

# THE ST DOM CHRONICLE HILLCREST, KZN JULY 2016



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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Peter Appleby Michelle Arkle, Andrew Baker, Aidan Baxendale-Small, Evelyn Bissett, Tyler-Ann Boyce, Gerry Brandjes, Karl Breinhorst, John Brennan, Brett Campbell, Clement Cheesman, David Coleman, Joan Conradie, Tayelin Cossey, Hilary Davis, Luke Davis, Candice Dawson, Dario De Almeida, Michael de Vos, Pauline Dempsey, Paulo dos Santos, Donovan du Piesanie, Nkhanyiso Duma, Zanobuhle Duma, Trevor Edley, Mbali Ferrandino, Anne Gaii-Miniette, Keegan Haynes, Caitlin Heydenrych, Peter Hockey, Sandy Hodges, Shelley Hoeben, Emily Holmes, Kyle Howard, Alex Janse van Vuuren, Corinne Johnson, Tosca Jones, Kim Jones, Taylor Jones, Daniel Joubert, Janine Kane-Berman, Roger Kane-Berman, Steve Kavanagh, Ruby-Rose Kelly, Sandra Kihn, Alvin King, Migien Knight, Robert Koenig, Matthew Kohler, Tadeus Kowalski, Desmond Kunene, Helga Lassak, Jodi Lategan, Chantal Leach, Megan Loots, Yvonne Lovie, Sybille Macfarlane, Friedrich Manegold, David Marais, Cynthia Mazoue, Kate McConnell, Nicholas Merle, Thabisile Mfeka, Luke Midgley, Thembelani Miya, Michael Moolman, Norma Moore, Noelle Mundy, Peggy Murray, Annatolia Mzite, Cally Naude, James Neville, Kevin O'Brien, Matthew O'Donoghue, James Ogilby, Kate Palmer, Betty Paul, Andrew Phyfer, Taine Polzi, Pia Purcell, Dermot Quinn, Sarane Richard-Coombes, Michael Ronald, Leonard Rudolph, Margaret Sapet, Patrick Scott-Martin, Bridget Shelley, Christopher Shingler, Nicky Sibaya, Monica Sparg, Hannah Syers, Amanda Taylor, Veronique Taylor, Dawn Tedder, Candice Towell, Beryl Turner, Irma Upton, Brian Uren, Michelle van Lieshout, Keegan van Vuuren, Peter van Wyk, Harrison Vaughan, Ryan Vaughan, Matthew Watson, Caitlin Willows, Clive Wilson and Akwande Yende. Special wishes go to those celebrating milestone birthdays: Stefano Corbella, Jennifer Lott and Marco Tivers on their 30<sup>th</sup>, Jacqueline Nell on her 40<sup>th</sup>, Cathrine Purcell who celebrates her half-century, and Caroline Jarvis who turns 60.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS:** Paul and Fiona Milburn and family, Christopher and Tonia Shingler, Imelda Haarhoff and Maureen Ferguson. We hope that you will enjoy being part of our St Doms community.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Gavin and Sandy Kedian on the birth of their fifth granddaughter, Sophia Grace, the daughter of Mark and Tarryn.



- Wayne Redman, whose elevation to Candidate status was marked by his presentation at Mass recently. Recognition must also be given to Lisa and the children, whose support is so important as Wayne continues his studies for the Diakonate.

**OUR BEST WISHES** go to John Goncalves for a speedy recovery after his recent operation.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** goes to Dave and Pam, Wayne and Louise Marais and family on the death of Dave and Wayne's sister, Delysia.



- Jenny Meilhon for arranging for Rose Toyer from The Alzheimers Association to speak at the Forum on 7 June and thanks to those who attended.

- The Maintenance team for installing the hydroboil and the new geyser in the hall kitchen, which certainly makes catering in the hall for events much easier.

- From Liz and Bob Fenner, to all their St Dom's friends, for their prayers, good wishes and visits during the time of Bob's operation and during his convalescence.

