie Searle (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **TUESDAY 24-CHRISTMAS EVE**

Father in Heaven, the day of joy returns, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen. *Pray for Ezo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd John Kereboro Zawo; Faisalabad (Pakistan) The Rt Revd John Samuel (A C of Prayer)*

partner, those who are lonely because no-one seems to care; those who are lonely because of handicap or illness. Let your presence be with those who are alone at this season of friendship and may we take your friendship to those whom we know will be alone this Christmas. *Pray for Shyira (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Samuel M Mugisha; Edmonton (Canada) The Rt Revd Jane Alexander (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **SUNDAY 8-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

At this time of year as we sing "Silent night" with its echoes of calm and heavenly peace, we say a prayer for all who live in homes where peace is absent. We pray for children who live with fear, whose homes are not a place of safety, who live with beatings, both physical and verbal. We pray for seniors and other vulnerable people, whose caregivers do not care, as they are neglected or degraded. We pray for all who are emotionally abused and who are not loved, honoured and cherished. We pray for women who have had to flee their homes or are afraid to flee their homes. We pray for all who have been sexually violated, and who are haunted by fear of violation. May love's pure light this season empower us to come to the aid of your hurting people. We join together to sing Alleluia and thank you for your grace that transforms our world. In the name of the Holy Infant, Christ our Saviour, Amen. *Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world; Sheran Harper - World-wide President; Bev Jullien - Chief Executive (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **MONDAY 9-International Anti-Corruption Day, recognized by the UN ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, OTTERY**

We give thanks to God for the progress made on our building project; for answers to our prayers and for the generosity of those within and outside the Diocesan family who have made contributions towards the project. We give thanks for the leadership and their commitment. We give thanks for the faithfulness of God's people in the midst of difficult circumstances as we pray for the strength to be signs of God's love in our community. We give thanks for the revival of the Sunday School ministry and continue to pray that more people will offer themselves for the work of God. We continue to pray for the children in our community as we seek to respond to their needs. May the Spirit of God guide us as we enter into planning for next year. *Pray for Shyogwe (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Jered Kalimba; Egba (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Adekunle; Lafia (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Godwin A Robinson (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **TUESDAY 10-Human Rights Day, recognized by the UN**

We pray for peace in this global community of ours. In this Advent season we pray that the Prince of Peace will bring an end to wars, human trafficking, drug cartels, abuse of children and woman, exploitation of farm workers, injustices to people, and violence and evil in our communities. Lord, as You call us to be peace makers, help us at this time to extend and permeate the peace at the crib and the altar, to streets, homes, places of work and into all our hearts. *Pray for Stalkot (Pakistan) The Rt Revd Alwin John Samuel; Egba West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Samuel Ajani (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

#### **WEDNESDAY 11-Ember Day Ember Day**

We give thanks to Almighty God for the growth in ministry and dedication within our Diocese. We pray for God's strength and His blessings upon the laity and all those in leadership positions. We pray especially for Thabo, our Metropolitan, Margaret, our bishop and ...(name)..... our priest/s that they may find strength for their work, grow in holiness and love and be mature in their faith. Almighty and ever living God, receive our prayers for the worship being offered in this Diocese. Give your Grace to all who will speak, read, sing or serve, to all who will kneel at your altar, to all who come to listen and to pray. Grant your blessing to all parishes, that with one heart and mind we may offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to the glory of your name. *Pray for Singapore (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah; Singapore (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Low Jee King; Egba (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Okoroafor; Egypt (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Rt Revd Mouneer Hanna Anis; Egypt (Jerusalem & Middle East) Vacant; Egypt (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Rt Revd Samy Fawzy (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**THURSDAY 12****ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, LOTUS RIVER**

We pray for our clergy; Reverends Richard and Greg and their families; for this congregation and for all God's people everywhere. We pray for our community, plagued by violence, abuse and many other social evils. Please, also work in the hearts of perpetrators, abusers and dealers and lead them to change. We thank you for a blessed year and all that has been possible in this parish, giving thanks for our Wardens, Parish Councilors, Parish Leaders and members of all Ministries. We give thanks for the schools in our community and pray for learners, teachers, principals and volunteers. We pray for our matriculants and all who are writing exams at this time. We give thanks for our link with the United Benefice of Kirkdale, Harome, Pockley, and Nunnington. Bless the congregations together with Rev Susan Binks and her husband Chris. Guide and lead us to grow this link into what you would have us be. We pray with the many among us who are battling with illness and especially for those who live with depression. We pray your hand of healing to cure and to comfort. We pray also for the many young, single mothers, that they will have the love and support of family at this time. We pray your protection upon our Emergency Services; Police, Life-savers, Fire-fighters, Medical Staff, Traffic Officers, Neighbourhood Watches and all who work long hours for the good of all communities. *Pray for Sittwe (Myanmar) The Rt Revd James Min Dein; Eha - Amufu (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Olinya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 13-Ember Day**

We pray for a renewed sense of community and fellowship within our Diocese, for a spirit of goodwill and generosity and for a deeper sense of commitment and spiritual renewal. We pray for our Priests; that they may find strength to lead and guide us. We give thanks for all whom you have called to serve in the ministry of the church. *Pray for Sittwe (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Moses Tun Pa; Ekiti (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Christopher Tayo Omotunde; Ekiti Kwara (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Andrew Ajayi; Ekiti Oke (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Isaac Olubowale; Ekiti West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Rufus V A Adepoju (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**SATURDAY 14**

