

The St Dom Chronicle

October 2017

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

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October: Samantha Anderson, David Baker, Martine Basson, Peter Basson, Yvonne Bates, Mary Bond, Anthony Botha, Cheryl Breytenbach, Anne Briginshaw, Pieter Budde, Jeremy Campbell, Mary Ann Carpenter, Jacqueline Clarke, Gregory Cobbledick, Mikayla Coetzee, Franco Colarossi, Kathleen Cole, Stella Connolly, Rosemary Cooke, Jenniffer Cunha, Luigi D eramo, Valerie Danbrook, Lina De Sousa, Jono Deighton, Nontando Duma, Lucretia Edwards, Mary Ellwood, Stenio Fabre, Anke Fagelund-Gjersoe, Louise Fitzsimons, Nicole Flood, Luciano Gigante, Nelsie Gray, Margaret Green, Randolph Green Thompson, Margaret Hamman, Dieter Hamman, Nic Haskell, Tamra Hill, Yvonne Hughes, Ethan Hurst, Kenneth Hutchinson, Jan Joubert, Milan Jurjevic, Sandy Kedian, Colleen Kilfoil, Sean Kilfoil, Nathan Kloppers, Caitlin Kloppers, Isabella Kunene, Peter Lakin, Vincent Lawe, Leanne Loubser-Goldblatt, Mike Madden, William Marshall, Matthew Martin, James McKenna, Kathleen Metzger, Nkululeko Mfeka, Pamela Mfeka, Claire Miller, Haylee Minnitt, Kwenzokuhle Mncwabe, Hlengiwe Mngoma, Pamela Montile, Vuyo Msomi, Xolile Mtwla, Innocent Ndlovu, John Nel, Slade Nelson, Kayleigh Neville, Ronald Ngcobo, Zanele Ngubane, Sean O Flaherty, Marco Paulo, Dawn Pilkington, Elizabeth Pingle, Colette Powell, Jemma Ramlakan, Morel Rosseau, Michel Rougier Lagane, David Rowe, Willi Scherzer, Sarah Schwikkard, Rosina Stewart, Noel Swart, Roslyn Tripepi, Lena Walters, Gail White, Avril Williamson,

Bradley Wortmann, Beverley Wortmann, Nokwanda Zuma, Astrid Zwart

Congratulations to those celebrating milestone birthdays:

40th: Thamsanqa Mhlongo

50th: Colleen Campbell, Bradley Campbell and Kevin Cilliers

70th: Vilma Benedetti, Giovanni Corielle, Di Wheatley and Jennifer McDonald

80th: Paddy Bode, Sybil Maingard, Allen Montile and Hans Linz

Welcome to St Dom's!

✠ Penelope Roach, Moira Moody and Mamotho Tsiu Khotseng. We hope that you will enjoy being part of the St Dom's family.



✠ To Arnaldo Corbella for the tar repairs, and for painting the parking bays. No excuses now for bad parking!

✠ To our deacons in training, Wayne Redman and Mike Ronald for putting together a very entertaining but, most of all, inspiring stewardship talk.

✠ To all parishioners who have already dedicated their time, talents and treasures to our parish over the next year.

✠ To SSVF for treating the parish to a special tea in celebration of the Feast of St Vincent de Paul.



- ✠ To Daniel Joubert who won first prize at September's SSVP 100 Club Draw.
- ✠ To all the Edge children who managed to pack 143 SSVP food parcels in 15 minutes last month! That's some record to beat.
- ✠ To the Confirmation candidates who assisted in making and serving meals to the homeless at the Dennis Hurley centre last month.
- ✠ To the following children who achieved 100% attendance in the 3rd term.

Catechism:

Luca Alunni, Tristan Baker, Georgia Baker, Kyra Bircher, Julia Cameron, Antonia Holt, Tamsyn Howard, Khaye Khuzwayo, Grace Koenig, Luke Lim, Olivia Milburn, Anna Milburn, Isabella Milburn, Claire Miller, Nwabisa Mkefa, Kuhle Mncwabe, Kwenz Mncwabe, Mathew Msani, Ella Rose Naude, Luke Purcell, Brayden Ramnath, Olivia Russel, Rhys Swart, Thomas Wheatley, Samuel Wheatley, Ziphozethu Yende and Manzini Zungu

Edge:

Ntandoyenkosi Mfeka and Stephanie Cameron

LifeTeen:

Joshua Cameron and Alessandro Correia

Confirmation:

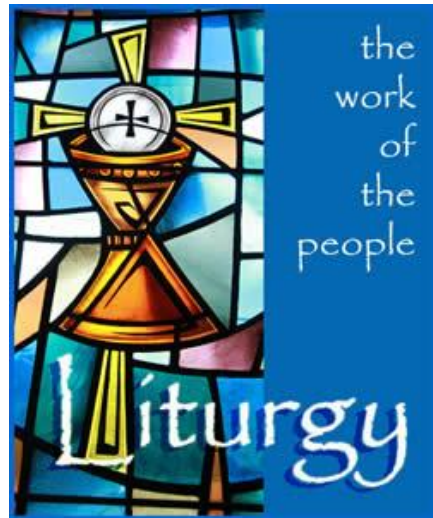
Matteo Buccimazza, Robyn Forbay, Nathan Murran and Dylan Roper

Well done to each and every one of you!