- To everyone in the parish for your fantastic and overwhelming response to the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Winter Warmth campaign. Apart from many items of winter clothing, they received 226 jerseys and 1 120 beanies. All this will go a long way to help the poor to keep warm this winter – as will the 100 blankets which the Society is buying for distribution.

- The ladies of the Spiritual Life Committee: Pauline Rosseau, Joanna Campbell, Lucretia Edwards, Jenny Meilhon, Nonto Mkhize and Maureen Emslie, under the direction of Debra Martin, for their hard work in putting together and organizing the "Gentle Men" day of reflection for the men of the parish; to the Ladies Guild members who supplied eats for tea; and to Whitney Kilfoil who prepared the lasagnes for lunch. Special thanks to the speakers: Gravin Phyfer, Father Des Nair, Cuan Lott, Matt Martin and Graham Lindegar, to Anne Collett for the music and to Morrell Rosseau for helping to keep things on track. We were delighted to see the great response from our men – and even more so, by their very positive feedback.

- From Philip Mabaso to Father John and all St Doms parishioners for the car which was bought for him. In his own words he says "When I began here in 1974, I was offered a bicycle to help me visit schools and homes: teaching catechism – and also visiting the sick." He progressed to a motor bike which he enjoyed until the time his brother was killed in a

motorbike accident. When St Helen's and St Leo's were annexed to St Dominics in 1988, the Late Archbishop Hurley OMI, agreed to give a bakkie to St Dominics for the use of a Catechist. Philip is delighted that now, after 28 years, he has been given his own transport by St Dominics. He says "So how can I suitably say "thank you" for this? May the Good Lord do it for me!

- Wally Lage for directing "Not the Barnyard" and his fellow Thespians : Doreen Butt, John Connolly, John Daly, Jules and Mike Ronald and Michele Uren, their backstage supporting team Fiona Campbell, Daniel Lage, and Leon Raymakers, Jenny Smith for the loan of the keyboard and, of course, to the Social Life committee members for setting up, manning the refreshments tables and cleaning up after the event – with special thanks for everyone for your support. A matinee performance of the show will also take place at 14h00 on Saturday 16 July to raise funds for the Community Service Committee projects. Tickets will shortly be on sale at R50 each which includes tea or coffee and cake.

## LITURGICALLY SPEAKING

- ✚ The intention for the first Saturday Mass and Rosary at 08h00 on 2 July is for the success of the parish mini mission.
- ✚ With effect from Sunday 3 July, Sunday evening Mass will start at 17h00. This means that when LifeTeen starts again on 24 July, it will be starting earlier (at 18h30) to finish at 20h00.
- ✚ Attendance at Mass on Friday evenings has diminished and consideration is being given to changing the Friday Masses to 09h00 and not 17h30. You will be advised as soon as a decision is made in this regard.
- ✚ In future, those who are involved in any Liturgical ministry such as the Assistant Ministers of the Eucharist, proclaimers of the Word, sacristans etc. will be required to advise Father John or Linda in the parish office if they are unable to fulfill their ministry on a specific date, and not to arrange their own substitutes for that day.
- ✚ You will have noticed that the prayer intentions for each Mass are set out in the weekly bulletin and announced at the weekend Masses. This is a good way to draw our attention to the need to pray for other members of our parish family and their intentions.
- ✚ Attendance at Mass should not be viewed as an obligation, but as a privilege says Father William Saunders. At Mass we are nourished by the Word of God, we respond by professing our faith in the Creed and we have the opportunity to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, which not only unites us intimately with the Lord, but unites us in communion with our brothers and sisters throughout the universal church. We need to remember the fourth commandment "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy." On Sunday, our primary duty is to worship God at Mass as a Church and to be nourished with His Grace. Our perspective should be "I am able to do this" – a privilege which is denied to many Catholics throughout the world.



