

FRIDAY 28

We pray for all who live in this Diocese. Pray for the Parishes as they strive to work more closely together in addressing the various problems and challenges that face Anglicans in our care. We remember especially the work of the church among those affected by the economic down turn. We give thanks for the pastoral programs of each parish and for the joint initiatives that exist amongst some of the Parishes. We give thanks for the support structure around our clergy and their families, and we especially pray for those who bless them with their kindness and compassion and all those who are looking after their health and their needs. We remember the homes and the families of our clergy, and we pray that God will watch over them and that his light will shine upon them. We pray for friendly relations between the various parishes. *Pray for The Diocese of Maridi – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 29-John Keble, Priest 1866

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: we praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labours, and that in every place your servants call upon your name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. (Episcopal Church, USA) *Pray for The Diocese of Marsabit – The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 30--FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

Loving God, we give thanks today for mothers. Thank you for mothers who gave birth to us, and women who have treated us as their own children. You teach us how to be good mothers. Help us raise our children to be the people they are born to be. We pray today for mothers around the world; mothers who cannot feed their children, mothers who are homeless or without a homeland; mothers who must teach their children about the dangers of bombs and bullets. Help us to create a world where mothers can raise their children in peace and plenty. God of mothers, hear our prayer this day, Amen. Pray for all to be confirmed today in the Parochial District of Montagu/Ashton *Pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 31

Almighty God, you have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favour and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honourable endeavour, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in you to fail. *Pray for The Diocese of Maryland – The Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

The Archdeaconry Mitchel's Plain of to submit their prayers by 6 March.

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

MARCH 2025

PRAYER THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

I pray today for those who are finding it hard to stand firm.
Grant them strength and courage.

ARCHDEACONRY OF BLUE DOWNS

SATURDAY 1-David, Bishop and Missionary in Wales, 6th century ST MATTHEW, DELFT

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you cared for those who faced any form of adversity; from the depths of our hearts, we pray that you will protect, comfort, heal, and bless all victims of crime. We pray especially for life-changing conversion for all criminals and the violent - remove all evil from their hearts, fill them with your goodness and love that they may cease their evil works and that our community and city be free from the scourge of crime and violence. Dear Lord, we ask that your presence would rest on our schools and other places of learning and create an atmosphere of safety, protection, and life. In Jesus name, Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Maine – The Episcopal Church (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 1-8 MARCH

- 1 Guild: St M Magdalene/in Service Training Khay.
- 1 Fellowship of Vocation
- 1 Guild: B. Mizeki Gala Event-dedicated +Stafford
- 1 AYF Braai/Sports Day
- 1 PCC Admissions: Bredasdorp
- 1 Depart:Social Development Overberg GBV Session
- 2 Confirmation: All Saints; Sibanye
- 2 **VESTRY:** Lotus River, Caledon, Elgin, Delft,
All Saints Belhar, Gordon's Bay, Lwandle, Faure,
St Peter, Khay, Robertson, Bella Vista,
- 2 PCC Admissions: Hawston, Hermanus
- 4 **SHROVE TUESDAY**
- 5 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 7 World Day of Prayer
- 7 Breede Valley Arch Council @ Bella Vista
- 7 Breede Valley Arch Clergy Spouse Fellowship
- 8 Anglican Women's Fellowship Executive Rocklands
- 8 PCC Admissions: Elgin, Bot River, Portland, Eastridge,
- 8 DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION CONFERENCE

SUNDAY 2-TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Gracious God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you, we offer our prayers for the transformation of the world and the church. We pray that as we gather around the Lord's table, we may be transformed by the grace of Christ. We pray that today we may be a living sacrifice for those who need to know the truth of your life-giving Gospel. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity. Help us to share the risk and challenge of living our faith, by your Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Grant to us the strength to turn our face toward Jerusalem to bear our cross, so that your glory and love and mercy may be revealed. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Pray for all to be confirmed today at All Saints; Sibanye. *Pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

MONDAY 3-John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 18th century ST. MARK, ROTTERDAM, WITH ST. MONICA

