

The Church  
of  
South  
Africa  
**OUR LADY OF THE  
WAYSIDE, MARYVALE**

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**Parish Website:**  
*Go to*  
[http:// maryvale.co.za](http://maryvale.co.za) for *update*

**Holy Mass**  
Monday & Wednesday 18:00  
Tuesday & Thursday 06:00  
Friday school Mass 08:00  
Saturday morning 08:00  
First Fridays.....18:00  
Sunday Masses  
Saturday evening 17:30  
Sunday: 08:00, 10:30 & 17:30  
O.R Tambo (domestic arrivals) 15:00

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Mon to Sat from 07:00 to 17:30  
*Swipe card access to chapel*

**Confessions**  
Monday & Wednesday 17:30 - 17:50  
Saturday 10:30 - 12:00  
Saturday: 16:30 - 17:00

**Rosary Group**  
Every Friday & Saturday after  
08h00 Mass

**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  
**Acc. Number:** 001832670

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday 22 December**  
17:30 Michael Hughes RIP;  
**Sunday 23 December**  
8:00 Adelino & Natalie Fernandes RIP;  
10:30 Special Intentions;  
**Monday 24 Dec 6:00pm – Christmas Vigil Mass**  
Intentions of the Assumption Sisters;  
**Midnight Mass** - For the People;  
**Christmas Day – 9:00am** – In thanksgiving –  
Noeline Konguedek;  
**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. – 9:00am.** – Birch families;  
**Thursday 27 December**  
6:00 Intentions of the Assumption Sisters;  
**Friday 28 December**  
8:00 Pauline Grace Shambare RIP;  
**Saturday 29 December**  
08:00 Special Intentions of Sarah Akello  
17:30 Intentions of Vas, Neja & family

**PRAY FOR THE CHRONICALLY ILL:**  
Terry Stavrinis, Arnaldo Ansermino, Cameron  
Campbell, Jason Carrick, Di Bradley, Cecily Avery,  
Oslo Landsman, Afra Dal Maso; Liz Lee, Emma  
Ely, Mark Lagan. Jenny Van Reenen (Rascher,) Nico  
Lazarus, Beth Kock, Rosa Apicella, Joe Chemaly,  
Heather Kersten, Trudy Orselli, Albert Marks, Noemi  
Mendonsa, Lucia Maraschin, Liz Hattingh, Gina  
Bandini, John McKay, Loretta Steinbach, Sheila  
Tehini, Fr Emil Blaser, Jimmy Weir, Vonda Giol,  
Gillian Peters, Tania Peters, Daryl Pillay, Martine  
Feldmann,  
**RIP : Ursula Theresa Polak.**

**Sick Calls:** Parishioners are urged to contact the  
Parish Office with details for visits to the sick  
**All deaths of Parish Members** to be reported to  
the Parish Office – Bereavement support is  
available

**WEEKLY PROGRAM**

**Monday 24 December**  
6:30pm No Divine Mercy Group  
**Tuesday 25 December**  
18:00 No Charismatic Group  
**Thursday 26 December**  
10:00 No Marian Prayer Group  
19:00 No Adoration  
All Prayer Groups to Restart in January

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

*We wish everybody a very blessed  
Christmas – Peace and Goodwill to  
you and all your loved ones.*

**Christmas Service Times:**  
Monday 24 Dec 6:00pm – **Vigil Mass**  
Carols at 11.15pm followed by  
**Midnight Mass**  
Christmas Day – **Only one Mass at  
9:00am**  
Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. – **9:00am.**

What we celebrate at Christmas is  
that we **find God** in the stuff of life  
around us. We can find God in the  
babies born this week, in the joy of  
children finding new enthusiasm in  
their lives, as well as in the tragedies  
and worries that touch people's lives  
and public events. What we need to  
keep in mind is that this feast  
celebrates **God making His home  
with us.**  
This creates a new sense of the  
dignity of what it is to be human, a  
state of life which God chose to  
share.

**The Virtue of Charity .....**

Without charity life lacks its prime  
and essential ingredient .. The most  
sublime eloquence, and all the good  
works imaginable would be like the  
fading reverberation of a booming  
gong or the clash of cymbals which  
lasts scarcely a few moments and then  
fades away in nothing.

Without charity, even the most  
sought-after gifts are of little value. *If  
I have not love, I am nothing.*

Many doctors and scribes knew more  
about God than the majority of those  
who accompanied Jesus, about whom  
it is said that they *do not know the  
law*, but all their knowledge was  
fruitless. They did not understand  
what was most important – the  
presence of the Messiah in their  
midst, and His message of  
understanding of respect and of love.  
Charity lasts eternally.

Here on earth it is a foretaste and  
beginning of heaven. Make love your  
aim. It is Christ's greatest gift. It will  
be the mark by which men will know  
that we are disciples of Christ.

When we grow in charity, all our  
virtues are enriched and strengthened.  
None of them is a true virtue unless it  
is permeated with charity.

If we have frequent recourse to Our  
Lady, she will teach us how to love  
and how to treat other people, for she  
is the **Teacher of Love.**