On the Liturgical Front

- ✠ The mass intention for the 8.00am mass on **Saturday, 7 October** will be for those writing end-year exams, especially matric finals.
- ✠ On **Sunday, 8 October**, at our 8am mass we invite you to bring along your pets for a special blessing. This is in celebration of the feast of St Francis on 4 October.
- ✠ The archdiocese has given permission for the choir area alterations to take place. Building will commence in due course.

- ✠ Liturgical calendars are now available in the repository. The cost is R20.



LifeTeen Retreat 2017

Twenty-seven fabulous St Dom's teenagers went on a retreat to Dawn View Christian Camp from 22 – 24 September. The theme of our camp was "Our Identity in Christ". Despite the terrible weather we managed to have fun and were able to grow friendships and grow closer to God during the weekend. We shared many laughs and learnt new surprising things about each other, such as Leon's athletic trampoline skills, Josh Sparks' table tennis talent, Nick's amazing decorating and painting skills (*not*), Codi, the dog's "love" for Dean, and Mandi's knowledge of all our parents as well as his football skills – scoring a goal from a long way out with the help of Jess O.

The teens also had wonderful talks from Krissy and JJ as well as Fr Brian who celebrated Mass for us on Sunday morning. We had a chance to reflect on how we saw ourselves and a chance to pray for each other and affirm each person's good qualities. We left on Sunday, silkworms (to represent change) in tow, having made stronger Catholic bonds.



Our fabulous LifeTeeners on camp at Dawn View Christian Camp.

Wondrous Women

The recent Wondrous Women day held at St Dominic's on 19 August was developed and co-ordinated by Debra Martin around the theme of 'The Four Seasons'.

Speakers on the day were Sr Lucas from Mariannahill on Spring, Ingrid Edwards on Summer, Pauline Rosseau on Autumn and Marcia de Klerk on Winter, with Lucretia Edwards as Master of Ceremonies. Beautiful flowers for each season were arranged by master floral artist Helen Bellew of our parish. Below are some pics from this special day.



Debra Martin with Sr Lucas from Mariannahill.



Helen Bellew with her arrangement depicting "Summer".

SSVP: Project Spotlight

Calling Young Mothers!

SSVP make up Baby Packs which we distribute to the new mothers in the Valley via Dawn Lappan at 1000

Send your news and views to Katia Sciocatti | 082 783 6396 | kebenedetti@gmail.com

Hills Community Helpers. We are also looking at helping the Mater Dei home in Inchanga.

If you have any **baby clothes for 0-3 months** which your baby has outgrown, we would really appreciate it if you passed them on to us. That includes baby blankets.

These items can be placed in the SSVP trolley at the entrance of the Church at mass times or handed to Linda in the office. The project is ongoing, so whenever you are ready to clear out your cupboards, please think of us. Many thanks in advance.

A Look behind the Scenes

Our church grounds and buildings look good, don't they? This is thanks to our dedicated maintenance committee, a group of very skilled 'young' men who quietly go about their ministry of ensuring we have beautifully maintained grounds to enjoy.

Here's a sneak peak of their 'to-do' list from last month. A huge thanks to Ian Matthews and his faithful crew for all the hard work they put in each week behind the scenes.

ST DOMS MAINTENANCE REPORT

AUG/SEPT 2017

Work Completed

- Painted pots and benches in the garden.
- Repaired cracks and damp areas around the men's toilet.
- Painted part of the walls around the men's toilet and the back of the church.
- Painted the rafters along the vestry and lady's toilet roof.
- Repaired a chair for Fr John.
- Fitted a barrel bolt on the inside of the door leading into the vestry.
- Removed, sanded, stained and replaced wooden doors at the main entrance to the church.
- Secured loffelsteins that were collapsing at the back of Fr John's vegetable garden.
- Treated trees for ants.

Work in Progress

- Complete the painting of the walls around the men's toilet area.
- Finish staining and varnishing the wooden doors at the main entrance to the church.
- Re-Varnish some windows in the Meeting Place.
- Re-Varnish the main doors leading in to the Meeting Place.
- Cut up the old braai so it can be moved.

Work Planned

- Clean and paint the fibre sheets on top of the church roof.
- Paint the outside walls of the church once the choir alteration is done.
- Install the safety glass windows in to the hall way doors.
- Fit pads to the legs of the pews to eliminate scratching of the church floor.
- Look at ways to re-varnish the wooden ceiling inside the church.



