

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8 October Ps 111:1-6; Acts 22:30-23:11; Luke 6:39-49 Thank the Lord for His gift of prayer. He hears our prayers & His presence fills our lives. We find peace in His presence.	9 Ps 139:1-14; Acts 23:12-24; Luke &:1-17 Lift to the Lord all who are ill, lonely, fearful or despairing. May they know the comfort of His presence.	10 Ps 117; Acts 23:23-35 Luke 7:18-35 Thank God for his great love for us, His children. Pray for all who have not heard His voice or allowed Him to touch their hearts.	11 Ps 89: 19-30 Acts 24:1-23 Luke 7: 36-50 Pray that all young people who are searching for the meaning of their human existence may hear Jesus' call to true life in Him.	12 Ps 111:4-10; Acts 24::24-25:12; Lk 8:1-15 Pray for all who are attending the Parish weekend. May they be filled with fresh enthusiasm & a spirit of joy.	13 Ps 105:1-7; Acts 25: 13-27; Luke 8:16-25 Give thanks for all who minister in the St Thomas community, that they may be a shining light to others.	14 Ps 22:1-15; Heb 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31 Thank our Lord for this Sabbath time to be quiet in His presence, whether at Stanford or in the services at St Thomas.
15 Ps 113; Acts 26:1-23; Luke 8:26-39 Ps 113 v 1-2. Pray that every member of St Thomas may be alight with praise and gratitude for God's loving care.	16 Ps 119:41-48; Acts 26:24-27:8; Lk 8:40-56 Pray for the Parish Councilors tonight. May they discern His will for our parish in all their discussions & decisions	17 Ps 1; Acts 27:9-26; Luke 9:1-17 Pray for all the young families of our parish & community, that they may know and honour the Lord in their homes and lives.	18 ST LUKE Ps 98 Acts 27:27-44 Luke 9:18-27 Give thanks for the life of St Luke. Pray that doctors, nurses & care givers may be filled with wisdom, compassion & kindness..	19 Ps 33:1-12 Acts 28:1-16; Luke 9:28-36 Praise the Lord for His marvelous creation. Pray for wisdom and restraint in our use & conservation of the earth's resources.	20 Ps 8 Acts 28:17-31; Luke 9:37-50 Pray for the safety of all the children of our parish, community & city - at school, at home & on the streets.	21 Ps 104:1-10, Heb 5:1-10 Mark 10:35 - 45 Bring to mind the 9 young people confirmed here a year ago. Pray they will remember & live by the commitment they made.
22 Ps 100 Rev 7:1-8 Luke 9:51-92 "Be joyful & sing as you worship". Give thanks for the music that inspires & expresses our worship. May God bless our organist & gifted musicians.	23 Ps 85:8-13; Rev. 7:9-17; Luke 10:1-16 Pray for the matriculants starting their exams today. May all the candidates approach the exams with hope & confidence and clear thinking.	24 Ps 113 Rev 8:1-13; Luke 10:17 - 24 Pray for all who study His Word in Home & Prayer groups. As they read & understand His commands may they become the people He wants them to be.	25 Ps 33: 1 - 11 Rev 9:1-12 Luke 10: 25-37 Today we all ask God for the courage & compassion we need to be "the neighbour," ever ready to stop & help others, even those rejected by society.	26 Ps 24::1-6 Rev 9:13-21 Luke 10:38-42 Pray for all who are so busy and preoccupied with daily commitments that they forget to slow down & be more aware of God's presence in their lives.	27 Ps 122 Rev 10: 1-11 Luke 11: 1 - 13 Pray for the women who come to learn new skills at St Thomas for Touch. May this good opportunity bring them employment and an income in the future.	28 Ps 34:1-8 Heb 7:23 - 28 Mark 10: 46-52 As we gather today to worship our Lord and to break bread together, we give thanks for Fr Keith, his wisdom, knowledge & care. Pray for him & Valencia & their family. .
29 Ps 1 Rev 11: 1-14; Luke 11:14-26 Pray for our country today. Ask for His healing touch on the wounds caused by prejudice, corruption & racism. Ask for forgiveness & hope.	30 Ps 128 Rev 11: 14-19 Luke 11:27-36 Today we give thanks for our church leaders, especially Archbishop Thabo, retiring Bishop Garth, Fr Keith and all active & retired clergy.	31 Ps 145:10-18; Rev 12: 1-6 Luke13: 22-30 Give thanks for all people who enrich the lives of others, especially the ladies who have taught their sewing skills to the women graduating today.	November 1 ALL SAINTS Ps 34:1-10+22; Heb 11:32 - 12:2 Mt 5: 1-12 Thank God for all who have inspired us and brought us closer to Him. Pray that He will give us grace to live as He wants us to (Matthew 5:1-12)	2 Ps 111 Rev 13:1-10 Luke 12:13 - 31:31-37 Pray for all who come to share in the activities, fellowship & worship at Messy Church. May they come to have a real longing for God in their lives.	3 Ps 42:1-7 Rev 13:11-18 Luke 12:32 - 48 Pray for all countries where conflict between people & groups brings insecurity. May we be channels of His peace where we live & work.	4 Ps 146 Heb 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34 Praise God for all His good gifts. Pray He will continue to pour out His gifts on the Church so that our faith may grow strong & bear much fruit.
5 Ps 131 Rev 14:1-13 Luke 12:49-59 Lift our parish to the Lord today. May we be a caring, listening church, welcoming to the new & hesitant, encouraging to the young, loving to all.	6 Ps 22:24-32 Rev14:14-15:8 Luke 13:1 - 9 Pray for those who care for the elderly and for people living with disabilities. May we all help & support each other in difficult times.	7 Ps 27:1-5; 16-17 Rev 16:1-11 Luke 13:10-17 We ask God to guide & bless all who serve Him as Lay and Prayer ministers in our Archdeaconry and all who are in training for ordained ministry.	8 Ps 105:1-7; Rev 16:12 - 21; Luke 13:18 - 30 Pray for strength, wisdom and integrity for all law makers and keepers, remembering the Rondebosch police and all prison warders.	9 Ps 122 Rev 17:1-18 Luke 13:31 - 35 Ps 122 v 1 / rejoiced with those who said to me Let us go to the house of the Lord. Give thanks for all who play a part in the life & running of our parish.	10 Ps 112 Rev 18: 1-14 Luke 14: 1-11 May God bless all who are involved in out-each programmes, helping the less fortunate. Read Ps 112 v 5:	11 Ps 127 Heb 9:24 - 28 Mark 12:38 - 44 Pray today for the leaders of our youth & children's programmes - for energy & enthusiasm, wisdom & obedience to God's voice & His will.

