



# THE ST DOM CHRONICLE HILLCREST, KZN AUGUST 2016



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*Please take me home – not to be read in church.*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Abraha Abraham, Giuliana Allan, Gerald Allan, Carla Amtmann, Michaela Anderson, Antonio Areal, James Askew, Thomas Askew, Daniel Basel, Helen Bellew, Christopher Bent, Brett Bircher, Cassian Bodley, Karen Bodley, Judy Bruce-Brand, Tracey Buccimazza, Pat Buckle, Ciara Butt, Justin Butt, Joanna Campbell, Jim Carmody, Pat Collins, Maxine Cossey, Jillian D'eramo, Nathan Davies, Leo Davis, David De Chalain, Phil De Charmoy, Marianne De Stoppelaar, John Demsey, Phindile Dlamini, Cynthia Duffey, Madge Ebsworth, Kevin Edwards, Morena Embleton, Maureen Emslie, Daniel Fitzsimons, Neil Freed, Leonardo Gai-Minietti, Robyn Gibbs, Todd Harmsworth, Alex Haskell, Nicole Hill, Janine Hoar, Sue Hughes, Cassandra Jurjevic, Grace Koenig, Luc Koenig, Caitlin Kriek, Frederik Kroone, Nathan Kruger, Hazel Lawe, Roderick Lovie, Wangile Majokweni, Bongani Majozi, Greg Malcolm-Smith, Kirsten Mamotte, Paul Mazoue, Lara Mellon, Skhumbuzo Mfeka, Fiona Milburn, Sean Miller, Pumla Miya, Nontobeko Mkhize, Siphwe Mkhize, Rita Montocchio, Nwa Mtwana, Kaitlin Nell, Rosemary Ngcobo, Kaytlin O'Donoghue, Kirsten Paget, Neville Palmer, Claire Patterson, Donavan Patterson. Doug Paul, Karen Peters, Marjorie Petsch, Darren Polzi, Simon Poole, Jeffrey Purcell, Luke Purcell, Carmel Rae, Ravel Ramlakan, James Redman, Charlotte Richard-Coombes, Catherine Ronald, Rebecca Ronald, Olivia Russell, Susan Schimper, Tonia Shingler, Maureen Simpson, Jenny Smith, Kelliane Smith, Peter Smulders, David Sunkel, Johannes Swanepoel, Malindisa Thwala, Megan Tivers, Renato Tripepi, Grattan van der Merwe, Graham Van Staden, Denise van Wyk, Maria Watson, Robin Willows, Isabella Wilson, John Woodhouse, Mmatseke Yende, Nhlanhla Yende, Ziphozethu Yende and Yulia Yudina. Special wishes to those celebrating milestone birthdays : Terryn Brown-Hickman who turns 40, Leonore Schonfeld on her 60<sup>th</sup>, Maxine Cossey, David de Chalain, Sherill Larson who celebrates her 70<sup>th</sup> and Jim Carmody and John Dempsey on their 80<sup>th</sup>.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO :

- Dawn Leppan on her nomination for the
- Kyle and Kristen Smith who were
- Sheena Yeadon and Stephen Aspinall on Yeadon and granny, Nicky Mortier.



2016 EtheKwini Living Legend Award.  
married recently.

their marriage and to proud parents, Christine and Bernard

- Pat and Mike Buckle who recently celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- Sue Cameron whose beautiful quilt "Tree Spirit" has been selected as an entrant in the World Quilt Competition and will be displayed in Manchester, New Hampshire in August 2016. The quilt will also be part of the display at the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, at QuiltFest Oasis Palm Springs, California, the Pacific International Quilt Festival in San Francisco and World Quilt Florida in Orlando, Florida. What an amazing achievement! In addition, one of Sue's quilts has been chosen as part of a small exhibition at a flower show to be held at Musgrave Centre from 12 to 14 August.
- Fred Kroone who was presented with the Paul Harris Award by the Hillcrest Rotary Club for the tremendous amount of work he has done in the community, furthering the aims of Rotary.



- Everyone in the parish for the support which Zoe Purcell and Jaime-John Hughes received for World Youth Day.

- Father John who prepared a delicious dinner for the members of the Ladies Guild as Michele's farewell.

