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Congratulations to those celebrating milestone birthdays:

21st: Caydon Poilly

50th: Wayne Redman

60th: Theresa Coleman

70th: Marc Tennant and Rosalind Galway

Welcome to St Dom's!

✠ To old-new parishioner Merle Carpenter, and new parishioners Allan Herbst, Kirsty McKenzie, Jason McKenzie, Montsho & Batlile Mphuthi and family, David & Jamie-Leigh Missen and family, Patricia Swanepoel and Nomusa Dhlamini and family. We hope that you will enjoy being part of the St Dom's family.



✠ To Lucretia Edwards for coordinating this year's Paschal Meal.

✠ To Lynette Kuster and her Ladies' Guild team for the delicious meal and beautiful setting at the Paschal Meal.

- ✠ To Pauline Rosseau who arranged the outing to the KZN Museum in Pietermaritzburg and a picnic lunch at the Lexden Scout camp for the children of Bethlehem and KwaNyuswa, and to the Community Services Committee for sponsoring the food and refreshments for the trip.
- ✠ To Francis Carr for organising the 'Day Of Love' at St Dominic's, where a group of parishioners took food parcels to the children of Petros' feeding scheme in KwaNyuswa.
- ✠ To Sarane Richard-Coombes, who is stepping down from his role as coordinator of the Sunday evening Praise & Worship teams. Thank you Sarane for so ably taking on the challenge over the last few years.

Best Wishes

- ✠ To Morel and Pauline Rosseau who are off on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. Travel safe and please pray for all of us!

Our sincerest condolences go to:

- ✠ Noel Swart and family on the death of Noel's father, Brian Swart. Brian was a member of St Dominic's for over 20 years. May he rest in peace.

On the Liturgical Front

- ✠ The mass intention for the 8.00am mass on **Saturday, 6 May** will be for prayers for South Africa.
- ✠ The **Ascension of Our Lord** will be celebrated on the weekend of 27 & 28 May at our usual Saturday and Sunday masses.
- ✠ There will be no 8am mass on **Sunday, 4 June 2017** due to the Comrades Marathon.

Leaving mass – when is it appropriate?

A saintly priest once had a problem with one of his devout parishioners who attended daily mass: he always left immediately after Communion.

The priest solved the problem by ordering two altar boys with lighted tapers to walk on either side of the parishioner as soon as he started to leave the church and accompany him all the way to his carriage.

When, after three days repeating this action, the somewhat flustered and embarrassed gentleman asked the priest for an explanation: 'Christ is still present in you as you leave the church. His presence must be honoured by lighted candles,' the priest explained.

Needless to say, the gentleman never left early again.

Of course, the above is just a humorous anecdote, **but on a more serious note**, let us reflect on the gift of Mass, being spiritually nurtured by God's word, participating in his unique sacrifice, and receiving Communion.

This requires that there is effectively a **period of silence** after the Communion song and that the priest, deacon and other ministers lead by example, dedicating two or three minutes of silent reflection at the chair.

Another point to be emphasized is the importance of **assisting at the entire Mass**. There are many plastic images to illustrate this, but most can grasp that if their boss, or the local mayor, summons them to a meeting, they would not dare leave before their host has formally brought it to a close. Even more is this true when a beloved parent, sibling or lifelong friend invites us to spend time with them.

If we behave thus before mere human authority and relationships, then how much more should it be true when **our host is the Father** who created us, **the Son** who died and rose for us, and **the Spirit** who gives us life.

Let us leave courtesy aside for a moment and return to **thanksgiving**. The Mass is something we celebrate together as Church and as a worshipping assembly united to Christ through the priest. It is not just something we do as individual Christians.

In the same manner, our thanksgiving for Mass cannot be reduced to the individual sphere and must be carried out as a Church. This **collective thanksgiving is done through the priest** at the closing prayer to which all respond "Amen".

Finally, the Mass is intimately united to Christian life and mission. The **final blessing and dismissal send us forth** to transmit what we have received to our brothers and sisters. If we leave directly after Communion, then we lose this important component of our spiritual life.

Legionary of Christ, Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum university.