Dear Lord, we thank you for your goodness, mercy and grace upon your church in the Parochial District. Thank you for a blessed 2024. We pray for your protection upon all parishioners, especially those living in the dangerous area of Wesbank. Lord, please relief all those who indulge in drugs, alcohol, gangsterism, etc., from doing wrong. Instill in all your children the values and norms of being a Christian according to your standards and not the standards of the world we live in. Free all of us from our own imprisonment by curing us from giving in to temptation, doing evil, and lead us to everlasting life. Heavenly and loving Father, grant us restoration, peace, and the joy of serving you in humility. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Maiwut – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (A. C.P)*

TUESDAY 4-Shrove Tuesday

On this Shrove Tuesday, Lord help us to enjoy and give thanks to you for the bounty you provide for us and remind us to share your gifts with others. As Lent begins tomorrow, prepare our hearts and minds to reflect upon the temptation of Jesus for 40 days and nights and what that means for us. *Pray for The Diocese of Makamba – The Anglican Church of Burundi (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 5-ASH WEDNESDAY

Heavenly Father, as we live through this Ash Wednesday, may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to your Son. May our worship and prayer and penitence this day be sustained throughout these forty days of Lent. Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. In this holy season, help us to turn our minds and hearts back to you. Lead us into sincere repentance and renew our lives with your peace. We pray this in your Son's name. Amen *Pray for The Diocese of Makueni – The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 6

ST GEORGE THE MARTYR, GROOT DRAKENSTEIN

We hold before God our parish, Chapelries and Outstations, its people and the ministry of the parish. We give grateful thanks for those who have received ministry through the initiatives of the Parish over the past year and for the spiritual renewal and growth among our congregants. We pray that our initiatives will bring hope in the hopeless everyday lives of our people who experience the challenges of rural poverty. We give thanks for the seasonal workers who are able to work during these harvest times. We pray for our ministry within the various hospitals, the aged and those in frail care in and outside the Diocesan boundaries. We give thanks for our parish priest and rector Fr Wilfred and his leadership within this vast rural parish. We thank God for the generous support, clerical assistance and generosity of the time and ministry of Frs Alex and Gerald during our rector's Sabbatical leave. We pray for Fr Gerald who has completed his ministry amongst us. We give thanks for the commitment and devotion of our parish wardens and chapelry leaders as they serve our people in the various areas. We pray for new vibrant leaders to continue the work of the parish. We thank God for the successful completion of some of the property projects; the rethatching of the Church roof, a brand-new garden around the church; the rethatching of the rectory and the building maintenance at the R45 cottage. We give thanks

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 23-31 MARCH

23	VESTRY: G/Drakenstein,
24	World Tuberculosis Day
26	PCC Admissions: Woodlands,
27	DIOCESAN CHAPTER
28	Schools Close
29	Churchwardens Forum1 RURAL @ Ceres
29	MOTHERS' UNION LADY DAY K/RIVER
29	Girls Bafana Friendly Society Spiritual Hiking
29	Anglican Youth Fell. Spiritual Hike/Bible Study
29	Guild: Bernard Mizeki Council Man. Park
30	Confirmation: Parochial District of Montagu/Ashton
30	MOTHERING SUNDAY
30	PCC Admissions: Worcester,
30	Held. Combined PCC Admission/PCC Cathedral

MONDAY 24– World Tuberculosis Day, recognized by the UN and WHO THE PAROCHIAL DISTRICT OF MANCHE MASEMOLA

We pray for the Manche Masemola Parochial District, which includes St Matthew's - Mfuleni and St Clare - Malibu. Thank God for the ministry that Revd Margaret Heyns upheld for 12 months as care-taking priest. Thank God for the Parish Wardens and Councils, those who took the lead till Vestry and the new incoming Wardens. Last but not least, we thank God for a new Priest who will take the Parochial District further from 1 March 2025. *Pray for The Diocese of Maper – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 25-THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY also International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade recognized by the UN

Holy Creator, empower us to fight and to prevent the horror of human trafficking that is expanding all around us each day in the darkness. Help us to shine light into that darkness, to not be blinded by the darkness but to overcome our own blindness, our own refusal to acknowledge what is happening to so many others. *Pray for The Diocese of Mara – The Anglican Church of Tanzania (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

