

# The St Dom Chronicle

## July 2017

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St Dominic's Parish Mission Statement (October 1999):  
Christianity through learning, caring and serving.

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**July:** Peter Appleby, Aidan Baxendale-Small, Evelyn Bissett, Tyler-Ann Boyce, Gerry Brandjes, Karl Breinhorst, John Brennan, Brett Campbell, Clement Cheesman, Daniel Cole, David Coleman, Joan Conradie, Stefano Corbella, Hilary Davis, Dario De Almeida, Michael de Vos, Pauline Dempsey, Nomusa Dhlamini, Paulo Dos Santos, Zanobuhle Duma, NKhanyiso Duma, Trevor Edley, Taryn Flanagan, Tracey Gregson, Caitlin Heydenrych, Peter Hockey, Kyle Howard, Dean Hunt, Juan Impey, Caroline Jarvis, Corinne Johnson, Taylor Jones, Kim Jones, Tosca Jones, Steve Kavanagh, Ruby-Rose Kelly, Alvin King, Migien Knight, Robert Koenig, Matthew Kohler, Megan Loots, Jennifer Lott, Yvonne Lovie, Sybille Macfarlane, Friedrich Manegold, David Marais, Jacob Marx, Asia Marx, Gerard Metzger, Thabisile Mfeka, Luke Midgley, Andrew Miller, Thembelani Miya, Batliile Mphuthi, Thabo Msomi, Nikieta Naicker, Cally Naude, James Neville, Kevin O'Brien, James Ogilby, Kate Palmer, Betty Paul, Pia Purcell, Cathrine Purcell, Dermot Quinn, Sarane Richard-Coombes, Julie Ronald, Michael Ronald, Leonard Rudolph, Margaret Sapet, Patrick Scott-Martin, Bridget Shelley, Christopher Shingler, John Snook, Hannah Syers, Amanda Taylor, Dawn Tedder, Marco Tivers, Beryl Turner, Michelle Van Lieshout, Keegan Van Vuuren, Peter Van Wyk, Harrison Vaughan, Ryan Vaughan, Matthew Watson, Thomas Wheatley, Peter Winn, Akwande Yende.

And a belated happy birthday to Nosipho Thembane, who celebrated her birthday in May but was mistakenly left off our list!

### **Congratulations to those celebrating milestone birthdays:**

**21<sup>st</sup>:** Nicholas Merle

**40<sup>th</sup>:** Mbali Ferrandino

**60<sup>th</sup>:** Desmond Kunene

**70<sup>th</sup>:** Sandra Kihn and Cynthia Mazoue

**80<sup>th</sup>:** Norma Moore

### **Welcome to St Dom's!**

✠ Luiz and Jennifer Cunha & family, Kirsten Cunha, Donovan and Cassandra Horstman, Ann Hikins and Schalk and Brenda Schmahl. We hope that you will enjoy being part of the St Dom's family.

#### **Are you a new parishioner?**

Don't hide between the pews and duck out after mass... we can't wait to meet and welcome you!

Please give your details either to the friendly faces at our Welcome Table after mass or contact the parish office to register with us.

**Welcome  
to the  
Family**



- ✚ To the Social Life Committee for coordinating the new parishioners' party. All those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening.
- ✚ To Pat Daly, who is stepping down from the Community Services Committee. Pat started the committee (then known as the Poverty, Unemployment and AIDS committee) when she arrived in South Africa in 2003. For more on the incredible work that she has done, have a look at our Community Services Spotlight further on in this Chronicle.
- ✚ Ros and Rob Galway who removed our old braais and replaced them with three very well constructed new ones. They also donated stainless steel braai forks. The Maintenance Team and the whole parish are most grateful to them for their generosity.
- ✚ To Deacon Martin Hughes, Wayne Redman and Mike Ronald who will be coordinating the RCIA programme going forward.
- ✚ To all parishioners who so generously gave of their time and resources in the SSVF Winter Warmth campaign. A total of 210 pairs of bed socks, 900 beanies (!), 60 jerseys and 80 blankets were knitted or donated.
- ✚ To all the parents who regularly make the effort to bring their children to Catechism, Edge and LifeTeen. A **HUGE THANK YOU** for your commitment and support.
- ✚ To Fr John for providing the dads in our parish with delicious biltong on Father's Day.



