

# The St Dom Chronicle

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

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**December:** Michael Ainsworth, Harvey Ainsworth, Kathleen Askew, Tristan Baker, Chantal Basson, Maria Bertacco, Bhekisisa Bhengu, Mia Borrageiro, Kathleen Borrageiro, Julie Boyce, Alastair Bruce-Brand, Michael Cahill, Ashley Cameron, Patty Campbell, Teresa Caneparo, Rose Carr, Noel Chelin, Guilene Colarossi, Siena Corbella, Patricia Daly, Kristen Davis, Clive Diffenthal, Kyle Dos Santos, Melanie Edley, Rolf Fagelund-Gjersoe, Riley Fitzsimons, Bailey Flanagan, Sybil Forbay, Albert Funga, Jason Halstead, Kelli Hart, Gavin Hartwig, Brian Hawkesworth, Ilda Healy, Craig Heydenrych, Braden Hill, Catia Holdsworth, Kevin Holdsworth, Joanne Holt, Kerri Hunt, Yvette Joubert, Yvette Joubert, Jan Kalinowski, Isabella Kelly, Khayelihle Khuzwayo, Lynne King, Michael Kloppers, Isabella Krauspe, Sue Kuhnert, Brian Kuhnert, Nicole Latimer, Gaby Maitre, Mabutwe Makhaye, Alexis Malcolm-Smith, Thelma Manden, Luigina Manfron, Pamela Marais, Debra Martin, Kirsty McKenzie, Jason McKenzie, Sinegugu Mfeka, Margaret Mignot, Isabella Milburn, Anna Milburn, Stuart Millar, Azisani Miya, Busa Mkhize, Maurizio Moretti, Serena Moretti, Guy Moustache, Siphelile Mpanza, David Mpanza, Tshedimosetso Mphuthi, Mohale Mphuthi, Hannelize Munro, Nathan Murrin, Busisiwe Ndlovu, Lindy Ann Neville, Joan Nicol, Paige Nothnagel, Shannon Oliver, Anita Peens, Mary Phillips, John Powell, Diego Quintal, Paula Quintal, Troy Roper, Pauline Rosseau, Robert Rouessart, Alan Russell, Doug Russell, Alexander Rutkiewicz, Dennis Stone,

William Strachan, Gaynor Swanepoel, Andrew Taylor, Rodney Tedder, Sabrina Thompson, Keith Thompson, Marion Townsend, Raymond Turner, Carol Turner, Martin Van Musschenbroek, Carmen Van Vuuren, Sarah Weyer, Mondli Zama

**January:** Sarah Agar, Francesco Benedetti, Maria Birkby, Luca Borrageiro, Josephine Botha, Mackala Boyce, Denise Brough, Arina Cahill, Nicole Chelin, Angela Chelin, Gorete Cipriano, Paula Cobbledick, Stephanie Colarossi, Stuart Collett, Alaine Crawford, Emily Cunha, John Daly, Craig Davis, Rory De Fleuriot, Ursula De Segrais, Murray Dorrofield, Robert Du Plessis, Elizabeth Fenner, Robert Fenner, Ruben Finch, Kian Fitzsimons, Thea Fuhner, Robert Galway, Siobhan Gai-Minietti, Eva Goncalves, Marlene Goncalves, John Goncalves, Dean Gregson, Imelda Haarhoff, Barry Haarhoff, Theresa Hawkesworth, Allan Herbst, Jaime-John Hughes, Doris Jones, Mark Kedian, David Kelly, Kyle Koenig, Marcel Kohler, Deirdre Kroone, Nomaswazi Kunene, Susan Kuzwayo, Nicole Lang, Veronica Latumbo, William Lloyd-Warren, Mason Mamotte, Sarah Marais, Scarlett Marx, Vincent Metzger, Nompumelelo Meyiwa, Reese Minnitt, Nina Mitchell, Joshua Moore, Montsho Mphuthi, Clifford Munro, Samantha Naude, Alwyn Neal, Mary Nel, Nicholas Neville, Phiwe Ngcobo, Siobhan O'Brien, Vincent O'Connor, Beverley Olivier, Calla Palmer, Joan Perkins, Gravin Phyfer, John Purcell, Richard Quintal, Gabriel Reddy, Katelyn Richardson, Guy Rider, Antonio Schillaci, Calem Schulz, Charne Schulz, Justin Sciocatti, Lesley Scott Martin, Irena Skibinski, Patricia Skinner, Isabel Snook, Jean Sparks, Patricia Swanepoel, Rhys Swart, Lucile Tierny, Patche Tigere, Andrew Velleman, Anna Voce, Samuel Wheatley, Trevor Williams, Bianca Wilson, Bryan Worst, Nandi Zwane.