WEDNESDAY 26

God our Father, be with us in our homes this and every day. Help us, when we are tired, to control our wills and tempers and to think of others. Make us loving and patient, forgiving others as we hope to be forgiven, that in our home your royal law of love may reign. We pray for all retired clergy and their families, and we give thanks to God for their faithful service and witness that their prayer life remains an active one. *Pray for The Diocese of Maralal – The Anglican Church of Kenya (A C of P)*

THURSDAY 27

Hear our prayer today for all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day. For those sleeping under bridges, on park benches, in doorways or bus stations; for those who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime; for families broken because they could not afford to pay the rent; for those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in; or those who have no place to keep possessions that remind them who they are; for those who are afraid and hopeless; for those who have been betrayed by our social safety net; for all these people, we pray that you will provide shelter, security and hope. We pray for those of us with warm houses and comfortable beds, that we not be lulled into complacency and forgetfulness. Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every homeless person we meet so that we may be empowered through word and deed, and through the political means we have, to bring justice and peace to those who are homeless. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Marathwada – The Church of North India (United) (Anglican C of Prayer)*

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world and especially in our country. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Malindi – The Anglican Church of Kenya (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 19-Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and wells, 1711
ST JOHN AND ALL SAINTS; STELLENBOSCH**

We pray for all the people in the Parish of St John & All Saints, Stellenbosch. We pray for the poverty experienced by all their families, high unemployment and the rise in drug wars that affect to the lives of young men. We pray for the young and vulnerable who continue to be drawn to our street corners where gang violence and drug commerce feels to be the best alternative for them. We pray for their ongoing ministry and Anglican witness in the parish, especially remembering their MU, Lay Ministers, the Sunday School, and the music ministry of the young people. We pray for their Parish Wardens and Councillors, leaders of organisations, together with Mark their parish priest. *Pray for Te Pihopatanga o Te Manawa o Te Wheke – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**THURSDAY 20-Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687
ST. MARY MAGDALENE, BELHAR**

We pray for the Priest in Charge. We pray for Revd. Steven Vearey Revd. David Hanevil, their spouses and their families. We pray for all our Christian Education candidates and their leaders. We pray for our Archdeacon, Revd. Dean Apples, Georgina and their family. We continue to pray for the Cluster of Belhar. We pray for our newly elected Parish Council and Churchwardens as they are directing the finances of the Church. We pray for the sick and housebound and continue to keep praying for the families who have lost loved ones. We pray for the members and the community who are unemployed and experience hardships. We pray for Revd. Simon Kortjass, his wife Bonggi and their family, wishing them abundant blessings. *Pray for The Diocese of Manchester – The Church of England (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 21— Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556
Human Rights Day– International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination recognized by the UN**

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world and especially in our country. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Mandalay – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) (A Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 22– World Water Day, recognized by the UN

God of mercy and love, let us serve you in our world. We pray for desert people, who live in a dry, parched land who lack water, who travel constantly so that they might live. Give them living water. Let the deserts bloom into flower. We pray that those who work on climate change may find solutions so that the erosion of soil may be halted or reversed. We pray that water and other vital supplies might not be used as a weapon of war in countries where resources are scarce. *Pray for The Diocese of Manicaland – The Church of the Province of Central Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SUNDAY 23-THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

So Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near... Ephesians 2:17 God of grace, you know our hearts, you know what we need even when we ourselves don't know what that is. This morning fill us with peace; peace that passes understanding, peace that bubbles over, peace that needs to be shared, so that we can be your disciples with good news for our neighbours near at hand, and our neighbours far away. Amen *Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

for our ministry in the various chapelries and for the work of the University of Western Cape within our Dwars River area. We pray that many will value the Health, Social Upliftment and the Skills development projects that have been launched. We give thanks for the work among our young people and the growth in our organisations. We give thanks for our large number of confirmands to be confirmed in April. We are also grateful for the giving and fundraising, helping us meet our financial commitments. We pray for the rectory family, Debbie, Cleo Maré and Jordan during this time of transition where our rector completes his last part of fulltime ministry. We pray for him as he prepares for a new rhythm and new way of life. *Pray for The Diocese of Makurdi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 7-Perpetua and her companions, Martyrs, 202
ST PETER'S, KLEINVLEI**

