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Happy birthday to all parishioners born in



Peter Appleby, Clarke Balie, Aidan Baxendale-Small, Evelyn Bissett, Tyler-Ann Boyce, Gerry Brandjes, Karl Breinhorst, John Brennan, Brett Campbell, Isabel Clayton, David Coleman, Joan Conradie, Stefano Corbella, Luke Davis, Hilary Davis, Michael de Vos, Pauline Dempsey, Nomusa Dhlamini, Jonathan Divall, Paulo Dos Santos, Zanobuhle Duma, NKhanyiso Duma, Trevor Edley, Mbali Ferrandino, Taryn Flanagan, Rudolf Goemans, Tracey Gregson, Caitlin Heydenrych, Peter Hockey, Kyle Howard, Juan Impey, Charmaine Isaacs, Caroline Jarvis, Corinne Johnson, Taylor Jones, Kim Jones, Tosca Jones, Steve Kavanagh, Ruby-Rose Kelly, Sandra Kihn, Alvin King, Migien Knight, Robert Koenig, Matthew Kohler, Desmond Kunene, Megan Loots, Jennifer Lott, Yvonne Lovie, Sybille Macfarlane, Friedrich Manegold, David Marais, Jacob Marx, Asia Marx, Cynthia Mazoue, Nicholas Merle, Thabisile Mfeka, Luke Midgley, Thembelani Miya, Moira Moody, Norma Moore, Thabo Msomi, Nikieta Naicker, Cally Naude, James Neville, Kevin O'Brien, James Ogilby, Kate Palmer, 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, Dawn Tedder, Sthembiso Thabethe, Rhoda Thomson, Marco Tivers, Michelle Van Lieshout, Keegan Van Vuuren, Peter Van Wyk, Harrison Vaughan, Ryan Vaughan, Matthew Watson, Thomas Wheatley, Colleen Wighton, Peter Winn, Akwande Yende.

And celebrating their milestone birthdays are:

- 40th: Andrew Miller and Batlile Mphuthi
- 50th: Dario De Almeida
- 60th: Gerard Metzger and Beryl Turner
- 80th: Clement Cheesman

And a very special happy birthday to

Evelyn Carr

who turns 100 this month!



- ✠ To the following new parishioners: Brenda Morris and Thamsanqa & Sylvia Mohlomi and family. We hope you will enjoy being part of the St Dom's family.



- ✠ To Franco Colarossi for his donation of two sets of burglar guards which have been placed on the property.
- ✠ To Wayne Redman who has taken on the role of Catechetics Coordinator in our parish. We wish him all the best in this important role.
- ✠ From Dave and Madge Ebsworth, to all parishioners who provided them with support, love and prayers following Dave's recent operation.

✠ From Gail White: "Heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported me during my recent operation and subsequent radiation treatment. Your love, prayers and concern meant so much to me. It certainly put me well on the road to recovery. God bless you all."

✠ Luke Davis and Ntombi Msibi would like to thank everyone who came to their "**Swinging through the 60's**" night. It was very well supported and great fun was had by all. Thank you to everyone who worked and those who made donations. Who knew St Dom's could party like that – what a night to remember!

✠ A message from SSVP on the recent **Winter Warmth Project**:

"We would like to thank everyone who so kindly knitted beanies and bed-socks, plus all the lovely knitted jerseys. Also a big thank you for all the used jerseys and other blankets donated.

A special thanks to Ronny Wallace for converting the knitted squares we accumulated into beautiful blankets. These items were sorted and packed and have been distributed to our various centres in the valley.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted in the sorting and packing.

A big thank you to Helen Bellew for being the leader and co-ordinator of the Winter Warmth Project."



The SSVP packing and sorting the donated beanies and bed-socks.



Mary Henderson and Helen Bellew with the generous supply of blankets.



✠ To Garren and Ashlee Holdsworth, whose son Oliver was recently baptised. Congratulations too to proud grandparents Catia and Kevin Holdsworth.

✠ To Ingrid and Gary Edwards, whose granddaughter, Sienna Rose, was recently baptised, daughter of Steven and Caryn Edwards.

✠ To the winners of June's SSVP 100 Club Draw: 1st prize: Alex Henderson; 2nd prize: Lara Mellon; 3rd prize: Hennialize Munro.

✠ To the following Catechism children for obtaining 100% attendance for Terms 1 and 2 combined:

Catechism: Georgia Baker, Tristan Baker, Matthew Ebsworth, Khayelihle Khuzwayo, Kate Miller, Matthew Msani, Olivia Russell, Samuel Strachan & Mashiza Zama.

Edge: Julia Cameron, Daniel Joubert & William Strachan.

LifeTeen: Ciara Butt & Emma Divall.

Confirmation: Tayla Kavanaugh & Nkanyiso Mkhize.



✠ To Ursula De Segrais, who will be moving to Amanzimtoti at the end of the month. We wish her all the best in her new home.



✠ To Anne Marie Sparks, whose mother passed away recently.

✠ To Sue Cameron, whose mother also passed away.

✠ To Elaine Hutt, on the passing of her mother, Val Danbrook

✠ It is with sadness that we announce the death of Denise Levy, as well as a former St Dom's parishioner, Edna Leo-Smith.

✠ We are so very saddened to announce the death of Allen Montile, a very active parishioner who was previously in charge of the Maintenance

Committee, as well as being a Knight of Da Gama. We will miss his ever-cheerful ways and convey our sincerest condolences to Allen's wife, Pam Montile.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

On the Liturgical Front

✠ On the second Friday of every month we will be introducing a **mass in isiZulu** at 5.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

✠ **St John Vianney Feast Day:** St Dom's will be hosting the Diocesan Priests' Feast Day this year on **Thursday, 2 August**. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm that day instead of the usual 9am and all parishioners are encouraged to attend this important occasion.