**And happy birthday to dear Fr Brian!**

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

- 40th:** Bradley Kilmister and Thando Mncwabe  
**50th:** Benita Forbay, Innocentia Mkhize and Marcia Williams  
**60th:** Arnaldo Corbella  
**70th:** Timothy Wallace, John Gregory and Phillip Landsberg  
**80th:** Yvonne Moore  
**90th:** Nancy Swales and William Lloyd-Warren

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

- ✠ Anja Vogelsberger, Sylviane Lawrence, Caroline Ferriere, Anthony & Margaret Haskins and Colleen Wighton. We hope that you will enjoy being part of the St Dom's family.



- ✠ To all those involved in making the choir area extension possible: David Baker and Kate Waldburger for the architectural assistance towards the plan submissions; Mark Howard, Sarane Richard Coombes and Errol Forbay for their contributions toward the design of the space and Riccardo Colarossi for coming on board to build the extension in 2018.
- ✠ To Mike and Julie Ronald who have taken over the mammoth task of leading the LifeTeen programme in 2018. They are in the process of training a new Core team to lead our teenagers at Sunday night LifeTeen.
- ✠ To Cathrine Purcell for all her hard work heading up Catechism at St Dom's. Also thanks to the teachers – Mbali Makhaye, David Baker, Janet Turner and Giselle Koenig for their dedication, as well as others who assisted when needed, Bronwyn, Kate & Amy Swart and Zoë Purcell.
- ✠ To the Ladies' Guild for catering for and organising our delicious tea following the celebration of our children's First Holy Communion.
- ✠ To all those involved with the Golden Oldies Luncheon and in particular the Social Life committee who every year work so hard to make the event a success.
- ✠ SSVV wishes to thank Sue and Jim Carmody for their generous donation to the society. The funds were received from the Kloof Rotary Annes' Open

Gardens held recently, where Sue and Jim's garden was chosen to be on show.

- ✠ **From Bev Wortman:** "Thank you to all the St Dom's floral artists who have given so generously of their time and talent each week to enhance the mass with your beautiful arrangements; it is truly our gift from God. To all who have put their names forward for this year's stewardship, thank you! A special thank you also to Helen Bellew who gave us a demonstration on a "Basic church flower arrangement" and then ran a "hands-on" workshop for us all. Thank you Helen. It is our gift from God... let us nurture His beauty."



- ✠ To Philip Mabaso, who is celebrating his 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a Catechist. Forty-three of those years have been at St Dominic's. Thank you Philip for your incredible commitment to our parish and outstations.
- ✠ To Fr John who will be celebrating the anniversary of his ordination on 10 January.
- ✠ To Marco and Mariette Paulo, whose son, Luke Jorge Christian Paulo was recently baptised.
- ✠ To Innocent Ndlovu and Evenda Msweli, whose child Manna Ntando Ndlovu was recently baptised.
- ✠ To November's winners of the SSVV 100 Club draw: 1st prize: Lara Mellon; 2nd prize: Angela Chelin; 3rd prize: Sabrina Thompson.
- ✠ To the following children (and their parents!) who achieved 100% attendance during the 4th term.

### **Catechism:**

Camilla and Luca Alunni, Georgia Baker, Sam Baker, Tristan Baker, Mia Baker, Jamie and Tyler Boyce, Julia Cameron, Matthew Ebsworth, Caitlin Heydenrych, Tamsyn Howard, Khayelihle Khuzwayo, Grace Koenig, Nicolas Kohler, Evelyn Kuster, Asia Marx, Isabella and Olivia Milburn, Claire Miller, Kuhle and Kwenzo Mncwabe, Kate Palmer, Keegan Peters, Luke and Pia Purcell, Luke and Jenna Ramlakan, Brayden Ramnath, Olivia Russel, William Strachan, Benjamin and Chloe Turner, Thomas and Samuel Wheatley, Ziphozethu Yende, Mashiza Zama and Manzini Zungu.

**Edge:**

Caroline Sparks

**A special mention must be made of the following children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole year:**

**Catechism:**

Luca Alunni, Kuhle and Kwenzo Mncwabe, Julia Cameron, Grace Koenig, and Brayden Ramnath.

**LifeTeen:**

Joshua Cameron

**Confirmation:**

Dylan Roper

*Best Wishes*

- ✠ To Pam and Dave Marais, who are relocating to East London. The Marais have been in the parish for 47 years and during that time were actively involved, with Dave serving on the PPC, as a member and as Chairman for many years. Pam was a founder member of Ladies' Guild and was a counter. St Dominic's owes you both a great debt of gratitude for your contribution to our parish, and we wish you all the best in your new home.