- Father Thomas Plastow for leading the inspiring and uplifting St Doms mini mission on the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy and the Spiritual Life Committee for arranging the mini mission. Although not well attended, thanks go to those who participated and, who we know, benefitted greatly from the experience.
- Everyone who attended the matinee performance of "Not the Barnyard" and to Sabrina Thompson and the Community Services Committee for their hard work. The event raised the fantastic sum of R4 133,00 which will be put to good use in promoting the work of the Community Services Committee.
- All the "pilgrims" who took part in the pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at the Cathedral as part of the Year of Mercy, which was a really wonderful experience.
- Everyone who completed their parish census forms. If you were away and didn't manage to complete your form, please contact Linda in the parish office to ensure that you do so.
- From Michele and Brian Uren to Father John, the Parish Pastoral Council members and all the St Doms

parishioners for making our farewell braai such an enjoyable event; to everyone for the good wishes, cards and gifts. We have been totally overwhelmed by your love, kindness and generosity. We will pray for each member of our St Doms family, as we hope you will for us, as we move into the new season in our lives. God bless you all.

**AND NOW – THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION YOU HAVE ALL BEEN ASKING.....**I am delighted to advise that Katia Benedetti has agreed to take over as the official St Doms Chronicler! I am sure that you will give her the same support which I have received from you over the years. Please send your news and views to her at [k.e.benedetti@gmail.com](mailto:k.e.benedetti@gmail.com). And watch out for the exciting new-look Chronicle.

### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES TO

- Nicole Flood and family on the death of her Mum, Aimee Garrioch.
- Di Wheatley, Jack and Zoe and the Wheatley family on the death of John.

*Alan Paton was a profoundly spiritual man who had pondered on death and God for many years. He wrote the following prayer shortly before the death of his first wife, Dorrie, in 1967:*

*Lord, Give me grace to die in Thy will. Prepare me for whatever place or condition awaits me. Let me die true to those things I believe to be true; and suffer me not through any fear of death to fall from Thee. Lord, give me grace to live in Thy will also. Help me to master any fear, any desire, that prevents me from living in thy will. Make me, O Lord, the instrument of Thy peace, that I may know eternal life. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit. Amen.*

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS:** Maureen Ferguson, Nokwanda Zuma, Leslie and Avril Williamson, Patricia Bode, Steven and Debbie Anderson, Jack and Zoe Wheatley and family, Veronica Latumbo, Michael and Joan Hall and Grant Bagley. We hope you will enjoy being part of our St Doms family.

### OUR BEST WISHES go to

- Pat Buckle, Maggie Raymakers, Anne Brennan and Betty Paul for a speedy recovery.
- Wally, Elaine and Dan Lage and Trevor and Irene Hodgson on their move to their respective new homes.
- Marilyn Daly who will shortly be moving into a new home.

### LITURGICALLY SPEAKING

- ✠ Due to the Municipal elections taking
- ✠ You are invited to join us for the first Mass intention is for Mental Health – and care-givers.



place on 3 August, there will be no Adoration that day. Saturday Mass and Rosary on 6 August at 08h00. The for those who are suffering and to their family, friends

- ✠ On 20 and 21 August we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Assumption actually falls on 15 August, but because of its importance, will be celebrated on Sunday. It is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, being God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternal life. It gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our lives end.
- ✠ Training of new and existing altar servers will take place on Saturday 13 August at 14h00. It is important that all altar servers attend.
- ✠ As previously mentioned, starting in August, Mass will be celebrated at 09h00 and at 17h30 on Fridays. Father John will make a decision whether or not to continue with the Friday evening Masses once he has monitored the attendance.
- ✠ In an article by Sr Theresa Aletheia Noble, from "DiocesanPriest.com" she expresses her concern about people leaving Mass immediately after Communion. She gives five reasons to stay until the end of Mass:  
*"Communion is about communing. In order to commune with Jesus, we need to savour this special time and take a few moments to be with Him.  
It's not nice to be rude – why is it so easy for us to leave early and arrive at church late, when is it the Creator of the Universe who is hoping to see us?  
Mass is not an activity on a to-do list – it is an invitation to be in a relationship with God.  
The final blessing is important. When the priest, who by his ordination is configured to Christ, gives his final blessing, we are being blessed by God Himself – isn't it right, then that we should wait for that blessing?  
You get more grace. There is power in the sacraments in and of themselves, but how much of that power seeps into our souls depends on your disposition. And we certainly need all the grace we can get!"*
- ✠ All three choirs are in need of new members, with the current membership having dropped for a variety of reasons. If you enjoy singing, perhaps you would consider joining one of the choirs – no experience necessary – just enthusiasm and the ability to sing in tune. The traditional choir practices on Monday evenings, the Folk Group practices on Wednesday evenings and the Praise and Worship group on Thursday evenings at 18h30 and at 15h30 on Sundays.