- ✚ The various music groups would welcome new members – no experience necessary – just enthusiasm and the ability to sing in tune!
- ✚ Please remember that if you or a family member is confined to bed at home or in hospital, the onus is on you or your family to advise Linda in the parish office so she can ensure that you are visited and receive Communion.
- ✚ Our mini mission will be held from 08 to 10 July, led by Father Thomas Plastow S.J. The mission, which is based on the Year of Mercy, will start with Holy Mass at 17h30 on Friday. On Saturday there will be a talk on the Year of Mercy at 09h00, after which parishioners will be able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Adoration will take place from 16h00 to 17h00 followed by Holy Mass at 17h30. Mass will be celebrated at 08h00 and 17h00 on Sunday. Please diarise these dates and make the most of this form of weekend retreat, which is a great opportunity for spiritual growth, as individuals, and as a parish.

*What if, instead of worrying about whether we should give kids gold stars for participating or gold stars for being the best, we involve kids in real world activities where the end result of the activity itself is the reward? Teach them gardening, woodworking, repair skills, sewing, cooking. Get them out hiking somewhere with a gorgeous view. Raise animals – have them learn to care about something other than themselves. Have them help out a grandparent or elderly neighbour. Our society has lost sight of what's truly important in life. It's time to find it again.*

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS AND VIEWS

- ❖ The members of the Caring Group will be assisting in taking Hillcrest Hospital patients to the chapel service on Sunday 10 July. Anyone who would like to assist is most welcome. Please meet in the car park at 10h15. It is an hour very well spent.
- ❖ As a result of the drive by the members of SSVP, we are pleased to advise that 25 parishioners signed up for a My School card. The card costs nothing but the Society benefits each time a cardholder swipes at one of the partner stores. If you would like to sign up, please do so online at [www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za).
- ❖ Unfortunately the pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at the Emmanuel Cathedral was cancelled as it was double-booked. Please watch the bulletin for advice on the rescheduling of the pilgrimage.
- ❖ As it is a few years since this was done, a census will be taken during July. It is important that everyone completes a census form as this enables Linda to keep the parish records up to date – so your co-operation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.
- ❖ The Community Services Committee has partnered with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Helping Hands to build a workshop where unemployed members of the community, who have completed woodworking or welding courses at Embocraft, will be able to work to generate income for themselves. It is planned that the workshop will be handed over on 20

August –watch the press for details of this inspiring project,

- ❖ Time is running out to book for the pilgrimage to Ngome which will take place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August. Please don't delay. The cost is only R900 each including food and board at a B&B. For more information or to secure your booking, please contact Joanna Campbell on 072 7437738.
- ❖ You will notice that a speed hump is being installed near the driveway to Father's house, Unfortunately, this has become necessary as many parishioners speed around the church without regard to anyone crossing the driveway or coming out of the parking opposite the church.
- ❖ The ever-popular Christmas in July luncheon will be held on Sunday 24 July starting at 12h00. Watch the bulletin for further details. We suggest you book early to avoid disappointment.

*I was clearing out my "memory box" recently and came across my late Father's M.O.T.H. constitution, in which I found the following written by him on a scrap of paper: "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."*

#### **JOURNAL ENTRY BY MAX LUCADO**

It's quiet. It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming. In a few moments the stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose. I choose love. No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. Today I will love God and what God loves. I choose joy. I will invite God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God. I choose peace and patience. I choose kindness and goodness. I choose faithfulness. Today I will keep my promises. I choose gentleness. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself. I choose self-control. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

**YOUTH TALK** *What to do When the Person You Like Isn't Catholic* by David Leininger adapted from the Life Teen website

There is nothing inherently wrong dating someone that isn't Catholic. Let's say you found someone who is funny, smart, good looking, you have something in common, and you like spending time with them. The only problem is they aren't Catholic... now what? Pray about it. Talk to your friends, youth minister, and other trusted adults about it. Then, if you feel it's right and they do too, date them.

You and the person you're dating should be equally yoked, plain and simple (2 Corinthians 6:14). You should be on the same page as the person you are dating. If faith is important to you, it should be to the person you are dating. While it can be difficult to date someone who isn't Catholic when you are, it's much more difficult to date someone who isn't a Christian. Dating is preparation for your vocation – whether that's marriage, religious life, or singleness. If God is first and foremost in your life, at a minimum, you should be dating someone who is trying to follow God with his or her whole heart as well.