- ✚ To Juan and Lisa Impey, whose daughter, Katie, was recently baptised, and to grandparents Francois and Angela Chelin.
- ✚ To this month's winners of the SSVF 100 Club draw: 1st prize: Nicole Latimer; 2nd prize: Norma Shepstone; 3rd prize: Alex Henderson.
- ✚ To the following children who achieved 100% attendance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

#### **Catechism:**

Lucca & Camilla Alunni, Kyra Bircher, Mia Borrageiro, Julia Cameron, Matthew Ebsworth, Noah Haskell, Caitlin Heydenrych, Khaye Khuzwayo, Grace Koenig, Luke Lim, Mabutwa Makhaye, Nwabisa Mkefa, Kuhle & Kwenzo Mncwabe, Kevin Nel, Sarah Patterson, Keegan Peters, Braden Ramnath, Ziphozethu Yende, Matthew Msani, William Strachan and Thomas & Samuel Wheatley.

#### **Edge:**

Daniel Joubert, Ntandoyenkosi Mfeka, Caroline Sparks, Rebecca Ronald and Bandile Makhaye – a great improvement from only 1 last term!

#### **LifeTeen and Confirmation:**

Michael & Joshua Cameron, Nathan Murran and Dylan Roper.

#### **Our sincerest condolences go to:**

- ✚ Sharon Jones, whose mother-in-law, Mary Jones, passed away recently. May her soul rest in peace.

## **On the Liturgical Front**

- ✚ The mass intention for the 8.00am mass on **Saturday, 1 July** will be for firefighters and the victims of the recent fires around the world.
- ✚ Planning is underway to make alterations to the choir / music groups area. We will keep you informed on developments.

#### **Adoration – The bravest little girl**

*If you're anything like me, then you need all the help you can get when it comes to prayer. I'm just not always sure what I'm supposed to do in Adoration. Do I sit there and try to look holy? Do I pray for other people the whole time? Do I read the Bible? Or do I just talk to God about what's on my heart?*

*There are many super smart documents out there explaining this. However, we also have some really beautiful stories that we pass on to each other about the power of Eucharistic prayer. I encourage you to remember these the next time you go to the chapel.*

*This one comes from Venerable Fulton Sheen.*

The Chinese government has never been fond of Christians. During the Boxer Rebellion, they sent soldiers to destroy Catholic churches. A little girl was praying in the back of one of these churches when the soldiers came. They desecrated the

church and arrested the priest. Finally, they broke into the tabernacle and threw the Eucharist all over the floor. There were 32 hosts.

The priest was placed under house arrest in the rectory. That night, he watched as the little girl slipped past the solidier outside the rectory and sneaked into the Church. She knelt before one of the hosts on the floor, and made a holy hour. Then she bent down and consumed the Eucharist by licking Him off the floor.

She did this every night for 32 nights. On the 32nd night, after she had consumed the final host, she accidentally made a small noise. It was enough to wake up the rectory guard. The priest watched from his bedroom-cum-prison as the guard martyred the little girl by beating her to death with the butt of his rifle.

We don't know her name. We don't know anything about her, other than that we should all pray to be more like her. Her story is so beautiful that it spread from person to person, then town to town, and eventually made its way to a young priest named Fr. Fulton Sheen. He was so inspired by it that he committed himself to making a daily Holy Hour. He later became a bishop and a very popular radio and television preacher.

His cause for canonization is currently open, and just had a new miracle approved in March 2017.

However, despite his enormous success, he told an interviewer shortly before his death that this little girl inspired his work more than any Pope or canonized saint. She kindled a Eucharistic love in him that fed his whole ministry. And that's why he was able to say one of the most beautiful quotes of all time:

**The greatest love story  
of all time  
is contained in a  
little white host.**

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

*I love to think about that little girl when I'm in front of the Eucharist. I ask her to help me pay attention, and to love our Eucharistic Lord the way she did. And then sometimes I think about Venerable Fulton Sheen's quote. Am I here to fall in love, or to look holy? And am I trying to write the story, or am I letting Him tell it to me?*

(Courtesy: Dev Rider)

## News from our Ministries

- ✠ Leo and Hilary Davis, along with three of their LifeTeen leaders, Jamie-John Hughes, Kristen Celliers and Kieran Steyn, will be attending the "Empower" LifeTeen Conference on the weekend

of 21 – 23 July. This year the conference will be held in Pietermaritzburg where they will be hearing from an international LifeTeen speaker as well as various experienced local speakers. The weekend should be filled with fun, fellowship, worship and praise, Adoration and ministry training.

Please pray for a successful weekend and for these young people to come back enthusiastic, inspired and well trained to continue to lead our LifeTeen group.