### SHARASHKAS – Alexander Solzhenitsyn

You have the right to arrange your own life under the blue sky and the hot sun; to get a drink of water, to stretch, to travel wherever you like. What about the main thing in life; all its riddles? If you want, I'll spell it out for you right now. Do not pursue what is illusory – property and position. All that is gained at the expense of your nerves, decade after decade, and is confiscated in one fell night. Live with a steady superiority over life. Don't be afraid of

misfortune and do not yearn after happiness: it is, after all, all the same: the bitter doesn't last forever and the sweet never fills the cup to overflowing. It is enough if you don't freeze in the cold and if thirst and hunger don't claw at your insides. If your back isn't broken, if your feet can walk; if both arms can bend; if both eyes see, and if both ears hear, then whom should you envy? And why? Our envy of others devours us most of all. Rub your eyes and purify your heart – and prize above all else in the world those who love you and who wish you well. Do not hurt them or scold them, and never part from any of them in anger; after all you simply do not know : it might be your last act.

### **YOUTH TALK: How I Realized that God is Everywhere by Nick Bernard Adapted from the Life Teen Website**

God is everywhere. God is present. God surprises.

One of my favourite stories in the Bible appears in 1 Kings 19: 11-13. Here God intends to reveal Himself to Elijah. First a "great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper." Elijah immediately recognizes the presence of God, not in any of the awesome forces of nature, but in a small quiet sound. This made me realize that, although we know God is present everywhere; sometimes we have to look carefully to find Him. More often than not God shows up in unexpected places.

One time when I definitely felt the presence of God was on a trip with my scholars group to Saint Louis, Missouri in 2014. My favourite place we visited was the City Museum, a giant playground made out of recycled cars and other things to climb on and get lost within. Our museum guide advised us to take everything out of our pockets. So I left my phone on the bus. However, for some mysterious reason, I decided to keep my wallet in my back pocket.

After about two hours of climbing, sliding, and trying to fit through very small holes in the wall, I noticed I was missing something. You guessed it: my wallet.

If there is a worst possible place in the entire world to lose your wallet, it's the City Museum in Saint Louis, Missouri. I stopped my friends and told them what happened. Without any real direction, we roamed around looking on the ground and inquiring from the occasional passers-by. As we were all getting discouraged, my good friend Katherine asked some guy walking next to us if he had found a wallet. He said yes.

He called over his uncle and they handed me my wallet. We thanked them and went on our way, but I couldn't help thinking there was something more than luck at work. It was God, simple as that. I saw God that day at the City Museum; he was just disguised as some random guy. So what does my story mean? It means that God is everywhere, especially where you don't think He will be. And if we know that God is out there, what's stopping us from finding Him? God appears to us in a different place, a different form, a different voice every day. Where will you see Him?

Dear God, thank You for constantly involving Yourself in our lives, even if we don't know it. Help us today and every day to seek You out and to guide others to You. We ask that You remain with us through good times and bad, and that You keep surprising us as to where we will find You next. Amen.