Invite them to come to church with you and go to church with them – just make sure you don't miss Mass. Go on dates, get to know them – that's what dating is for (and a date is not a marriage proposal). Ask them about their faith and tell them about yours. Do your best to answer questions when they ask you about what you believe, but don't make up an answer if you don't know it – go learn and come back with the truth. In my own life, dating people who weren't Catholic led me to learn a lot more about my own faith and what our Church believes.

If this is the path God calls you to one day, be prepared: it's not easy. Similarly, dating someone who isn't Catholic can be both rewarding and difficult. Through prayer, you can decide if it's right for you.

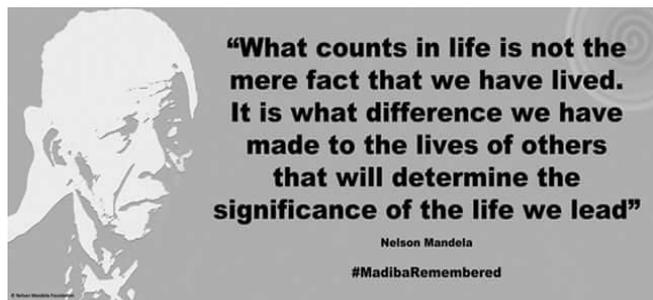
*Do not ask to have your life's load lightened, but for the courage to endure. Do not ask for fulfillment in all your life, but for patience to accept frustration. Do not ask for perfection in all you do, but for the wisdom not to repeat mistakes. And finally, do not ask for more, before saying "Thank You" for what you have already received. – Brenda Short*

**A LESSON ON STRESS** : A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while leading and explaining stress management to an audience. Everyone thought she was going to ask the ultimate question, "half empty or half full?" She fooled them all by asking "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 8 oz to 20 oz. She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes. And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we are refreshed, we can carry on with the burden. So, as early in the evening as you can, put your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night."

#### **MORE REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAT OF A TRACTOR**

-- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.  
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered – not yelled.

- The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.



**FAREWELL :** For those of you who don't know it, Brian and I will be leaving St Doms at the end of July to relocate to Johannesburg. As my contract at work has terminated and as our son, Kevin and his wife, Liz and their daughters are our only children left in South Africa, we have decided to make the move to be closer to them. Saying goodbye is never easy and St Doms has been our "home" for the past 30 years plus. The love, support and friendship we have received over these years is something we will treasure for ever. Our sincere thanks to Father Brian, Father John and to each member of our St Doms family – we have many, many memories of the happy, and sad times, we have shared, the joys and laughter. And when you look around you in the church, we hope you will remember us when you see the furnishings which Brian made – the tabernacle, baptismal font, the architraves around the side doors, St Dominic's niche and the shelves at the entrance to the church, amongst others. We will pray for you all, as we hope you will for us. May God bless you all.

### THE OYSTER

There once was an oyster, whose story I'll tell,  
Who found that some sand had worked under his shell.

Just one little grain, but it gave him a pain  
For oysters have feelings that are very plain.  
Now did he berate this working of fate,  
That left him in such a deplorable state?  
Did he curse the government, call for an election?  
And say that the sea should have some protection?  
No! He said to himself, as he sat on the shelf,  
"Since I cannot remove it, I think I'll improve it."  
Well, years passed by, as years always do  
Till he came to his destiny – Oyster stew!  
But the small gain of sand that bothered him so  
Was a beautiful pearl, all richly aglow.  
Now this tale has a moral, for isn't it grand  
What an oyster can do with a small grain of sand?  
And what couldn't we do, if only we'd begin  
With all of the things that get under our skin?