On the **weekend of 14/15 July** we will be having a second collection to help cover the costs of the catering. ±33 Diocesan priests will be staying for dinner after mass so please be generous with your donations as they will be a hungry bunch! ☺

✠ **St Dominic's and our Parish Feast Day** will be celebrated on **Sunday, 12 August** at the 8am mass.

St John Vianney Patron Saint of Parish Priests



Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, known as John in English, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France. John was raised in a Catholic home and the family often helped the poor. In 1790, when the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed priests were heroes.

At 13 years old, John made his first communion and prepared for his confirmation in secrecy. In 1802 however, the Catholic Church was re-established in France and religious freedom and

peace spread throughout the country.

Unfortunately, in 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. He had been studying as an ecclesiastical student, which was a protected title and would normally have exempted him from military services, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers. Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. As his troop continued, he stopped in at a church where he prayed. There he met a young man who volunteered to return him to his group, but instead led him deep into the mountains where military deserters met.

John lived with them for one year and two months. He used the name Jerome Vincent and opened a school for the nearby village of Les Noes' children.

John remained in Les Noes and hid when gendarmes came in search of deserters until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty.

Now free, John returned to Écully and resumed his ecclesiastic studies. He attended a minor seminary and was eventually ordained a priest in 1815.

When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. He spent 11 to 12 hours each day working to reconcile people with God. His fame spread until people began to travel to him. Over thirty years, it is said he received up to 20,000 pilgrims each year.

In 1859 he passed away and left behind a legacy of faith and was viewed as the champion of the poor.

On October 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Fr. Vianney as "venerable" and on January 8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him. St. John Vianney was canonized on May 31, 1925.

St. John Vianney would often say: *"Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire, it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that."*

His feast day is celebrated on 4 August and he is the patron saint of parish priests.

(Adapted from <https://www.catholic.org/>)

Ministry News

✠ Our next **'Seeker's Café'** session will be held on **Saturday, 14 July** at 8.00am. The topic covered

will be "The Meaning of Suffering: The Catholic View". A half-hour presentation will be followed by questions. All are welcome to attend.

✠ The Spiritual Life Committee will be holding a **Men's Day on 21 July**. Speakers are Fr Charles van Rensburg, Dr Stephen Carpenter, Fr Brian Southwood and Kevin Edwards and the talks will be based on the Four Seasons – Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter.

✠ Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are invited to join the **Catechism children in praying the Rosary every Tuesday during term time** at 4.20pm. We will be praying the Rosary for Our Lady's intercession that the lessons learnt may go from head knowledge to heart knowledge of God. This is a wonderful opportunity for our extended 'family' to pray together.

✠ The St Dom's **Ladies' Guild** is assisting KwaThintwa School for the Deaf with their Christmas Party, which is to take place early in December. KwaThintwa is a Catholic School in Inchange, and boasts 100% matric pass rate over the past seven years. Fr Brian is on the board of directors and one of our parishioners, Theresa Madden, is a teacher at the school.

The ladies will be making up 365 party packs for the children. The packs will consist of items such as:

- Jelly babies
- Marshmallows
- Fizzers
- Jelly beans
- Chocolates
- Small box juice

Over the next few months we will be appealing to the Parish community for specific items. Please watch the bulletin for details.

All donations can be dropped off in the church office, or in the SSVP basket before mass **clearly marked for Lynette Kuster's attention**. Please consider assisting the Ladies' Guild in this project in order to give the children a wonderful Christmas party.

✠ The **Community Services Committee** will be having their next bacon and egg fund raiser on Sunday, 29 July following the 8am mass. Funds raised will go towards the KwaThintwa School for the Deaf Christmas Party.

✠ The **Community Services Committee** are also appealing for donations of baby dolls and Barbie dolls, which will be donated to the various schools and centres they assist. To arrange collection of dolls please contact Sabrina Thompson on 084 460 9902 or you can drop them off at the parish office for Sabrina's attention.

✠ Our next social event will be the **Ladies' Makeover Night on Thursday, 26 July**. If you would like to book a table at the 'night market', please contact Sue Hughes on 084 628 3300. Any prize donations are welcome and tickets are on sale at R120, which will include a meal. Dessert and coffee will be on sale. Funds raised from the evening will go towards subsidising the Golden Oldies luncheon.

Community Services: Project Spotlight

Outing to Lucky Bean

The pre-schoolers of Siyathandwe Centre were taken on an outing to Lucky Bean recently. The children were so well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their day. They were treated to toasted cheese sandwiches, chips and juice for their lunch. Below are some pics from their fun-filled day:



The Last Laugh

A Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Another Sunday School teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?" Tommy blurted out, "I know... Aces."

After explaining the commandment to honour your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters.

One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

Events to Diarise

Pre-Baptism Class

Wednesday, 11 July
5.30pm
Parish Office

Seeker's Café

On 'The Meaning of Suffering:
The Catholic View'

Saturday, 14 July
8am

St Dom's Parish Hall

Men's Day

Saturday, 21 July
8.45am to 12.45pm

St Dom's Parish Hall



St Dominic's
Catholic Church, Hillcrest

Ladies' Night

Night market and makeovers

Thursday, 26 July
6.30pm for 7pm

St Dom's Parish Hall

Hillcrest Government Hospital Chapel Duty

Sunday, 8 July
10.15am:
Meet at Hillcrest Gov. Hospital
Car Park

Help is always needed to wheel
patients to the chapel

SSVP Food Parcel Packing

Saturday, 28 July
7.30am
The Paddock

All are welcome to help!