*If the grass looks greener on the side side....Stop staring. Stop comparing. Stop complaining and Start watering the grass you're standing.*

**THROUGH POSITIVE EYES**, a global photo exhibition, the aim of which is to banish the stigma of HIV, is on until 30 September at the Durban Art Gallery (City Hall). The exhibition is open daily from 08h30 to 18h30 and on Sundays from 11h00 to 18h00.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS**

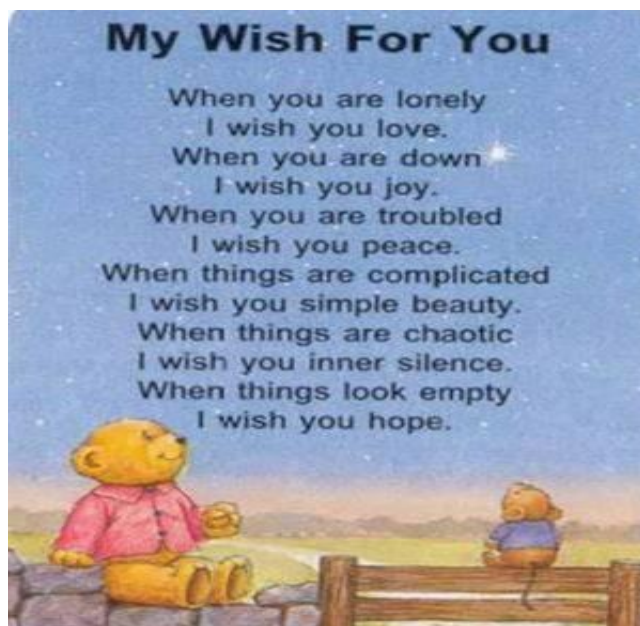
- The next Tuesday Forum will take place on Tuesday 2 August at 10h00, when the guest speaker will be Wendy Robinson, a specialist psychiatric nurse, who will talk on the subject of mental illness. All are welcome to attend.
- Our thanks go to Lynette Kuster who has taken over as the head of Ladies Guild. We know that Lyn will do a great job and that the Ladies Guild will continue the great work that they do in the parish.
- The next SSVP 100 Club Draw and Bring 'n Share Supper will take place at 18h30 on Friday 5 August. This is a great way to raise funds for SSVP while standing the chance of making some extra money for yourself. New members are always welcome!
- The Society of St Vincent De Paul have a large quantity of T-shirt material. If anyone in the parish is willing to sew T-shirts for them, please contact Helen on 083 6607666.
- We are pleased to advise that the Pilgrimage to Ngome from 5 to 7 August, is fully booked. Please pray that this will be a spiritually uplifting experience for the group of pilgrims.
- The next Breakfast Talk will take place on Saturday 6 August, starting at **09h00** (after the first Saturday Mass). The exciting news is that the speaker is a visitor from Australia, Carrie Leeson, the daughter of one of our parishioners, Terry Leeson. Carrie completed her degree in Psychology and a Diploma in Public Relations in South Africa, prior to moving to Australia, where she is CEO of Lifeline. She uses her experience and knowledge to create awareness of the importance of mental health and has worked with government, community, school and businesses to generate sustainable health outcomes. Carrie's talk will be on mental health issues and she will answer questions and will be available to chat to individuals after the talk.
- The members of the Society of St Frances of Rome are taking the opportunity to have their next get-together at the Breakfast Talk on 6 August.

- It is a matter of concern that those attending meetings or events in the hall or Meeting Place in the evening are not activating the alarm when they lock up. If you are unsure of the procedure, please contact Linda in the parish office.
- The members of SSVP are meeting at 07h30 on the last Saturday of the month to pack food parcels for distribution to those in need. They would welcome your assistance – especially from some of the younger members of the parish.
- A meeting will be held on 31 July to discuss the plans for the Life Teen camp which will take place from 30 September to 2 October. The cost is R500 per person and it is important to ensure that the money is paid early to secure the booking.
- Leon and Maggie Raymakers have headed the Social Life Committee for some time with unbelievable energy and dedication, but with Maggie's illness, this has become more and more difficult for them. We are pleased to advise that the Social Life committee will continue to operate as a team (and an awesome team they are) which will relieve Leon and Maggie of the responsibility. Colleen Kilfoil and Sue Hughes will, together head the group and Jean Matthews will be the Social Life liaison person on the PPC.
- The next social event on the calendar will be the very popular International Food Fair which will be held on Sunday 7 August, starting at 12h00 to mark the celebration of the Feast of St Dominic. Bring the whole family to sample the delicious fare from a number of different countries prepared especially for you by our own parishioners.

**HOUSE WANTED TO RENT:** Anne and John Brennan are looking for a one or two bedroom cottage to rent, preferably furnished, from 1 October for a period of approximately six months. If you are able to assist, please contact Anne on 031 7834420 or 083 7783591.