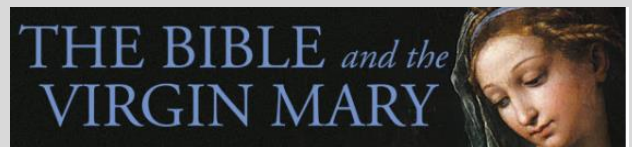
**Our sincerest condolences go to:**

- ✠ Marie-Olga, Matthew and Debra Martin on the passing of husband and father, Desmond.

**On the Liturgical Front**

- ✠ The mass intention for the 8.00am mass on **Saturday, 2 December** was for the safety of all those who will be travelling over the Christmas holiday period. Please keep all our travelling parishioners in your prayers over the festive season.
- ✠ Our Christmas penitential service will be held on **Tuesday, 5 December** at 6pm.
- ✠ **Friday, 8 December** is the day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Mass will be at the usual time of 5.30pm.
- ✠ Our traditional Pie and Sherry evening will be on **Sunday, 10 December** following the 5pm mass, where the catechism children will be putting on a nativity play. Please show your support for our children and parishioners are requested to bring their own mince pies and sherry.

- ✠ With **Christmas Eve** falling on a Sunday this year, the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** will be celebrated at the 8am mass on **24 December** only. There will be no 5pm mass that day, as our **Christmas Vigil** celebration will commence at **7.30pm** with a carol service, followed by the **Vigil mass at 8pm**.
- ✠ Christmas morning mass on **Monday, 25 December** will be at 8am. There will be no 5pm evening mass on Christmas Day.
- ✠ **Sunday, 31 December** is the Feast of the Holy Family. Mass will be at the usual times of 8am and 5pm.
- ✠ **Monday, 1 January 2018** is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at 9am.
- ✠ The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on **Sunday, 7 January 2018**.



**Reclaim Your Advent with  
'The Bible and the Virgin Mary'**

Advent can be stressful for many reasons, but it should be about preparation: Advent is our chance to prepare for Jesus' arrival at Christmas.

This Advent, make time to grow in your faith—to ready your hearts for the arrival of our Lord and Saviour. And who better to prepare with than Mary?

Join host Matthew Leonard as he leads you through this beautiful study that examines the biblical basis for everything Catholics believe about Mary.

The free online study begins on **December 3, 2017** and will continue through to the end of the year.

Register online at <https://stpaulcenter.com/>





## **Catechism, Edge and LifeTeen What, when & how in 2018!**

### **Catechism**

The new catechism year will start on **Tuesday, 23 January 2018**. Please note that the times for catechism will change to 16.00 – 17.00.



Edge is a Catholic youth ministry programme. It provides a safe, fun place for senior primary children to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. The resources we subscribe to present Catholic teaching in a way that young people can understand. Edge answers the needs of this age group in a catechetical, fun, and relevant way and provides a foundation for LifeTeen.

At St Dominic's, the Edge programme is for children in Grades 5 to 7. From January 2018, Edge will move to the same time as catechism i.e. Tuesday 16.00 –17.00, and will also start on **Tuesday, 23 January 2018**.



Life Teen strengthens our teens' Catholic identity, while rooting them firmly in Christ and in His Church.

It is a three-year programme leading up to Confirmation in the fourth year. All teenagers from Grade 8 to 10 should attend.

In 2018 LifeTeen will remain on a Sunday after Mass from 18h30 to 20h00. All teens taking part in the programme are encouraged to attend Holy Mass on Sunday evenings at 17h00. The new year will start on **Sunday, 21 January 2018**.

## **SSVP: Project Spotlight**

### **Visit to the Mater Dei House and Hospice**

Nine of our SSVP members visited the Mater Dei House in Inchanga where we delivered packs of clothing for the new-born babies. Sibongeli warmly

welcomed us and showed us around the property. We met a couple of the young mothers and babies and mothers-to-be.

We then went on to visit the hospice section to greet some of the patients. We found that the hospice is in need of mattresses, which we are looking into. We also hope to supply the hospice section and the expecting mothers with toiletry packs.



Left to right: Mary Henderson, Sibongeli (Faith), Norma Shepstone, Gina Swart, Helen Bellew, Nina Mitchell, Rolf Kuster, Marilyn Daly and Ellen McConnell, alongside a Sister and new mothers.