**THE LAST WORDS OF STEVE JOBS :** I have come to the pinnacle of success in business. In the eyes of others, my life has been the symbol of success. However, apart from work, I have little joy. Finally, my wealth is simply a fact to which I am accustomed. At this time, lying on a hospital bed and remembering all

my life, I realize that all the accolades and riches of which I was once so proud, have become insignificant with my imminent death. Pursuing wealth can only make a person into a twisted being, just like me. God has made us one way, we can feel the love in the heart of each of us, and not illusions built by fame or money, like I made in my life. I cannot take them with me. I can only take with me the memories that were strengthened by love. This is the true wealth that will follow you; will accompany you. Love can travel thousands of miles and so life has no limits. Whatever stage of life where we are right now, at the end we will have to face the day when the curtain falls. Please treasure your family love, love for your spouse, love for your friends...Treat everyone well and stay friendly with your neighbours.

### POINTS TO PONDER

- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time because you won't have a leg to stand on.
- Never buy a car you can't push
- When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- You may be afraid of the dark, but it's the only time you can see the stars.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance, just get up and dance.

### ADVICE TO PARENTS (from Bryanston Bible Church)

There are so many challenges facing our children these days. As parents, we need to step out of our comfort zone and to stand alongside our children. The way we treat each other, our integrity and humility will leave a far more lasting impression on them than any success and accolades we may achieve. There are three things we need to be:

- A Cheerleader – learn when to listen and when to cheer. But more importantly never take your eye off the game because you could miss something. Cheer your children on to be independent and encourage them to be who God created them to be. Your job is to equip them to fly not to protect them from flying. Cheer them on to be strong and to have the courage to face the challenges in life.
- Be honest about yourselves – parents are not perfect. Be honest about your strengths and weakness so your children can be honest about theirs. Be honest about the world and be honest about what you don't know. Pray with your children and on your own. Your children need to see your dependence on God.
- Be present – have fun times with your children and don't spend all your energy on everything and everyone else. Create your own family traditions – things that will make forever memories. Take time to tell your children you love them.

**LAST LAUGH** A man on holiday in Spain thought he would email his sister back in England. But he made a typo. Instead of sending it to Joan Foster, he sent it to Jean Foster, the wife of a recently deceased pastor. When she read it, she fainted. It read : "Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here!"

**JULY 2016**

	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Friday 1st	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass ending with Benediction – SSVP 100 Club Draw
Saturday 2nd	08h00	First Saturday Mass and Rosary : Intention for the Mini Mission
Sunday 3rd	08h00	Multi-lingual Mass - Tea after Mass hosted by Krystyna Kalinowski
	17h00	Tracy and Cavan Kriek serving tea after Mass
Monday 4th	17h30	SSVP meeting
	18h00	Choir Practice
Tuesday 5th	18h00	Liturgy Committee meeting
Wednesday 6th	08h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group Practice
	19h00	Ladies Guild meeting
Friday 8th	17h30	Holy Mass – The start of St Doms Mini Mission
Saturday 9th	09h00	Talk on the year of Mercy followed by Confession
Sunday 10th	08h00	Mini Mission Holy Mass - Tea after Mass hosted by Tom and Ros Donnelly
	10h15	Hillcrest Hospital : Caring group members to assist with the patients
	17h00	Mini Mission Holy Mass : Pearl Mackie and Maria Walker hosting tea after Mass
Monday 11th	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible study
Tuesday 12th	18h00	Finance Committee meeting
	19h00	Social Life committee meeting
Wednesday 13th	06h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group Practice
Friday 15th	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass
Saturday 16th	14h00	Not the Barnyard
Sunday 17th	08h00	Mychelle Taylor and Maureen Siimpson hosting tea after Mass
	17h00	Tea after Mass hosted by Natasha Oldridge and William Marshall
Monday 18th	17h30	SSVP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Wednesday 20th	06h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Friday 22nd	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass
Sunday 24th	08h00	Askew Family hosting tea after Mass
	12h00	Christmas in July luncheon
	17h00	Tea after Mass hosted by Dieter Schauerte
Monday 25th	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible Study
Wednesday 27th	06h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Spiritual Life Committee meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Friday 29th	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass
Saturday 30th	08h00	SSVP Packing food parcels – help is needed
	09h30	Community Services Committee Meeting
Sunday 31st	08h00	Joyce Haarhoff and Maureen Emslie hosting tea after Mass
	17h00	Tea after Mass hosted by Shaun and Sue Hughes