



HAPPY
New Year 2026

Between Joy and Sorrow

The Christmas season jolts us awake with a story we'd rather skip. Just after celebrating the Prince of Peace, we confront Herod's massacre of innocent children — a brutal reminder that Christ entered a world drenched in violence and grief. Isaiah insists that God doesn't stand apart from human suffering but enters into it, bearing us up in his arms. This ancient promise finds its fulfilment in the infant Jesus. Matthew's account refuses to sanitize the Incarnation. The coming of God's Son doesn't immediately end the world's cruelty — instead, it exposes it. Herod's paranoid rage, Rachel's inconsolable weeping, Joseph's midnight flight into Egypt: these aren't footnotes to Christmas but essential to understanding what it means that the Word became flesh. God didn't arrive in triumph but in vulnerability, immediately threatened, already marked for death. The Gospel reminds us that following Christ means standing with the vulnerable, the displaced, the victims of tyranny. Where are today's Herods? Who are the refugees fleeing in the night? Whose weeping goes unheard? In Christ, God joins the sorrowful, becoming Emmanuel even to those who die too soon, even to those who flee, even to those who weep.

Serving Christ together,
Rev'd Sizwe Ngcobo



WELCOME
TO CHURCH
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Sunday

28 December 2025

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Matthew 2:13-23

07h30 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher

Rev'd Gill Padoa

Synaxist

Philip Lanz

Readers

Merriel Neumann &

Gill Padoa

Welcomers

7h30 Team

09h00 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher

Rev'd Gill Padoa

Worship Leader(s)

Mike Rothquel

Readers

Malcolm Hopkins &

Gill Brown

Welcomer(s)

Gill Brown &

Mbali Mhlongo

11h00 Zulu

Celebrant

Rev'd Sizwe Ngcobo

Preacher

Sanele Mbatha

Synaxist

Thembi Mseleku

Gospel

Rev'd Nkanyiso Ngcobo

Reader(s) & Welcomers

Iviyo loFakazi bakaKristu

Thank you, Bible Readers!

Join us again in 2026



We want to extend our deepest gratitude and congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2025 Bible in a Year challenge! Whether you completed all 365 days or journeyed through portions of Scripture, your dedication to deepening your relationship with God's Word has been truly inspiring. It has been a blessing to witness our parish family growing together in faith, sharing insights, and encouraging one another through this transformative experience. The commitment you showed is a beautiful testament to your love for Christ and hunger for spiritual growth. We are excited to announce that we will be continuing this

meaningful tradition in 2026 with another Bible in a Year reading challenge! Starting January 1st, we invite both returning participants and newcomers to join us as we once again journey through the entire Bible over 365 days. Whether this is your first time or you're ready to experience Scripture anew, we encourage you to commit to this daily practice of encountering God through His Word. Let us continue to support and pray for one another as we seek to know Him more deeply in the year ahead. Together, let's make 2026 a year of profound biblical discovery and spiritual transformation

Archdeacon of Pinetown Appointed

We are delighted to share with the St Agnes Family that our Rector, the Revd Sizwe Ngcobo, has been appointed Archdeacon of Pinetown by the Bishop of Natal, with immediate effect. He will be collated to this ministry on Tuesday, 4 February 2026, at the Cathedral of

the Holy Nativity. Revd Sizwe will continue to serve as our Rector while also offering pastoral and missionary leadership across the Archdeaconry. We give thanks to God for this appointment and invite the parish to hold him and his ministry in your prayers.