## *This Christmas...*



## **Help send our youth to World Youth Day 2019!**



Luke Davis and Ntombifuthi Msibi are selling tickets for an exquisite Christmas Hamper worth R2200 to raise funds for their trip to attend World Youth Day in Panama City. Tickets cost just R10 and the raffle will be drawn at the Pie and Sherry evening on 10 December.

**Show them your support!**

### Oh Christmas Tree!



**Did you know?** The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolised Christ, the Light of the world. According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

In the home the Christmas tree may be blessed by a parent or another family member, in connection with the evening meal on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time on Christmas Day.

#### St Dom's Supper Club

The Spiritual Life Committee will be hosting another movie evening on:

**Friday, 26 January 2018**

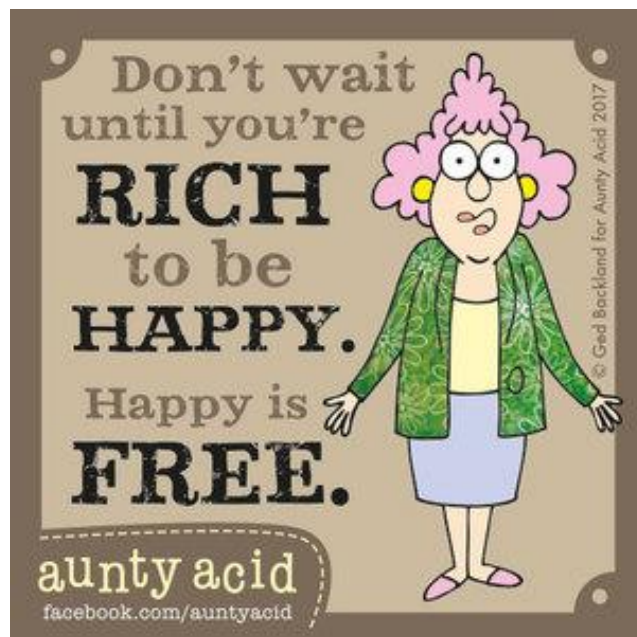
**6pm**

**St Dominic's Parish Hall**

Please bring a plate of eats and drinks to bring and share. The movie to be screened will be announced in the bulletin closer to the time.

#### Wanted!

A request has been made for a donation of a second-hand, working TV. If you can help, please contact Robynne Lott on 084 510 4797 for more details.



#### *The Last Laugh... Christmas edition*

Many years ago a Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg was stranded late one night at a fashionable resort – one that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked down at his book and said, "Sorry, no room. The hotel is full."

The Jewish lady said, "But your sign says that you have vacancies."

The desk clerk stammered and then said curtly, "You know that we do not admit Jews. Now if you will try the other side of town..."

Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened noticeably and said, "I'll have you know I converted to your religion."

The desk clerk said, "Oh yeah? Let me give you a little test. How was Jesus born?"

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem."

"Very good," replied the hotel clerk. "Tell me more."









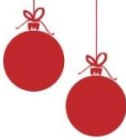


Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born in a manger."

"That's right," said the hotel clerk. "And why was he born in a manger?"

Mrs. Rosenberg said loudly, "Because a jerk like you in the hotel wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night!"



## Kindness Advent Calendar 2017

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  | Sunday  |
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|                 |    |    |    | <b>1</b><br>Hold the door for someone   | <b>2</b><br>Do someone else's chore   | <b>3</b><br>Donate food to SSSP   |
| <b>4</b><br>Put a kind message on a stranger's car   | <b>5</b><br>Give someone an unexpected hug  | <b>6</b><br>Send a REAL Christmas card to a loved one                               | <b>7</b><br>Donate food to an animal welfare association                              | <b>8</b><br>Donate books to your library  | <b>9</b><br>Take biscuits to the police station                                       | <b>10</b><br>Visit an old age home  |
| <b>11</b><br>Drop a few R5 coins for people to find at the shopping centre                       | <b>12</b><br>Compliment at least 3 people today                                     | <b>13</b><br>Make a special effort to smile to everyone you meet today              | <b>14</b><br>Donate toys to an orphanage  | <b>15</b><br>Buy the supermarket cashier a bar of chocolate                           | <b>16</b><br>Babysit for someone who needs a break                                    | <b>17</b><br>Bake something delicious for a relative                                  |
| <b>18</b><br>Take biscuits to the fire station   | <b>19</b><br>Tell others what a good job they're doing                              | <b>20</b><br>Be kind to yourself today  | <b>21</b><br>Pick up litter   | <b>22</b><br>Make someone laugh   | <b>23</b><br>Go for a walk with your family   | <b>24</b><br>Tell 3 people Jesus loves them!  |
| <b>25</b><br> |  |  |  |  |  |  |