- ✠ **Community Services:** The English reading classes at the Bethlehem and KwaNyuswa drop-in centres have come to an end for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term and will resume for the 3<sup>rd</sup> term. A big thank you to Hazel, Maureen, Pauline, Francis and Anne for dedicating their time once a week to helping the primary school and high school children at these centres improve their English skills. Thank you also to Ros, Monique, Rosemary and Sabrina for standing in for the second term as we had three of our ladies away on holiday.
- ✠ Harambee reported that from the two workshops held at St Dom's, they have been successful in placing nine people at Dis-Chem and 30 people at various companies (Burger King, Hilton Hotel, Debt-in, Oryx Health, WE Bridge, Massbuild Learnership, DSV, Debonair's, Merchants Cell C, Nedbank & Work Support). What an incredible success!
- ✠ In order to monitor church attendance for the youngsters in the parish (Catechism and Edge), the parish implemented a little wooden church system where children are required to place their names each time they attend mass. Unfortunately no child managed to remember every week during the 2<sup>nd</sup> term, although we're sure there are lots who attend mass regularly. It would be great to improve this in the 3<sup>rd</sup> term – please remind your children to place their names in the little church every time they attend mass.
- ✠ A reminder that although the Ladies' Guild pantry belongs to the guild, the parish can utilise this without having to get permission. Just ask Linda Madden in the office for the key, but **PLEASE** leave things as you found them. Thanking you in advance.
- ✠ Our new confessional is now complete and working very well. A reminder that confession is available on request or on Saturday evenings before the 17h30 mass. Please let the ushers know that you are there for confession and they will call Fr John.

## SSVP: Project Spotlight

### Sewing with love for the needy

From fabric donated by Sheryl Chessa of Celtico to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SSVP) Hillcrest Conference, two St Dom's ladies lovingly began sewing t-shirts for needy children of the various projects the society supports in the Valley of a Thousand Hills and Mariannahill.

Initiated by Anne Knickelbein and Pat Rowe, who bring their scissors and sewing machines every Tuesday to St Dom's, the sewing circle has grown. They have been joined on the Tuesday mornings by cutter-outer Jenny Traut, whilst a number of other ladies have taken fabric home to cut out and sew, including Kathy Borrageiro, Rose Carr and Norma Barbeiri, as well as SSVP members Margie Smart, Cynthia Mazoue and Lynette Kuster.

The first batch of colourful t-shirts were delivered to Sister Helena at Streetwise, Mariannahill, and the second batch was distributed to Embo on 25 June when members of SSVP visited to hand out the monthly food parcels.

The Sewing Circle would welcome new members. If you are interested either in joining the ladies on Tuesdays or cutting out and/or sewing at home, please contact Jenny Meilhon on 082 499 5395.



Surrounded by colourful t-shirts are Anne Knickelbein (seated) and to the right, Pat Rowe, the two initiators of T-Shirts with Love.



(Courtesy: Mike Buckle)

### NEW BIBLE STUDY

#### **“Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John”**

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in Him or doing what He asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer — He wants you to be His disciple and friend.

**“Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John”** is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow Him. He calls us to be His disciples, to trust Him, to open ourselves to His merciful love, and to love others as He has loved us. Follow Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ.

This new bible study will begin on:

**Monday, 31 July 2017**

with an introductory session followed by 8 study sessions.

If you would like to know more about the study, contact Jan Kalinowski on 083 235 7766.

## Community Services: A word from Pat Daly

In September 2003, while visiting South Africa, I knew this was where I was supposed to be – why, I did not know, or what I was to do here, but this was it. Thanks to Fr Brian and St Dominic's, I met with the three Zulu parishes connected to St Dominic's at that time. Each Sunday I travelled with Fr Brian to the parish masses and they received me well and accepted this American person into their lives. I found leaders in the communities with whom I could work with and although many things I have done on my own, much could not have been done without the help of many from the St Dominic's community.

In 2003 the Archdiocese of Durban launched the initiative to have all parishes form Poverty, Unemployment and AIDS committees to address the very serious needs of the communities; that is where I started.

Leaders from each of the three Zulu parishes took me with them to the various homes of the needy and places which were in need of help, showing me the issues that they faced.