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

- You must be the change you wish to see in the world – Mohandas Gandhi
- No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, sailed to an uncharted land or opened up a new heaven to the human spirit – Helen Keller
- How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve their world – Anne Frank



*"I was raised to show respect. I wasn't dragged up. I was taught to knock before I open a door. Say hello when I enter a room. Say please, Say thank you and show respect to my elders. I let another person have my seat if they need it, say "yes sir" and "no sir" and help others when they need me to, not stand on the side lines and watch. I will hold the door for others behind me and say "excuse me" should I need to pass. I love people for who they are, not what I can get from them and most importantly, I was raised to treat people exactly how I would like to be treated by others. It's called respect." – Richard Gere*

### THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present Seven Wonders of the World. Although there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

- Egypt's great pyramids
- The Taj Mahal
- The Grand Canyon
- The Panama Canal
- Empire State Building

- St Peter's Basilica
- The Great Wall of China

While gathering the votes the teacher noticed that one student hadn't finished her paper. She asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. "Yes", the girl replied. "I couldn't make up my mind because there were so many. The teacher said "Tell us what you have and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then said "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are

- To see
- To hear
- To touch
- To feel
- To laugh
- And to love"

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary which we take for granted are truly wondrous! Remember that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

#### **LAST LAUGH :**

An elderly couple was celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They had been childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighbourhood after they retired. Holding hands they walked back to their old school to see if their names were still on the desks where they had carved them. On their way back home a bag of money fell out of an armoured car, landing almost at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and they took it home. There she counted the money – fifty thousand dollars! Jerry said "We have to give it back." But Sally said "Finders keepers" and put the money back in the bag and hid it in the attic. The next day two police officers were canvassing the neighbourhood looking for the money and knocked on their door. "Pardon me," the one officer said "did either of you find a bag of money that fell out of an armoured car yesterday?" "No" Sally said. But Jerry said "She's lying. She hid it in the attic." "Don't believe him. He's getting senile." Sally said. The officers started to question Jerry, asking him to tell the story from the beginning. Jerry said "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday....." The first police officer turned to his partner, shook his head, and said "They are senile – let's get outa here!" Just proves that you shouldn't mess with senior citizens!

**AUGUST 2016**

	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Monday 1st	17h30	SSVP Meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Tuesday 2nd	10h00	Tuesday Forum - Mental Illness by Wendy Robinson
	18h00	Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wednesday 3rd		NO ADORATION
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Friday 5th	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass and Benediction
	18h30	SSVP 100 Club Draw and Bring and Share Supper
Saturday 6th	08h00	First Saturday Mass and Rosary
	09h00	Breakfast Talk – Carrie Leeson on mental health
Sunday 7th	08h00	St Dominic's Feast Day Mass – Bilingual Mass. Tea hosted by Dave Naude
	12h30	International Food Festival
	17h00	Tea after Mass hosted by Debbie Janus and Shannon Oliver
Monday 8th	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible Study
Tuesday 9th		Public Holiday – National Women's Day
	18h00	Finance Committee meeting
	19h00	Social Life Committee Meeting
Wednesday 10th	06h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Friday 12th	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass
Sunday 14th	08h00	Tea after Mass hosted by Dave and Sherri Rowe
	10h15	Hillcrest Government Hospital Chapel Service – LifeTeen and Young Adults assisting the patients
	17h00	Brigitte Richard-Coombes and Wanita Black hosting tea after Mass
Monday 15th	17h30	SSVP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Wednesday 17th	06h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Friday 19th	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass
Sunday 21st	08h00	Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary : Nina and Clive Mitchell hosting tea after Mass
	17h00	Tea after Mass hosted by Danielle Halstead
Monday 22nd	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible Study
Wednesday 24th	06h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Spiritual Life Committee Meeting
Friday 26th	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass
Saturday 27th	07h30	SSVP Packing – Your help is needed
	09h00	Community Services Committee meeting
Sunday 29th	08h00	Jean and Ian Matthews hosting tea after Mass
	17h30	Tea after Mass hosted by Tracy and Cavan Kriek