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Happy birthday to all parishioners born in

NOVEMBER

Shelley Ainsworth, Luca Alunni, Peter Baker, Esme Baker, Dee Barnard, Maxime Berlouis, Kyra Bircher, Norman Birkby, Wanita Black, Sheldon Blom, Rita Bone, Norah Botterill, Yvonne Boule, Leslie Bowton-Smith, Grace Bozas, Karyn Bozas, Robert Brough, Eryn Brown, Jenna Cameron, Julia Cameron, Stephanie Cameron, Sue Carmody, Taryn Cilliers, Dennis Cossey, Terry de Vos, Andreas de Wit, Christi Dorrofield, Glen Draai, Nosipho Duma, Richard Duma, James Edley, Alexander Edley, Felix Finch, Rene Forbay, Marco Giai-Minietti, Charmaine Giddey, Brian Giddey, Hilary Glenn, Nuno Goncalves, Navie Green Thompson, Luke Haarhoff, Leith Hair, Erica Hair, Joan Hall, Georgina Hart, Matthew Hart, Garth Hartwig, Paula Haskell, Shereen Heydenrych, Eryn Hickman, Steve Hickman, Mia Hikins, Tony Hoar, Yvonne Howard, Charlotte Hughes, Daniel Joubert, Barbara Joubert, Sandy Kavanagh, Helen Keen, Michael Knight, Jeremy Krauspe, Nonhlanhla Kunene, Jodie Laing, Luke Lim, Kayla Loubser-Goldblatt, Ryan Loubser-Goldblatt, Theresa Madden, David Marston, Paulette Mchunu, Barry Meier, Paul Miller, Silindokuhle Mkhize, Kuhlekonke Mncwabe, Tracey Mohlomi, Andrew Moore, Francesco Moretti, Sisanda Mtshemla, Jared Nadaraju, Leon Naicker, Desmond Ngcobo, Thabo Ngcobo, Inger Nilsen, Khonya Nzimande, Denis O Leary, Molly Ogilby, Mariette Paulo, Clare Phyfer, Kristina Pukstys, Emma Russell, Shantell Ryan, Barbara Saunderson, James Saunderson, John Schimper, Luca Sciocatti, Katia Sciocatti, Siyabonga Sithole, William Skinner, Joshua Sparks, Bronwyn Swart, Caroline Syers, Candice Thabethe, Heather Thiselton, George Tyrteos, Tyler Van Musschenbroek, Rosemary Waldburger, Morne Weyer, Zoe Wheatley, Jack Wheatley, Belinda

Willows, Raphael Wilson, Charles Wilson, Brigitte Wortmann, Denise Wortmann, Bernard Yeadon, Mashiza Zama

And celebrating their milestone birthdays are:

- 50th: Nonhlanhla Madlala & Brigitte Richard-Coombes
- 60th: Linda Madden
- 70th: Ivan Bandle
- 80th: Jeanette Leach
- 90th: Maria Rodrigues



- ✠ To the following new parishioners: Maureen Robinson, Dereck & Sheila Hendrie, William Wykerd and Kevin & Amanda Thyssen



- ✠ To Leo & Hilary Davis for their dedication in preparing 2018's confirmation candidates. Sadly they will be stepping down from this role in 2019, although we have no doubt we will see them become fully involved in other areas of our parish.
- ✠ To all parishioners, who so generously donated goodies towards the KwaThinkwa School for the Deaf Christmas party. The targets set by the Ladies' Guild have been reached, which means that the children will be able to enjoy a memorable celebration this Christmas.

- ✠ To Clifford and Hannelize Munro who headed up the SSVP book sale project. The first book sale held in October was very successful, and the society hopes to turn it into a monthly event.
- ✠ To Rory Moore and his helper who helped to erect the banner for the Rosary Rally held recently.
- ✠ To all those who came together to pray the Holy Rosary at 10am on Friday 5 October – the day of Fasting and Abstinence requested by Cardinal Napier. The following intentions were prayed for:

For the victims/survivors of abuse, that they may be healed.

For the perpetrators, that they may receive the grace of conversion and repentance.

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he may lead the Church through this crisis to a new dawn.

For all priests and religious who are suffering in lonely desolation because they are regarded with suspicion.

For families affected by abuse, that they may be strengthened.