'The Hills' Retirement EXPO

The Hills Retirement Community (old Kloof Rest Home) has identified a need for advice and knowledge in the retiring community. To this end they have decided to host the first retirement EXPO in the upper Highway area.

The Hills Retirement Community are hosting this informative day at **St Agnes Anglican Church** (53 Abelia Rd, Kloof) on **21 October**. Doors open at **9:00** and free tea and refreshments will be served.

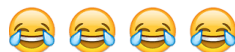
There will be a number of tables with retirement and health-related companies attending, where you can ask questions and get advice and assistance. Throughout the morning there will be talks on relevant topics. These include: Professor Lund talking on Dementia, Margaret McCullough speaking on living wills and our own parishioner, Sister Hilary Davis, speaking on the aging process.

The morning ends at **12:00** and will be followed by open afternoons at all the villages commencing at **14:00**. Visitors will be welcomed by residents who will be able to answer questions and give them a tour of some homes.

So whether retirement is a while away for you, or if you have already retired, or mom and dad are nearly there, or if maybe you need options regarding assistance and care, come and wander around the Expo freely and equip yourself with the most valuable tool – *knowledge!*

Whatever your future holds the one definite is change; there is no need to bury your head in the sand and pretend you won't get older. An informed decision is always the easiest one to make.

Entry to the EXPO is free.



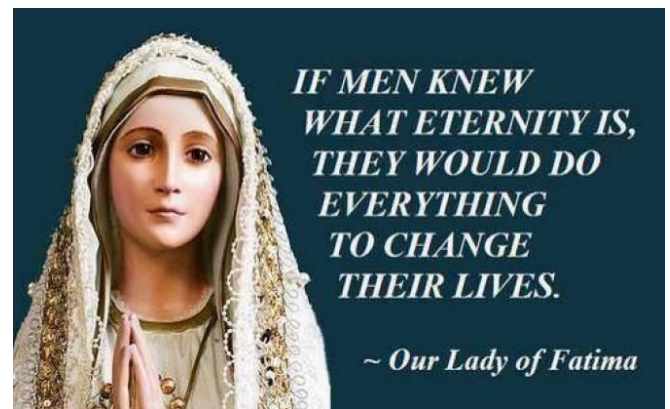
(Courtesy: Mike Buckle)

Rotary Open Gardens

As many of you are aware, the Rotary Annes hold Open Gardens every year in October. This year, **Sue and Jim Carmody's** garden has been chosen to be one of the five beautiful gardens on show... congratulations!

Their garden is in Roosevelt Road, Winston Park, directly opposite the Fulton School for the Deaf where Rotary has conveniently arranged for the Tea Garden and parking to be.

Open Gardens will be held on **14 and 15 October**. Follow the local press over the next few weeks for more details.



House to let

Recently renovated with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and double garage in a small complex in Gillitts. Contact Nina Mitchell at 082 716 2545.

The Last Laugh

At Sunday School they were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said:

"Johnny, what is the matter?"

Johnny responded:

"I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

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Date	Time	Event
October 2017		
Sun, 1 October	08h00	Tea hosted by: SSVP
Mon, 2 October	17h30	SSVP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Tues, 3 October	10h00	Faith Alive
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Wed, 4 October	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Ladies' Guild meeting
Fri, 6 October	18h30	St Vincent de Paul 100 Club Draw – Bring & share supper
Sat, 7 October	08h00	Holy Mass and Rosary – For those writing end-year exams
Sun, 8 October	08h00	Blessing of our pets Tea hosted by: Rose & Rodney Carr
	10h15	Hillcrest Government Hospital – Spiritual Life Committee on duty. All parishioners are most welcome to assist
Mon, 9 October	18h00	Choir practice
	18h00	Bible Study
Tues, 10 October	10h00	Tuesday Forum
	15h30	Catechism Term 4 starts
	18h00	Social Life Committee meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Wed, 11 October	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
Thurs, 12 October	18h00	RCIA
Fri, 13 October	16h00	Centring prayer group meets
	17h30	Edge Term 4 starts
Sun, 15 October	08h00	Confirmation Tea will be served after mass. All welcome to join.
Mon, 16 October	17h30	SSVP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Tues, 17 October	18h30	Folk Group practice
Wed, 18 October	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	PPC meeting
Thurs, 19 October	18h00	RCIA
Sun, 22 October	08h00	Tea hosted by: Gaby & Colleen Maitre
	18h30	LifeTeen Term 4 starts
Mon, 23 October	18h00	Choir practice
	18h00	Bible Study
Tues, 24 October	18h30	Folk Group practice
Wed, 25 October	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Spiritual Life Committee meeting
Thurs, 16 October	18h00	RCIA
Fri, 27 October	16h00	Centring prayer group meets
Sat, 28 October	07h30	SSVP packing – All parishioners are most welcome to assist
	09h00	Community Services Committee meeting
Sun, 29 October	08h00	Tea hosted by: Pat & John Daly