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(Courtesy: Mike Buckle)

Happy birthday to all parishioners born in

February

Dennis Anderson, Byron Baxendale-Small, Antonio Bertacco, Anne Brennan, Colleen Burn, Adam Cahill, Michael Cameron, Anna Carlier, Rodney Carr, Remigius Chapanduka, Elaine Cheesman, Tiago Cipriano, Malcolm Cobbedick, Shaun Coetzee, Kate Collett, Michelle Collett, Kevin Collett, Sarah Coombe, Hilda Coombe, David Coombe, Kirsten Cunha, Luiz Cunha, Thomas Daniels, George de Charmoy, Tiago De Sousa, Robert Embleton, Diana Funga, Dario-John Gai-Minietti, Karin Gigante, Andrew Glenn, Patricia Gregory, Robert Gregson, Lynn Halstead, Margaret Haskins, Laura Hayes Foley, Zac Hickman, Leanne Hikins, Megan Hoar, Mikaela Howard, Mark Howard, Estelle Hughes, Shawn Hughes, Precious Ikedi, Katie Impey, Lisa Impey, Luke Janus, Krystyna Kalinowski, Mizpah Kelly, Antony Kerdachi, Jonathan Kilmister, Joyce King, Jeremy Kriek, Terry Leeson, Anais Lim, Douglas Loubser-Goldblatt, Mbali Makhaye, Ashley Malcolm-Smith, Marie-Olga Martin, Ursula McDonald, Lynn McKenzie, Meghan Metzger, Abigail Metzger, Mpilo Mfeka, Paul Milburn, Nkanyiso Mkhize, Ntombifuthi Motha, Nicholas Nel, Jessica O'Brien, Jessica O'Flaherty, Harry Ogilby, Caitlyn Oliver, Maryanne Oliver, Megan Palmer, Harvey Patterson, Rebecca Peters, Lindy Phyfer, Renee Poole, Leonard Raymakers, Terique Reddy, Jessica Rogers, Tracey Rooi, Dieter Schauerte, Bernadette Schauerte, Marcia Schillaci, Troye Schulz,

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Eileen Sharp, Paul Sims, Greg Smith, Paul Snook, Bradley Sparks, Wilfred Sparks, Samuel Strachan, Aimee Swart, Dick Thyssen, Cynthia Tigere, Jeremy Townsend, Chantelle Velleman, Anja Vogelsberger, Valerie Willems, Brenda Winn and Mandiza Zama

And celebrating their milestone birthdays are:

50th: Debbie Rogers and Sandra Reddy

60th: Sonya Rougier Lagane

70th: Jean Matthews and Mike Buckle

80th: Marie-Louise Lombard and Lenize Coughlan

Congratulations also to Caterina Antoniotti who celebrates her 101st birthday this month!



✠ To the following new parishioners: Averil Spiers, Sthembiso & Candice Thabethe, Noeline Cloete, Peter & Sandra Van Heerden, Johan & Tiffany van der Linde and family. We hope you will enjoy being part of the St Dom's family.



✠ To Mike Ronald and Pauline Rosseau for running our Advent workshop, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

✠ To all parishioners who supported Luke Davis and Ntombifuthi Msibi's Christmas raffle. They managed to raise a whopping R9,400 which will go towards funding their trip to the next year's

World Youth Day. Congratulations also to Madge Ebsworth who was the lucky winner.

- ✠ To everyone who helped make our Christmas liturgies as beautiful as they were. From the altar servers to the music groups and everyone in between, your hard work and commitment behind the scenes it what makes these special celebrations memorable and spiritual. Thank you!
- ✠ To Jenny Smith and her helpers for directing a lovely nativity play and to all who attended and brought eats for our pie and sherry evening.
- ✠ To all parishioners who so kindly participated in the SSVP money cans drive. Please return your cans to Linda at the office, or they can be placed in the SSVP basket before Mass.
- ✠ To the Edge children who helped with the SSVP food parcel packing at the end of November.
- ✠ To Mike Ronald for addressing us last weekend on our catechetical programme and what we as a parish can do to ensure our children grow in the faith and feel included in our community.
- ✠ To all our teachers who were commissioned last weekend. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. We wish you all the best for the coming catechetical year.

To Fr John and the parishioners of St Dominic's...

On the 15th December 2017, after having been in St Dom's for 47 years, Pam and I moved to East London to live with our daughter Sharon and her husband Toby, possibly for the final years of our lives.

We have no doubt we will be very happy in our new home but at the same time it has been a wrench to leave a parish in which we have spent most of our lives and in which we have been so happy.

St Dominic's is such a special parish and perhaps we are a little biased when we compare it to other parishes we have visited, but we truly believe God has shown great favour to St Dom's. Just look at the wonderful priests we have had, even one with an Irish temper, a thunderstorm one moment and clear blue skies the next, nevertheless such a humane and loveable priest.

And then people of such great talent who give the benefit of their talent to our church. The flower arrangements are stunningly beautiful, the music and everyone else who helps to make the services run so smoothly and of course our cheerful and lovely priest, Father John.