Adapted from: <http://www.ewtn.com/library/liturgy/zlitur231.htm>

News from our Ministries

- ✚ The centenary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima is this year on 13 May. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be placed in Our Lady Chapel at the back of the church from the weekend of 13 May to 13 October this year. Thank you to the Spiritual Life Committee for helping us commemorate this very important occasion.
- ✚ For a number of weeks now a SSVP food basket has been brought up to the altar during the offertory at mass. This will continue and SSVP wish to thank parishioners for their kind donations.
- ✚ The SSVP 'Winter Warmth' project is well underway. In addition to knitted beanies and socks (see below), the society is requesting used and new jerseys for all ages and of all sizes that will then be donated to the needy in the Valley.
- ✚ The new SSVP store room is almost complete! Watch this space for more on this exciting addition to our parish grounds.

SSVP BEANIE & BED SOCKS PROJECT

Any knitted beanies and bed socks as well as any wool left over from our beanie and bed socks project are to be placed in the SSVP trolley at mass on the weekends.

The closing date of this project is the
end of May.

Thank you for all your kind help in this worthy cause.

SSVP: Project Spotlight

Street-Wise

As already reported in the Chronicle, every Tuesday after mass the St Dom's Sewing Circle meets, where a group of parish ladies get together to cut out and sew donated fabric, making T-shirts and track suits for those in need. One of the associations that they donate clothes to is Street-Wise.

On Monday 13 March, members of the SSVP Sewing Circle, Pat Rowe and Anne Knickelbein accompanied by Jenny Meilhon, visited Street-Wise in Mariannahill. They delivered a box of T-shirts to Sr Helena for the children who are cared for by Street-Wise, the younger of whom are at the Amaoti Crèche.

Street-Wise Mariannahill runs a shelter capable of housing up to 40 boys, where a longer-term assessment is carried out on the children who cannot be returned home easily. "The outreach worker goes out onto the streets of Durban to locate children, firstly focusing on building a relationship and trust with them," says Sr Helena. "When he feels the children are ready, the outreach worker will offer them a home at the shelter. Many of the boys take up the offer."

At the shelter the boys learn routine and stability and they help with daily household chores. When ready, they are placed in local schools where the fees, uniforms, etc., are met by Street-Wise. The boys are also counselled and taught life skills to prepare them for life back with their families. As many of the children from the streets are affected in some way by the scourge of HIV/AIDS, dealing with this disease is part of the shelter's everyday work.

Boys reaching the age of 15, who for various reasons are unable to be returned to family, are transferred to the Sibuswe Half-Way House in Botha's Hill where they attend higher primary schooling. Presently some of the boys are attending university.

Girls found on the streets are taken care of by 'Youth for Christ' which is located in Umgeni Road, Durban.

To learn more about Street-Wise, log into their website at www.street-wise.co.za.



Street-Wise receive a monthly donation of food items from St Dominic's SSVP which includes:

- 2 x 25kg Soup Mix
- 1 x 25kg Sugar
- 4 x 10kg Samp
- 4 x 10kg Rice
- 4 x 10kg Beans
- 4 x 10kg Mealie Meal

SSVP wishes to thank parishioners for all the generous donations of fabric received for this worthy cause.



(Courtesy of Mike Buckle)

Community Services: Project Spotlight

Outing to KZN Museum and Lexden Camp in Pietermaritzburg

On 6 April, six cars loaded with 28 children from the Bethlehem and KwaNyuswa drop-in centres made for our first stop in Pietermaritzburg – The KZN Museum.

Our two very enthusiastic young guides shared their passion for natural science and South Africa's natural heritage. The children were fascinated by the displays of extinct and present day animal and sea life, as well as the cave-like structures with the examples of San rock art, the display on Gandhi, and the history of the different cultures that make up our rainbow nation.

At the end of our tour we made for the Lexden Camp where we enjoyed a picnic and some fun on the soccer field.

Thanks go to our drivers, Anne Anderson, Hazel Lawe, Maureen Emslie, Brian Giddy, Pauline Rosseau and Sabrina Thompson.



Learning all about our natural world at the KZN Museum.



Some of the children enjoying their lunch at Lexden Camp.

Three ways to obtain an indulgence for the 100-year Fatima anniversary



Our Lady of Fatima. Credit: Our Lady of Fatima International Pilgrim Statue via Flickr (CC BY-SA 2.0).

By Maria Ximena Rondon

Fatima, Portugal, Dec 1, 2016 / 06:32 am (CNA/EWTN News).- For the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year, which began Nov. 27, 2016, and will end Nov. 26, 2017.

