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DURBAN CENTRAL PARISH LANTERN PROGRAMME-2019

THEME: THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST BRINGS JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION IN OUR SOCIETY.

THE DEFINITION OF LENT

The origin of Lent, the forty days for preparation of catechumens for Easter-baptism, penitents for reconciliation, and the faithful for the annual celebration of Easter, are complex. Although all liturgical traditions refer to this period as the “**forty days**”, its actual length has varied according to how the days were counted and whether Saturdays and Sundays were to be included, with the result that today it is a total of six weeks in the West and seven in the East. Traditionally, Lent has two primary themes-baptism and penitence- both in preparation for a worthy celebration of the paschal feast. In other words it is time for our self-examination. Hence, the theme above; “ the crucifixion of Christ brings justice and reconciliation in our society”. We are experiencing inequalities, hence, poverty, unemployment, diseases, etc, as results of injustices. It is again our mission as church to advocate for reconciliation and peace in our society where we experience conflicts and violence against women and children.

Therefore, as we will be embarking in this journey that will take forty days, we are reminded about our tools which is **prayer and fasting** which will be strengthen our faith.

Paraments for Lent are purple, the colour of the penitence. Flowers are omitted in order for us as Christians to absorb the penitential character of the season.

Our midweek devotions every Wednesday including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are as follows:

DATE	ACTIVITIES	CONGREGATIONS	READINGS	PREACHERS
06 MARCH	ASH WEDNESDAY	ST.MICHAELS	MT.6:1-6,16-18	PRIESTS
13MARCH	MIDWEEK DEVOTION LENT	LAMONTVILLE	LK.11:29-32	REV MAJOLA
20 MARCH	MIDWEEK DEVOTION LENT	CHESTERVILLE	MT.20:17-28	REV DANISE
27 MARCH	MIDWEEK DEVOTION LENT	WENTWORTH	MT.5:17-19	REV LUDEMANN
03 APRIL	MIDWEEK DEVOTION LENT	OTHANDWENI	JN.5:17-30	REV MAJOLA
10 APRIL	MIDWEEK DEVOTION LENT	SEAVIEW	JN.8:31-42	REV DANISE
18APRIL	MAUNDY THURSDAY/LORD'SUPPER	ST.MICHAELS	JN.13:1-15	PRIESTS
19 APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY/FAST AND ABSTINENCE	ST.MICHAELS	JN.18:1-19:42	PRIESTS AND ASSISTANCE