For the Church of Christ, that it may be truly what Christ wanted it to be.

- ✠ To the following teens who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on 21 October:



Rebecca Askew
Jessica Campbell
Alessandro Correia
Tayla Kavanagh
Caitlin Kloppers
Nkanyiso Mkhize
Slade Nelson
Hannah Schimper

- ✠ To the winners of October's SSVP 100 Club Draw: 1st prize: Paul Mazoue; 2nd prize: Liz King; 3rd prize: Maureen White.



- ✠ To Chris Reabow, who is relocating to Cape Town to be closer to her family. We wish her all the very best in her move.



- ✠ To Isabella Redman, who passed her Associate Exam in September and was awarded the Dorothea McNair trophy for the most outstanding Cecchetti teacher examination in KZN. This means that she is now qualified as an international ballet teacher. She was also invited to audition for the Cape Town City Ballet recently and after three days of intense dancing and auditions, she was accepted into the graduate program for 2019.



With Heartfelt
Sympathy

- ✠ To Val Willemse, on the passing of her husband, Geoff.
- ✠ To Brenda Murphy, whose brother, John Murphy, passed away recently.
- ✠ To Joan Hall, on the passing of her husband, Michael.

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

On the Liturgical Front

- ✠ **All Soul's Day** will be celebrated on **Friday, 2 November** with mass at 9am and 5.30pm. Pious lists will be handed out soon and are to be returned to the parish on or before that date.
- ✠ The **Feast of All Saints** will be celebrated on the weekend of **3 & 4 November**, at the usual mass times.

- ✠ The **Feast of Christ the King** will be celebrated on the weekend of **24 & 25 November**. First Holy Communion will also take place at the 8am mass on Sunday, 25 November.
- ✠ If you are going away over the festive season and are involved in the liturgy in any way, please let the office know as the roster for that period is being finalised.

Ministry News

- ✠ It is not too late to hand in your **Dizimo dedication form!** Please bring them to the parish office at your earliest convenience.
- ✠ The **Community Services Committee** is appealing to parishioners for toothpaste, tooth brushes, face cloths, bath soap, packets of chips and sweets, which will be turned into gift boxes for the children of the Umzamo Feeding Scheme. Donations can be left at the parish office, marked for Sabrina Thompson's attention.
- ✠ On Saturday, 13 October, a **"Rosary Rally"** was held at St Dominic's, together with towns and cities all over South Africa. The intention of the rosary was to beg God and Our Lady to save South Africa from the many moral evils and growing secularism affecting the country.



The St Dom's parishioners, who braved the heavy downpour to take part in the Rosary Rally held across South Africa in October.



By Mike Ronald

On Friday, 5 October, 18 students and six core members set off from St Dom's for the annual LifeTeen Camp. This year it took place at Camp Anerley, just

outside of Port Shepstone. The theme was "Searching" for Love, Happiness, Community, Purpose and Me, which are all to be found in the arms of the Father.

It wasn't all just session time though. There was zip lining (the screams would have made a great horror movie), swims on the beach, kite flying, soccer matches (with a difference), much craft making (who knew the guys could get so creative) and a VERY different supper on Friday night.

There was also time for prayer including an amazing early morning prayer on the beach where we were joined by a mom and baby whale! We also celebrated mass at Sea Park parish with Fr Nick.

We arrived home at lunch time on Sunday, tired, a bit grubby but very happy.

Thanks so much to all the parents who donated snacks, the parents who helped lift, the parish for their assistance and to the LifeTeeners – students and core members – who made this a very special camp.



LifeTeeners enjoying their early morning prayer on the beach.

NAPIER CENTRE 4 HEALING

The Napier Centre 4 Healing is a new centre being formed under the guidance of the Denis Hurley Centre and will be an after-care facility for post-rehab addiction residents, offering a holistic approach to healing.

The concept is to start up a home where the patients can live for the next leg of their journey to being fully rehabilitated. They will live at the home for one year, be uplifted through jobs and will have counsellors at their disposal. The home will start with four residents and slowly increase.

Admission to the home will be through the Denis Hurley Centre and the programme will be run very professionally. Since the monthly cost per resident is R11,000, parishes in the archdiocese have been asked to support the project for the first year.

For more information on the centre, and how you could assist, please visit <https://napiercentre.org/>

**A Little Poem for Seniors...
so true it hurts!**

Another year has passed
And we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
And winter seems much colder.