All-loving Christ, we pray for those who have recently found new faith: may we in the church accompany them with warmth and wisdom, so that, together, we may grow into a deeper knowledge of you, for your love's sake.

Angela Ashwin

Creator God, give us a heart for simple things: love and laughter, bread and wine, tales and dreams.

Fill our lives with green and growing hope, make us a people of justice whose song is Alleluiah and whose name breathes love.

A South African Prayer

Good morning, Lord. Hope is a small word with enormous promise. We undertake nothing without it. Inspire the weary, those who find life burdensome. Light up the lives of those who see only darkness ahead. The unemployed who feel rejected, the discouraged and the lonely, the homeless and the hungry - fill them all with hope. Where there is creativity and enterprise, there is always hope. You, Lord, are our hope. Fill our hearts with this comfort. Amen

Joseph T Sullivan

Thank you, gracious Lord, for listening, for answering prayers in the best way possible. I always feel better after prayer because I have the assurance that you always hear when your people pray. All I need to do is to believe and trust! Amen.

Spirit of Intercession

Lord, save us from being self-centered in our prayers, and teach us to remember to pray for others.

May we be so bound up in love with those for whom we pray that we may feel their needs as acutely as our own and intercede for them with sensitivity, with understanding, and with imagination.

We ask this in Christ's name.

John Calvin.

Risen Christ, shine on us and on those for whom we pray. Let your light flood the darkness in us and in our world, and make us bearers of your healing for people, your delight in this planet, and your outrageously generous forgiveness, on which we all depend.

Angela Ashwin – adapted.

God of creation, the earth is yours with all its beauty and goodness, its rich and overflowing provision.

But we have claimed it for our own, plundered its beauty for profit, and grabbed its resources for ourselves.

God of creation,

May we no longer abuse your trust, but care gently and with justice for your earth.

Jan Berry



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