The Executive Secretary of the Rectory of the Fatima Shrine in Portugal, André Pereira, explained to CNA that the plenary indulgence can be obtained during the entire Jubilee Year. There are three ways of obtaining the indulgence, detailed in a statement on the shrine's website.

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must **also fulfill the ordinary conditions**: go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

1. Make a pilgrimage to the shrine

The first way is for "the faithful to make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration or prayer dedicated to the Virgin."

In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke the Mother of God.

2. Pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The second way applies to "the pious faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary."

Regarding this second way, the rector of the Fatima

Shrine told CNA that the visit to the statue of the Virgin, “does not necessarily have to be only at Fatima or exclusively in Portugal,” but can be done anywhere in the world.

Those seeking an indulgence must also pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

3. The elderly and infirm

The third way to obtain a plenary indulgence applies to people who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around.

These individuals can pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017.

They also must “offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.”

Source: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/three-ways-to-obtain-an-indulgence-for-the-100-year-fatima-anniversary-78258/>

Garden cottage available

Large, one-bedroom garden cottage available for rental from 1 May 2017 in Waterfall. Please contact Robynne Lott on 084 510 4797 if interested.

Don't let our church property grow legs!

Following last month's request to keep the church premises tidy after meetings and events, this month we kindly request that church property be left where you found it!

Small items such as adaptors, cables etc. are often moved and not left in their rightful place, which creates a problem for the next person using them.

Everyone's cooperation is kindly appreciated.



(Courtesy of Mike Buckle)

SLOW ME DOWN LORD

*Slow me down Lord
Ease the pounding of my heart
by the quieting of my mind.*

*Steady my hurried pace
with a vision of the eternal march of time.
Give me amid the confusion of the day,
the calmness of the eternal hills.*

*Break the tension of my nerves and muscles
with the soothing music of the singing streams
that live in my memory.*

*Help me to know the magical restoring power of
sleep.*

*Teach me the art of taking MINUTE vacations,
Of slowing down to look at a flower,
to chat with a friend,
to pat a dog,
to read a few lines of a good book.*

*Slow me down Lord
and inspire me to send my roots
deep into the soil of life's enduring values
that I may grow toward the stars of my greater
destiny.*

Author: Wilfred A. Peterson

(Courtesy of Michele Uren)

The Last Laugh

At the pearly gates, a taxi driver and minister are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, “Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.”

St. Peter next greets the minister saying, “Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.”

“Just a minute,” says the minister. “That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. How can this be?”

“Up here, we work by results,” says St. Peter. “While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed.”

(Source <http://www.swapmeetdave.com>)

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Date	Time	Event
MAY 2017		
Mon, 1 May	17h30	SSVP meeting
	18h00	No choir practice due to the public holiday
Tues, 2 May	18h00	Liturgy Committee meeting
Wed, 3 May	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	17h30	Pre-Baptism class
	18h00	Ladies' Guild meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Thurs, 4 May	18h00	RCIA
Fri, 5 May	18h30	St Vincent de Paul 100 Club Draw – Bring & share supper
Sat, 6 May	08h00	Holy Mass and Rosary – Prayers for South Africa
Sun, 7 May	08h00	English / Zulu mass Children's Mass – tea will be served in the hall
Mon, 8 May	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible study
Tues, 9 May	09h30	Tuesday Forum
	18h00	Finance Committee meeting
	18h00	Social Life Committee meeting
Wed, 10 May	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Thurs, 11 May	18h00	RCIA
Sun, 14 May	08h00	Tea hosted by: Ashley & Stephanie Cameron
	10h15	Hillcrest Government Hospital – Liturgy Committee on duty. All parishioners are most welcome to assist.
Mon, 15 May	17h30	SSVP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Wed, 17 May	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	PPC meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Thurs, 18 May	18h00	RCIA
Sun, 21 May	08h00	Tea hosted by: Krystyna Kalinowski & Denise de Witt
Mon, 22 May	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible study
Wed, 24 May	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Spiritual Life Committee meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Thurs, 25 May	18h00	RCIA
Sat, 27 May	07h30	SSVP packing – All parishioners are most welcome to assist
	09h00	Community Services Committee meeting
Sun, 28 May	08h00	Ascension of our Lord Tea hosted by: Tom & Ros Donnelly
Mon, 29 May	18h00	Choir practice
Wed, 31 May	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group practice