Then of course there are those who give so much of their time and talent often unnoticed but have such great impact on the smooth running and physical and spiritual well-being of the parish.

Yes we believe God has truly blessed St Dom's and may He continue to do so always.

At our farewell, Father John presented us with a

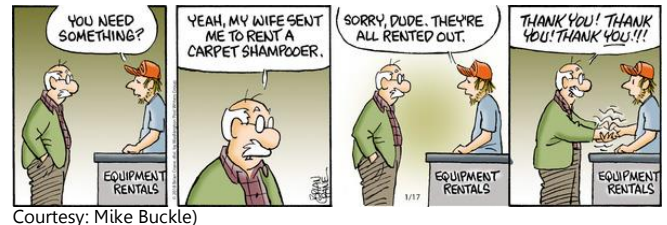
farewell gift from the parish.

Pam and I wish to thank all at St Dom's for your generous gift but more than that, thank you so much for your friendship.

St Dom's will always be in our prayers and thoughts.

May God's blessing be with you always.

Pam and Dave Marais



- ✠ To John and Cathrine Purcell on the birth of their first grandson, Mason John Oosthuizen, who was born recently in the UK and to mom and dad, Danielle and Grant Oosthuizen.
- ✠ To Jan and Krystyna Kalinowski on the birth of their granddaughter, Alexa Lang, also born recently in the UK to Ali and Wesley Lang.
- ✠ To our newest married couple, Sean Lategan and Taylor Smith, and to proud mother and mother-in-law, Corrinne Lategan.
- ✠ To Morne and Sarah Weyer, whose daughter Hannah was recently baptised.
- ✠ To January's SSVP 100 Club Draw winners. 1st prize: Vincent and Hazel Lawe; 2nd prize: Stewart Jennings; 3rd prize Dick Thyssen.
- ✠ To Lara Mellon, who participated at the KZNSA Annual Member's Exhibition and was awarded third prize for her mixed-media picture postcards entitled "Land Disrupted".



Two beautiful pieces from Lara's postcard collection.



- ✚ To Fr John who will be enjoying a well-deserved period of leave from 17 – 24 February. Enjoy the break Father! Thank you to Fr Brian, who will be standing in to celebrate Mass for us over this time.
- ✚ To Brent and Karla Minnitt, and their daughters, Reese and Haylee, who have emigrated to New Zealand. Wishing you all the very best in your new home.

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

- ✚ To Doug Paul, Robynne Lott, Brent & Karla Minnitt, Cuan & Jen Lott and Derryn Lott for the loss of beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Betty Paul. Betty's absence will be sorely felt by all who knew her at St Dominic's.
- ✚ To the family and friends of Mary Bond who also passed away recently.
- ✚ It is with sadness that we also announce the passing of Heather Arbuckle. May her soul rest in peace.



On the Liturgical Front

- ✚ The intention for the 8.00am Mass and rosary on **Saturday, 3 February** is for a true conversion of hearts during our season of Lent.

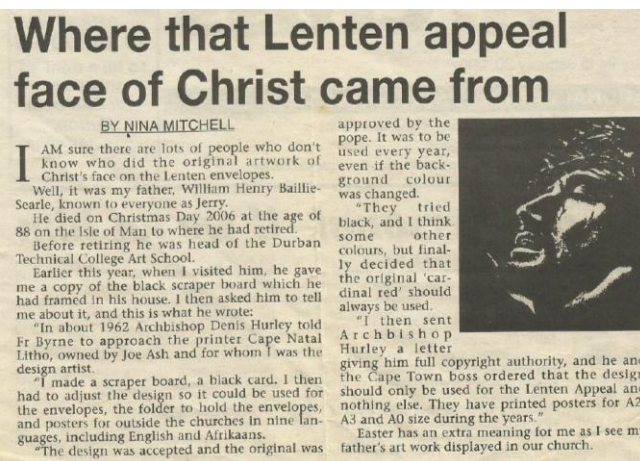
✚ A reminder that adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays has been put on hold until the extension of the new choir area has been completed. This will take approximately 4 to 6 weeks. Thank you for your patience and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. We are looking forward to having a lovely new area dedicated to our music ministry.

✚ **14 February 2018 is Ash Wednesday**, which marks the start of Lent. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 6pm on that day, where ashes will be distributed. Parishioners are asked to please bring last year's palms back **the weekend before Lent starts**, i.e. on 10 & 11 February. These will be prepared and turned into the ashes before Ash Wednesday. A reminder too that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

✚ **Stations of the Cross** will take place every Friday during Lent, starting on Friday, 16 February. Stations will commence at 5.30pm and will be followed by holy Mass.

Did You Know?...

... That the original scraper board drawing of the face of Christ found on our Lenten Appeal envelopes was done by the father of one of our very own parishioners? Here's the article that Nina Mitchell submitted to the Southern Cross shortly after her father's death. A remarkable story!