Heavenly Father, we come before you with grateful hearts, for the gift of community and the blessings of the Parish. We thank you for the faithful members who gather in your name, seeking to grow in faith, hope, and love. We ask that your Holy Spirit continue to guide our parish family in all that we do. May our hearts be open to Your Word, our hands ready to serve, and our voices united in worship. Strengthen our bonds with one another, and help us to build a community rooted in compassion, understanding, and kindness. We lift up the Diocese of False Bay to you; bless Stafford, our Bishop, clergy, and all who serve in Your name. Strengthen their faith and guide their hearts as they lead us in worship and ministry. We pray for the world and all the nations; may justice, compassion, and understanding guide the leaders of the earth. Bring healing to the broken, comfort to the suffering, and hope to the hopeless. Unite us in our shared humanity, and help us to care for one another, regardless of borders, differences, or challenges. We lift up the community of Kleinvlei in the face of violence and fear. We ask for your comforting presence to be felt in every home, on every street, and in every heart. May Kleinvlei become a place of safety. Help us all to stand together, united in prayer, faith, and action for the good of our community. In Jesus name, Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Malabar – The Church of South India (United) (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 8– International Women's Day, recognized by the UN

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of education. We ask you to bless children around the world. Help them and their communities find opportunities to receive an education so that they have a better future, and help us be part of their journey out of poverty as members of the global community. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Malaita – The Anglican Church of Melanesia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 9-15 MARCH

- 9 VESTRY: Stellenbosch, Somerset West, St Andrew Strand, Macassar, Harare, Mandela Park, Ceres,
- 9 PCC Admissions: Tafelsig, Robertson,
- 9 M/Plain Arch Lent Event (Confession) Westridge
- 12 PCC Admissions: Strandfontein,
- 15 Anglican Women's Fellowship Branch Meetings
- 15 B/Valley Church/Chapel Wardens/PCC Training Ceres
- 15 Depart: Social Development Life Skills Session
- 15 Ordinands Tutorial Day
- 15 VESTRY: Kalk Bay
- 15 PCC Admissions: Caledon, Westridge,
- 15 Guild: Bernard Mizeki DEXCO
- 15 Post Ordination Training
- 15-16 AYF Induction/Leadership + Council Worcester

SUNDAY 9-FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Teach us, O God, so to use this season of Lent that we may be drawn closer to our Lord, and in

fellowship with him may learn to hate sin, to overcome temptation, and to grow in holiness, that our lives may be strengthened for your service and used for your glory. We ask this in Christ's name. *Pray for The Anglican Church of Canada (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**MONDAY 10
ALL SAINTS, BELHAR**

We give you thanks for all your people, for their dedication and commitment. Lord, may you continue to inspire us to love you and others more, to avail ourselves to serve you with humility. As we prepare for Vestry, we thank you for those who currently serve on Parish Council; may your Spirit go before us, come upon your people whom you have chosen to serve during the new year. We give thanks for the ministry of Revd. Marlette Charles, now retired. We give thanks for the Clergy team and their families. May your Spirit guide Venerable Dean Apples and Revd Rachell Hoogbaard as they minister to God's people. We also pray for our current Churchwardens; for our community, that we will be a loving and caring people where everyone will feel accepted and at home. We pray for our student community (UWC) who have made their home in Belhar. May they always feel safe and respected. We give you thanks for the generosity of our parishioners as we support the Social Outreach Ministry; may our Soup Kitchen grow from strength to strength as we feed the most vulnerable in our community. Guide us dear Lord, that we will be more sensitive to our neighbour's needs; the need of the old to know they are wanted; the need of the young to know they are listened to; the need of all people to know they are of value. *Pray for The Diocese of Malakal – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 11

We pray for Bishop Stafford and his Episcopal ministry in the Diocese and for his chapter and all other advisors. Pray for the Archdeacons as they give leadership in the Archdeaconries and as they respond to the spiritual and material needs of the parishes. Pray for the mission, ministry and growth in the Archdeaconries and for the material resources in these areas. Pray for all widows and widowers in the Diocese. Pray for the retired clergy living in the parishes of our Diocese. Pray for a deeper sense of commitment and sharing of resources among the people of God in our Diocese. *Pray for The Diocese of Lake Malawi – The Church of the Province of Central Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**WEDNESDAY 12-Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome and Teacher of the Faith, 604
ST MARY'S, STELLENBOSCH WITH THE CHAPELRIES OF ST JOSEPH'S VLOT-
TENBURG AND ST JAMES JAMESTOWN.**