There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About 'Living in the Past'.

We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches.
Now we go to funeral homes
And after-funeral brunches.

We used to go out dining,
And couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill!

We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore bottoms
From riding in the car.

We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
And watch the evening news.

That, my friend is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up...
Before you're too darn old!

(Courtesy: Vilma Benedetti)

**The "Hidden Treasures" of Southern
KwaZulu-Natal**

By Jenny Meilhon

"If no one goes, I will go." These were the famous words spoken by Abbot Francis Pfanner in response to a plea by Bishop James David Ricards, Vicar Apostolic of Port Elizabeth. In 1879, Bishop Ricards was seeking volunteers to found a Trappist Monastery on a farm on his mission in the Cape Colony. The Bishop had visited many monasteries in Ireland and France, but found nobody willing to take up his offer, until Father Francis Pfanner rose and quietly spoke his now famous words.

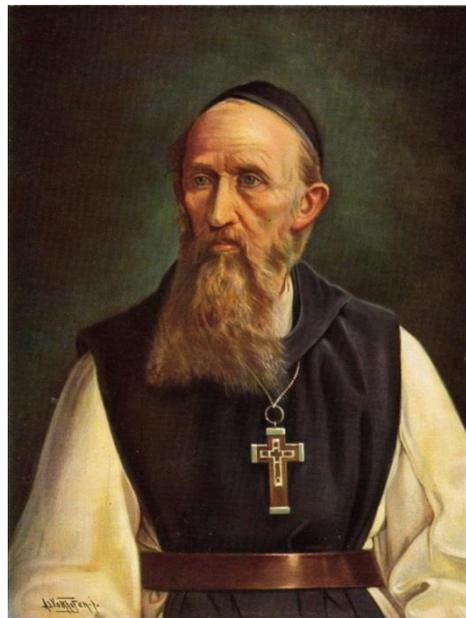
This was astonishing to many present at the General Chapter in Sept-Fons in France. Of all the monks assembled, he was the least expected to take up this challenge as he was on the verge of being made Abbot of the new monastery, Maria Stern, in

Yugoslavia, which he had been instrumental in building. So began the amazing story of the Trappist Missions in South Africa, coined the "Hidden Treasures" of Southern KwaZulu-Natal by historian and guide, Steve Kotze.

In July 1880 Francis Pfanner and the 30 monks who volunteered to accompany him to South Africa landed in Port Elizabeth to establish the farm and monastery in Dunbrody, as Bishop Ricards had wished. After two years of backbreaking efforts in barren, drought-ridden land, they received word that Bishop Jolivet of Natal had given permission for them to work in his territory. In December 1882 land was purchased near Pinetown and the monks eagerly began work. One day, after various suggestions for a name, Father Francis announced he had chosen to call their new monastery Mariannahill.

Father Francis was elevated to the title of Abbot of Mariannahill in December 1885. A passionate, energetic and hardworking man, Abbot Pfanner lived the motto of the Trappists' Benedictine origins "Ora et Labora" ("Pray and Work"). Between the years 1882 and 1908, 22 Trappist missions were established throughout beautiful Southern KwaZulu-Natal.

Many of us living in Durban and surrounds are very familiar with Mariannahill and the missionary work it has accomplished over the years, but what do we know about the amazing history of the other 21 beautiful churches? It is time to find out.



Abbot Francis Pfanner

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Events to Diarise

SSVP 100 Club Draw

Friday, 2 November
After 5.30pm mass
The Meeting Place

All are welcome. Bring finger
supper to share

All Soul's Day

Friday, 2 November
Mass at 9am or 5.30pm

Zulu Mass

Held on the 2nd Friday of every
month.

Friday, 9 November
5.30pm

All are most welcome to attend

Hillcrest Government Hospital Chapel Duty

Sunday, 11 November
10.15am:
Meet at Hillcrest Gov. Hospital
Car Park

Help is always needed to wheel
patients to the chapel

RCIA

Thursday evenings
6pm
The Meeting Place

All are welcome

First Holy Communion

Celebrated on the Feast of Christ
the King

Sun, 25 November
8am mass



SSVP Food Parcel Packing

Saturday, 24 November
7.30am
The Paddock

All are welcome to help!