Bible Study Series – All Welcome!

A new bible study series commenced on 22 January entitled "The Great Adventure" by Geoff Cavins. It covers a full study of the Bible and meetings are held twice a month.

Contact Jan Kalinowski on 083 235 7766 for more information.



Faith Alive | 13 February 2018

Our new series of Faith Alive will commence this month. Please watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more details.



Shrove Tuesday | 13 February 2018

St Dominic's Parish Hall & Paddock
From 5.30pm

Come along to enjoy some delicious pancakes and fillings before the start of this year's Lenten season. Tickets will go on sale from 5.30pm, with the pancakes served shortly after.

Prices are as follows:

- ✚ **Savoury:** mince, chicken or vegetarian R15
- ✚ **Sweet:** with ice cream R10
- ✚ **Sweet:** with cinnamon and sugar R5



Bacon & Egg Rolls on Sale | 18 February 2018

Outside The Meeting Place
After 8am Mass

The Community Services Committee will once again be selling their delicious bacon and egg rolls to raise fund for their various projects.



Dates for our regular monthly events are as follows:

Fri, 2 February at 6.30pm: SSVP 100 Club Draw. Come along with a plate of eats to share in what is always a very enjoyable evening.

Sun, 11 February at 10.15am: Hillcrest Government Hospital chapel duty. Parishioners are needed once a month to help wheel patients to the chapel.

Sat, 24 February at 7.30am: SSVP food parcel packing. All are welcome to assist!

✚ SSVP is appealing for baby clothes of all sizes, but especially new born baby items. These will then be handed over to new moms in need.

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who have already donated to the cause.

- ✚ SSVP also welcomes any of the following foods:
 - Tins of baked beans
 - Fish
 - Smooth apricot jam
 - Mixed fruit jam
 - Macaroni
 - 500g table salt
 - Packs of 100 tea bags
 - **Plastic** jars of peanut butter

Are you in need of prayer?

"It is my wish then, that in every place the people should pray, lifting up holy hands [...]"
1 Timothy 2:8

The members of the **St Dominic's prayer chain** are a dedicated group of people who pray for parishioners' intentions.

All prayer requests are kept in strictest confidence and only shared with the members of the group. The name of the person requiring prayer may be withheld if you wish, but the more information the members have, the better their petition will be on your behalf.

Should you require prayer for yourself, family members or friends, please contact Dev Rider on 031 765 2660 or rider2@worldonline.co.za.

Events to Diarise

Tuesday Forum | 06 February 2018

St Dominic's Parish Hall
10am

The speaker at our first quarterly forum of the year will be Dr Rosanne Symon, a passionate medical doctor and humanitarian. She has gone on missions to various disaster and war-torn areas such as Syria and Brazzaville, Congo, and has worked with organisations including Air Mercy Services and the South African NGO, Gift of the Givers.



Join the St Dom's Walkers

A group of parishioners have for a number of years now been meeting every Saturday morning to walk around our area.

Young and 'not so young' of any fitness level are welcome to join this fun group. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send your name and number to Robynne Lott on lotts@telkomsa.net, who will keep you informed of the starting point each week.

Food for thought...

An interview with Rick Warren, author of the best-selling book 'The Purpose Driven Life'.

"People ask me, What is the purpose of life? And I respond: In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. We were made to last forever, and God wants us to be with Him in Heaven.

One day my heart is going to stop, and that will be the end of my body – but not the end of me. I may live 60 to 100 years on earth, but I am going to spend trillions of years in eternity. This is the warm-up act – the dress rehearsal.

God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity. We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense.

Life is a series of problems: Either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into another one. The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort. God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy. We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life. The goal is to grow in character, in Christ likeness.

[...]

I used to think that life was hills and valleys - you go through a dark time, then you go to the mountaintop, back and forth. I don't believe that anymore. Rather than life being hills and valleys, I believe that it's kind of like two rails on a railroad track, and at all times you have something good and something bad in your life. No matter how good things are in your life, there is always something bad that needs to be worked on. And no matter how bad things are in your life, there is always something good you can thank God for.

You can focus on your purposes, or you can focus on your problems. If you focus on your problems, you're going into self-centeredness, "which is my problem, my issues, my pain." But one of the easiest

ways to get rid of pain is to get your focus off yourself and onto God and others.

[...]

We need to ask ourselves: Am I going to live for possessions? Popularity? Am I going to be driven by pressures? Guilt? Bitterness? Materialism? Or am I going to be driven by God's purposes (for my life)?

When I get up in the morning, I sit on the side of my bed and say, God, if I don't get anything else done today, I want to know You more and love You better ...

God didn't put me on earth just to fulfil a to-do list. He's more interested in what I am than what I do. That's why we're called human beings, not human doings.

Happy moments, PRAISE GOD.

Difficult moments, SEEK GOD.

Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD.

Painful moments, TRUST GOD.

Every moment, THANK GOD."



The Last Laugh...

Dedicated to our supermoms and superdads... the struggle is real!