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of our Parish, a place where people can come together as your family. We thank you, for our newly appointed Rector, the Revd. Canon Enrico Heuvel and his family Chanel, Chadley and Roderico. We pray for our Parish Wardens and Council, Lay-ministers and all organisational leaders, guide and inspire our ministries, and deepen our commitment to prayer and service. In this new season breathe new life into our Parish. May our worship be filled with your presence, our outreach bring hope to the needy, and our fellowship reflects the love of Christ. We pray for our upcoming Vestries in the Parish and the Chapelries, we pray Lord God to raise up faithful servants and inspire hearts to seek you with renewed passion. Help us to grow in faith, numbers, and spiritual maturity so that we may glorify you in all we do. We bring before you those in our Parish who are sick, grieving, lonely, or struggling. Surround them with the love and care of our parish family so they know that they are not alone. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Northern Malawi – The Church of the Province of Central Africa (Anglica Cycle of Prayer)*

THURSDAY 13

O God, the source of all life, through Jesus you taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us: We remember in prayer the leaders, citizens and military personnel of those countries where there is conflict (especially....). Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty and revenge; protect them and us from injury and death; and finally enable us all to stand reconciled before you in peace; through the mercy of Jesus Christ our

Lord. Amen. *Pray for The Diocese of Southern Malawi – The Church of the Province of Central Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**FRIDAY 14-Ember Day
ST GEORGE, KUILS RIVER**

We give thanks to Creator God for the many heavenly blessings. We pray for all families, marriages, and communities and those who govern; to work for the common good; for the newly baptized and those who are in confirmation that we may all be faithful; for organisational ministries, youth ministry, and children's ministry; for worship leaders, our wardens and councillors, and various ministry roles; for the sick, housebound, elderly, financially struggling, unemployed, and retired. We are very grateful for staff members in the work they do in service of God for the parish. We pray with thanksgiving for our retired secretary as she fits into her new life. We pray for our clergy and their families – Revds Letitia, Leslie, Jackie, Craig, and Rodney. We thank God for all our retired clergy and their families especially Revd Merle for her ongoing support. We pray God's blessings on all faith-based communities, schools, workplaces, medical practices. May God bring comfort and rest for those who have died and those who mourn. *Pray for The Diocese of West Malaysia – Church of the Province of South East Asia (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

SATURDAY 15

In this Lententide we pray that we will make a commitment to seek the presence of God in prayer and we ask Him to guide us to see the graces He gives us as gifts not rewards and to respond with gratitude and humility, not pride and selfishness. *Pray for The Diocese of Malek – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

EVENTS IN THIS WEEK: 16-22 MARCH

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| 16 | PCC Admissions: Bella Vista, Ceres, |
| 19 | PCC Admissions: Rocklands, |
| 21 | HUMAN RIGHTS DAY |
| 22 | AWF AGM / COUNCIL ROCKLANDS |
| 22 | PCC Admissions: Philippi, |

SUNDAY 16-SECOND SUNDAY IN KENT

God our Father, be with us in this time of prayer, and grant us living touch with you. Give us an insight of your Kingdom, a vision of your purpose, and the guidance of your wisdom and grace, to be fellow workers with you in doing your just and loving will. During this period of Lent, give us an awareness of your unique sacrifice on our behalf and teach us to be humble in acknowledging that all our gifts come from you for the service of people and the spread of your Kingdom. May you live in us so that in all our little acts of sacrifice, the light of your resurrection may shine through and give them meaning. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. *Pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

**MONDAY 17-Patrick, Bishop and Missionary in Ireland, 461
HOLY NATIVITY; BLACKHEATH**

We pray for the community of faith and all the people of Blackheath and surrounding areas, those who belong to the Parish. May our Lord be with those who are in hospital and housebound. We thank God for our 50th year of the Parish. May the Lord bless the Parish and give strength to its leadership, Canon Xola the Rector, Fr. John and Rev. Margaret, who are retired clergy, and their families. Be with the Church Wardens and Parish Councilors. May the church be led in faith. May our love for each other grow and unity be strong and love for God spill over to the community and remain blessed beacon of hope. *Pray for The Diocese of Malek Rup – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)*

TUESDAY 18-Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith c.386