BIBLE PASSAGES FOR THIS WEEK

- 27-Dec Revelation 7-9
- 28-Dec Revelation 10-12
- 29-Dec Revelation 13-15
- 30-Dec Revelation 16-18
- 31-Dec Revelation 19-22
- 1-Jan Genesis 1-3
- 2-Jan Genesis 4-6

**Bible in
365 Days**



**The Church office
is closed until
6 January 2026**

VISION
**To know Jesus
and make Him
known**

Wednesday

31 Dec 2025 @10am

1 John 2:18-21
Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13
John 1:1-18

Celebrant & Preacher
Revd Gill Padoa

Synaxist *Mark Carless*

Thursday

01 Jan 2026 @8am



Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 8
Luke 2:15-21



Celebrant & Preacher
Revd Sizwe Ngcobo

Synaxist *Debi Gardner*



28/12 Sherrenay Thompson

30/12 Lesedi Dazana

30/12 Gillian Lumsden

01/01 Lindelani Njapha

02/01 Caitlyn Baylis



For our prayers

Janet Deavall, Che-rene Pines, Celia Wright, Katherine Roberts, Pippa Bromley-Gans, Shakira, Angus & Mila Martyn, Nick John, Alpha Zulu, Ingrid Pines, Alastair Martyn, Alf Murie, Wandile Malinga, Noah Atkins, Brian & Lorraine Acker, Mlekeleli Majola, Andy Parker, Brenna Stoffberg, Dawn Peters, Neil Brown, Sheila Walker, Dawn Botha, Jonathan McDonagh, Hayden Jackson, Norma Bashford, Hugo Misselhorn as well as the Glen, Jackson, Chaplin, Masoka, Brammer, Stuart, Dlamuka, Smith & Malinga families.



A NEW YEAR, A RENEWED FAITH

As we stand at the threshold of 2026, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the faith, love, and fellowship that binds our parish community together. This past year has been a testament to God's enduring presence among us, revealed through your generous service, steadfast prayers, and unwavering commitment to one another. As we step into this new year, may the Lord bless each of your homes with peace, fill your hearts

with hope, and guide your paths with His divine wisdom. Let us continue to be Christ's hands and feet in our community, supporting one another through both joys and challenges, and drawing ever closer to the heart of God. May 2026 be a year of spiritual renewal, deeper faith, and abundant blessings for you and your loved ones, as we journey together in faith and love.

With prayers and blessings for the new year

FoodPantry



Please drop off your donations at the church office or place them in the food basket at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity and support of this vital ministry.



Feeding those in need in the Upper Highway area!

Please consider donating the following items to our pantry:

Tea
Coffee
Sugar
Long-life milk
Maize meal
Oats
Pasta
Rice

Packets of:
Soup
Stock cubes
Curry powder
Salt

Tins of the following:
Beans
Vegetables
Fish
Corned beef
Samp & Beans

Soya mince
Peanut butter
Bath soap
Small boxes of washing powder

Homemade soup or samp and gravy placed in 2l ice-cream containers welcome.

All items should be clean and in good condition. These simple donations make an enormous difference in our ability to serve families with dignity and care.



St Agnes Ministry Calendar!

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Let's journey together with purpose, faith, and joy as we seek to know Jesus and make Him known throughout 2026!

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Parish Ministry
Calendar

December

2025
VISION

TO KNOW JESUS
AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

The Church of the Holy Spirit

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07h30 Eucharist Service 09h00 Worship Service 11h00 Zulu Service Isiah 3:1-4 Psalm 122 Matthew 24:36-44 CHORAL Evening 30	18h30 Monday Advent Series 1 Advent Series	2	10h00 Eucharist Service 3 Isiah 25:6-8 Psalm 123 Matthew 13:29-39 Church Family Prayer & Ministry, etc.	4	5 0	6
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Liturgical Colours used in the Calendar: White: Green: Red: Purple WHITE/GOLD Baptism & Day of Reconciliation GREEN Holy Week RED Christmas Eve PURPLE Lent & Holy Week				The Church Calendar The Church Calendar tells the story of Jesus – from Advent's expectation to Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time – guiding believers through seasons of preparation, celebration, mission, and growth. It uses colours (purple, white/gold, red, green) to mark the spiritual focus of each season and to shape the rhythm of worship.		

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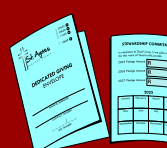
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