

**OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE
MARYVALE**

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Parish Website: Go to
<http://maryvale.co.za> *for updates!*

Holy Mass
Monday to Friday: 6am and 6pm
Saturday morning: 8am

Sunday Masses
Saturday evening vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday: 8am, 10.30am, 6pm

Benediction
Every Friday 5.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Every day from 6am to 6pm: swipe
card access to Chapel.

Confessions
Monday to Thurs 5.30pm–5.50pm
Friday 5pm–5.45pm
Saturday 10.30am–12pm
Saturday 4.30pm–5.30pm

Requirements:
Baptism - Notice of 3 months
Marriage - Notice of 6 months

Banking Details for Maryvale:
Bank: Standard Bank
Account: Maryvale Catholic Church
Branch Code: 004105

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 10 December
18h00 - Johnny & Ruth Kock RIP;

Sunday 11 December: *Third Sunday of Advent*
08h00 - Intentions of Adriana Zambon;
10h30 - Missa Pro Populo – For the People;
18h00 - Carlo Saltatetti RIP;

Monday 12 December
06h00 - Intentions of Audrey Pearton;
18h00 - Kathleen Connolly RIP;

Tuesday 13 December
06h00 - In honour of St. Lucy;
18h00 - Intentions of the Bondonno family;

Wednesday 14 December *St. John of the Cross*
06h00 - Jenny Moffat RIP;
18h00 - Jean Anderson RIP;

Thursday 15 December
06h00 - Ruth Buckley & Family RIP;
18h00 - Intentions of Dino & Rosanna Bondonno;

Friday 16 December - Public Holiday
09h00 - Manuel Mota RIP;

Saturday 17 December
08h00 - Adriano & Celsa Bertone RIP.

PRAY FOR THE CHRONICALLY ILL:

George Nizetich, Gaetano Carleo, Barbara McLaren, Terry Stavrinis, Dougie Khoury, Mrs McLennan, Sheila Hartin, Giacomo Cusano, Jose Adelino Mendonca, Tony Duarte, Itumeleng Mkalipi, Arnaldo Ansermino, Rob van Schalkwyk, Tony Schamotta, Delia Torrente, Antonietta Merolla, Marcelle Page, Cameron Campbell, Julie Wilcocks, Bishop Michael Coleman, Albert Rahme.

For the attention of adults who wish Baptism and/or

Confirmation: Registration for **R.C.I.A. classes** for 2012 is on Wednesday 11 January at 18h15 in the parish centre. All are welcome. Phone Ivor on 082-497-5776.

Catholic Adults wishing to update their understanding of Catechism & Sacred Scripture are invited to attend the 2012 **Adult Enquiry Group**. Registration is as above: same date, same place, same time, with Ivor.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME:

The Meditation, Bible Discussion, Charismatic and Adult Enquiry Groups will **recommence** in the second week of 2012.

Thursday 15 December
10.00am — Prayer Group

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Advent penitential service On **Wednesday 14 December**, at 7pm, in the church, Our Lady of the Wayside parish will hold an Advent penitential service. Let us make an examination of conscience together, to prepare ourselves to make a good confession. There will be a chance for confession with Fr Simon or visiting priests.

Holy Mass at **Randjes Estate** on Wednesday 14 December at 9.00am.

Shelter-seeking is on Tuesday 13 December, at 7pm, at Trevor & Ingrid Jacobus' home: 8 Silwood Road, Bramley, (011-440-5305).

The CWL will be selling **reconditioned Christmas Cards** and **Advent Candles** at all the Masses this weekend.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS! Help needed!

As has been our Maryvale tradition over a number of years, you – the parishioners! – have been invited to contribute to the cost of the **flowers for the sanctuary** over the Christmas period. This year our flower-arrangers suggest donating **poinsettias in pots**. *Bring your flowers on Christmas eve!* Otherwise do make a cash donation by Friday 23 December. Come, let us adore Christ the Lord who is to be born! Let us make our sanctuary beautiful for the birth of our King!

Looking for a **Christmas gift? EWTN!**

Need a Christmas gift for your family or friends? You can give them the largest Catholic TV network in the world – *Eternal Word Television Network* – 24 hours a day! – for a single payment of just R2300 (cost of satellite dish + installation), and *no further payments ever*. Contact Sushila at Multisat, on (011) 787-0536.

Advent 2011: Third Sunday of Advent:

Gaudete! Rejoice!

Today the Church rejoices because half her Advent journey is already behind her. That means that we must redouble our efforts for everyday holiness, to rediscover the heart of our faith, to prepare in our hearts room for the Messiah who will be born in just two weeks. To do so, we must sweep out the cobwebs, we must clean out the dirt of sin, and invite the Holy Spirit back in, to return to us the sanctity of our soul. It is not impossible! We were reminded by Luke on Thursday's Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception that *nothing is impossible to God!* God will make life spring up again in the new earth: our soul will rejoice in God, as Mary's magnifies the Lord. To show us the way to the Christ, God sent Mary his Angel. He sends John as a witness to the Light who would come into the world. Let us rejoice!

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My Advent pledge: *As part of my Advent resolution, I,, promise to God that I will invite at least ONE lapsed or non-practising CATHOLIC to Mass with me: on the fourth Sunday of Advent, or at Christmas.*

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Fr Simon's 3rd **Advent talk** is on Thursday 15 December, at 7pm, in the Centre: *Romans and Greeks: one, holy, catholic, apostolic church.*

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Retrouvaille - Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. To register for the weekend program beginning 17 February 2012, email retrouvaille@lantic.net or call 083-339-7692.

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Singles, divorced and widowed: join us at a **get-together** at "The Barrage", Vereeniging on Sunday 18 December for boating, fishing, walking and a braai. Holy Mass will be at 9am at the retreat centre near The Barrage. Please phone Allen on 082-851-7276 or Herman on 082-874-2116.