Jesus our Prince of Peace, we pray that every time a carol is sung, a Christmas greeting spoken, a nativity play performed, that your name be honoured and glorified and that hearts be opened to receive you afresh. Lord Jesus, as we await your coming, help us to look for you in the beggar on the street, the outcasts in our society and open our hearts to love others as you do. Lord Jesus, from the repetitive carols heard in every shop and supermarket, to the frantic shopping for glitzy gifts, may we, your disciples, be ready to grasp every opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with others. As people strip away the Christmas wrappings may they find your precious gift of love within. Lord, we pray that your Spirit of truth and love will fill the hearts of all people on earth. *Pray for Sodor & Man (England) The Rt Revd Peter Eagles; El Camino Real (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mary Gray-Reeves (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**SUNDAY 15-THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-Ember Day**

We pray for all who were ordained to the priesthood in a service held on 24 November. We give thanks for all who are called to the ordained ministry. For those who have been ordained to ministry, we ask for courage, patience, joy and above all compassion. May they grow in their love for God and their fellow man and so make God's infinite love a living reality in the world today. We ask God to help them give themselves wholly in love, prayer and service. *Pray for Sokoto (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Augustin Omole; El Salvador (Central America) The Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**MONDAY 16****ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, WITH ST. ANDREW'S, GLENCAIRN**

We give thanks to God for his presence in our worship; for guidance in the daily life of our parish; for the ministry of Fr. Derek and Karen; for our organist and the choir, who so ably lead our worship; for all of our parishioners, who each gives in his/her own way to the life of our community. We pray that the Holy Spirit will lead Bishop Margaret, the Church Wardens and the Parish Coun-

cil, and our congregations, as the future leadership of our parish comes under consideration. We pray for the St. Francis Outreach Trust and the foster homes. As the children grow up, they bring new joys and new needs and challenges. We pray that the homes will continue to be safe, nurturing places in which they can grow, and that their carers will be empowered to give them the love that they need. We pray that the visitors who attend our services in December will find the Christ who is amongst us, and that through the blessings of Christmastide our roots will grow deeper and our branches will grow wider and stronger, to embrace the communities in which we are placed. *Pray for South Ankole (Uganda) The Rt Revd Nathan Ahimbisibwe; Eldoret (Kenya) The Rt Revd Christopher Ruto (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**TUESDAY 17**

Father, hear us as we pray for those in distress; the hungry and the homeless; the incapacitated and the handicapped; the mentally afflicted and depressed; the sick and the dying; the aged, the lonely and the bereaved. O Lord, help us who offer these prayers, to take the sufferings of others onto ourselves, and so by your grace to become the agents of your transforming love. *Pray for South Dakota (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Tarrant; El-Obeid (Sudan) The Rt Revd Ismail Gabriel Abudigin (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 18-International Migrants Day, recognized by the UN****HOLY TRINITY, KALK BAY**

Gracious God, through the many pastoral challenges we continue to uphold Holy Trinity as a Pastoral Presence on the Main Road of Kalk Bay. We pray for Fr. Wilfred Meyer, our 15<sup>th</sup> Rector and his leadership these last 8 years. We give thanks for his recovery from his knee operation and we pray for the second knee operation that he will be undergoing early next year. We uphold the family of our Rector and we give thanks for Debbie, Cleo and Jordan. We give thanks to God for the supportive team of leaders around our priest and for our 145 years of Anglican presence in Kalk Bay and we are grateful to our forefathers and the pioneers, for the legacy they left behind. We pray for our Church Wardens, our treasurer and bookkeeper giving thanks for their commitment. We continue to pray for all the retired clergy in our Parish. We pray for the Parish Ministry as we strive to be effective in Kalk Bay, as well as in our Cluster ministries. We pray that this Parish may continue to be a beacon of hope in the world for those around us. We give thanks to God for all our various ministries, and confirmations and their families. We continue to hold before God, families that deal with pastoral challenges. We pray for our social outreach to the surrounding communities and all the families who benefit from this. We give thanks for the soup kitchen Ministry and we thank all within the Parish who provide soup weekly. We give thanks for the ministry at the St. James Retirement Village. We pray for the AA, NA and the Fishermen organisations for whom we are a sanctuary. We thank God for a successful Christmas fair and for the planning of 2020 Fish Fare; for the yearly support at Diocesan level, at these two events. *Pray for South Kerala (South India) The Rt Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam; Ely (England) The Rt Revd Stephen David Conway; Ely (England) The Rt Revd David Thomson; Embu (Kenya) The Rt Revd David Muriithi Ileri (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**THURSDAY 19**

God of every nation and people, You have made known your love through the gift of your Son, who bears the name Emmanuel, 'God with us'. Remove whatever hinders us from receiving the gifts the Saviour brings: joy, peace, mercy and love. We remember those who live in the shadow of a marginal existence. We pray for the homeless and jobless, those struggling to put their lives together. We lift up families to You, especially the children who may not experience the joy of Christmas celebrations this season. We pray for those living alone, and for the elderly and the bed-ridden. Christ, You are the Light of the world. Enable us to give of ourselves generously and compassionately in bringing Your peace and hope to others. *Pray for South Rwenzori (Uganda) The Rt Revd Jackson Nzerebende Enugu (Nigeria) The Most Revd Emmanuel Chukwuma Enugu North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Sosthenes Eze (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 20****GOOD SHEPHERD, GRASSY PARK**