- ✚ Food was left with those who had none
- ✚ Many students were in need of uniforms and shoes. I provided these and continue to do so
- ✚ Schools were in need of many things and with my teaching background I decided to collect books and other supplies
- ✚ The parish community and community at large continued to donate books which I handed out where they were most needed
- ✚ Three libraries were established with the help of many, especially Margaret Connolly, Rhoda O'Hara, and Brian Uren who made all the furnishings for the libraries
- ✚ Sewing groups were begun and are still ongoing, working with Embo Craft Training Centre
- ✚ A welding programme was established at Embo Craft and is still ongoing
- ✚ A large project was undertaken, *Opportunity Faire*, which brought together people from government agencies and departments, training centres, the universities, banks, businesses, entrepreneurs who have been successful from the Valley. Under one roof, students could speak with people they would have no other means of reaching
- ✚ Skills training for unemployed has been set up
- ✚ Care givers have been trained
- ✚ Water tanks have been placed where needed
- ✚ Help has been provided to various crèches
- ✚ Donated clothes and toys were handed out in various areas
- ✚ With the help of funds from America, I was able to help with buildings in need of refurbishing at Don McKenzie hospital
- ✚ Holiday feeding schemes were established with help from SVDP, which has since taken these over
- ✚ Feeding for Gogos at Embo each Friday was started, again with help from SVDP
- ✚ Two drop-in centres were formed for child-headed households

I remain on the Executive Committee for the drop-in centres, and will continue to work with Prisca in the Embo area, as well as being involved with all orphans where needed.

Great thanks to friends and groups from USA who help me with the funds necessary to accomplish the many projects and issues I take on.

Thanks to the many friends and parishioners at St Dominic's who have helped in so many ways and especially to Prisca and Ernestine who made it possible for me to be involved with the many projects in the Valley of the Thousand Hills. Thanks also to Mphilo and Linda from Embo Craft Training Centre. And of course, a thank you to my husband, John, who makes it possible for me to work in the Valley and also assists me on many occasions.

I will continue to do what I can for those in need, seeking help from persons or groups which can best assist, especially now with Embo and their desire for a church of their own.

I never know what will be asked of me next, but hope I will always be able to say "I will look into it".



## PARISH PICNIC

- DATE: Saturday, 5 August
- TIME: 12 noon onwards
- PLACE: Willow Way Manor
- (1 Willow Way, off Kassier Rd)

Please bring your own picnic baskets.

- Braai's for cooking will be available.
- Wors rolls, hot dogs & soft drinks on sale
- Tea garden with tea/coffee & cake on sale
- Kids' entertainment
- Live music

All welcome!

R25 entrance per car

### Cottage To let

Two-bedroom cottage with open plan kitchen and lounge to let in Drummond. Fireplace in lounge and a fenced garden, small dogs welcome. Occupation 1 August 2017. If you are interested, please contact Ashley Cameron on 082 492 5099.

### *The Last Laugh*

Q: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A: Noah--he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>July 2017</b>		
Sat, 1 July	08h00	Holy Mass and Rosary – For firefighters and the victims of the recent fires around the world
Sun, 2 July	08h00	Tea hosted by: Pam Montile, Rose Waldburger & Helen Bellew
Mon, 3 July	17h30	SSVP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Tues, 4 July	18h00	Liturgy Committee meeting
Wed, 5 July	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
		Ladies' Guild meeting
	18h00	Spiritual Life meeting
	18h00	RCIA "Come and See" Evening
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Fri, 7 July	18h30	St Vincent de Paul 100 Club Draw – Bring & share supper
Sun, 9 July	08h00	Tea hosted by: Rose & Rodney Carr
	10h15	Hillcrest Government Hospital – Caring Committee on duty. All parishioners are most welcome to assist
Mon, 10 July	18h00	Choir practice
Tues, 11 July	18h00	Finance Committee meeting
Wed, 12 July	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Thurs, 13 July	18h00	RCIA
Sun, 16 July	08h00	Tea hosted by: Wally & Elaine Lage
Mon, 17 July	17h30	SSVP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Wed, 19 July	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	PPC meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Thurs, 20 July	18h00	RCIA
Sat, 22 July	09h00	Centring Prayer Workshop
Sun, 23 July	08h00	Tea hosted by: Gaby & Colleen Maitre
Mon, 24 July	18h00	Choir practice
Tues, 25 July	15h30	Catechism Term 3 starts
	18h00	Social Life Committee meeting
Wed, 26 July	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Spiritual Life Committee meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Thurs, 27 July	18h00	RCIA
Fri, 28 July	17h30	EDGE Term 3 starts
Sat, 29 July	07h30	SSVP packing – All parishioners are most welcome to assist
	09h00	Community Services Committee meeting
	14h30	Israel Pilgrimage Meeting
Sun, 30 July	08h00	Our Community Services committee will be selling bacon and egg rolls after mass Tea hosted by: Pat & John Daly
	18h30	LifeTeen and Confirmation Term 3 starts
Mon, 31 July	18h00	Choir practice