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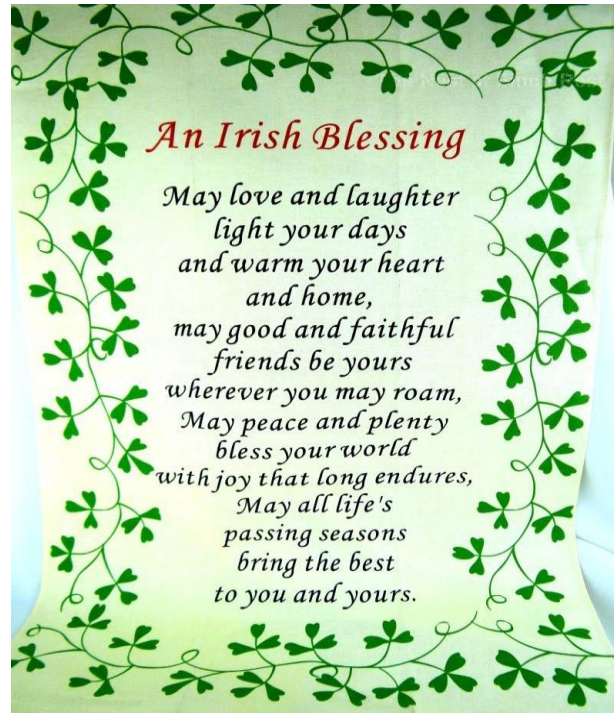
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Please take me home to read – not to be read in church.



Happy St Patrick's Day to all our Irish parishioners.



TO: Anne Anderson, Catherine Anderson, Janine Basel, Ronald Basel, Hailey Berlouis, Odette Bircher, Antonio Borrageiro, Allan Botha, Jamie Boyce, Lainey Brotherhood, Anne Bruce, Grant Bubb, Mary Call, Beryl Campbell, Gavin Campbell, Jaime-Leigh Campbell, Jean-Marc Carlier, Hannah Cobbledick, Michaela Cobbledick, Helen Coombe-Nel, Derek Couzens, Marilyn Daly, Warren Davies, Colleen Davis, Vilma de Bruyn, Bernard de Souza, Wendy Dettmer, Reece Dos Santos, Hannah Draai, Ntuthuko Duma, Rodney Dunstan-Smith, Gary Edwards, Patricia Ferrandi, Diego Ferrandino, Barbara Feszczur, Brian Goldie, Marilyn Goldie, Sharee Haarhoff, Ronald Hancock, David Hart, Elisabeth Hebbelman, Chantal Hoar, Irene Hodgson, Mary Holroyd, Carolyn Hopkins, Michael Hunter, Ryan Janus, Debbie Kerdachi, Zakithi Khanyezi, Joan Kiepiel, Elizabeth King, Anne Knickelbein, Anne Knight, Elaine Lage, Wally Lage, Stella Langley, Philip Lombard, Colleen Maitre, Denzel Mamotte, Nicole Mamotte, Tina Marais, Stephanie Martin, Carryn Marx, Cole Meaker, Patrick Mellon, Kevin Melly, Ntandoyenkosi Mfeka, Leah Mitchell, Nolwandle Mngoma, Bob Montocchio, Hannah Murrin, Philipa Myburg, Sinenhlanhla Ndaba, Sane Ngcobo, Nhlanhla Ngubane, Zinhle Ngubane, Niche Nuttall, Gavan Parker, John Perkins, Brad Rae, Maggie Raymakers, Chris Reabow, Ana Rodrigues, Stuart Roos, Lynn Ross, Kevin Roussel, Graeme Roy, Ivan Saunders, Julia Schauerte, Brenton Scott Martin, Norma Shepstone, Verne Shoobert, Cailee Smith, Kerry-Ann Stanley, Keri-Lyn Strachan, Isabella Strachan, Virginia Swart, Daniel Taylor, Maxine Taylor, Colleen Thomson, Kay Van Staden, Maria Walker, Ivor Walters, Anthea Wesley-Smith, Katherine Wittstock, and Mary Worst and to those celebrating milestone birthdays: Kristen Cilliers, Rosland Forbay and Aidan Hughes on their 21st, Victoria Schonfeld on her 30th, Jacque Bubb and Pam Dawson on their half century, Sharon Jones and Alan Tivers who turn 60, Denise Budde who celebrates her 70th and Rico de Marigny on his 80th.

Congratulations!

- Brent and Karla Minnitt, granny Robynne Lott and great-grandparents, Doug and Betty Paul, on the Baptism of Haylee.
- Alexandra Marais on passing her driver's licence.
- St Doms swimmers who successfully swam the Midmar Mile.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS: Thomas and Vasie Daniels and family, Kyle Smith and Kristin de Leur and Elizabeth Pingle. We hope that you will enjoy being part of our St Doms family.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes to:

- Margaret Mignot, Brigitte and Sarane Richard-Coombes. Caroline and Ryan Dennis and family on the death of their beloved husband, father and grandfather, Guy.
- Clive Wilson and family on the death of Judi.

OUR BEST WISHES for a speedy recovery go to Dennis Anderson after his recent operation.



- Pauline Rosseau and Mike Hobden for leading the Lenten retreat which those who attended found most inspiring and challenging.
- All those who bought tickets for the lamb raffle which was won by Pat Barendse. The raffle raised in the region of R3 000 for the World Youth Day fund.
- Everyone who baked for the Flower Festival Cake Sale and those who supported them by buying cakes. The sale raised the fantastic sum of R2 241 which will go towards funding the cost of the Flower Festival taking place on 8 and 9 April.
- Eddie Laubser-Goldblatt of MTT Structures for supplying and erecting the marquee, at no charge, for both Father Brian's birthday celebration and Shrove Tuesday.
- The Kilfoil Awesome Foursome who who assisted in any way by making to Leon Raymakers and his team who amounted to R2 453,00 which will help effort!
- From the members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, a BIG thank you to all the knitters who have and are, making little jerseys for the baby packs. They are very much appreciated.



organised the Shrove Tuesday pancake bonanza, those pancakes and/or fillings, selling tickets and cleaning up and manned the bar. Thanks to your support the total raised swell the World Youth Day funds. What an awesome team effort!

LITURGICALLY SPEAKING

- ✠ We invite you to join us for the First when we will pray for rain to end the
- ✠ You are encouraged to participate take place every Wednesday during
- ✠ The Penitential Service will take the Jubilee Year of Mercy and as the sacrament of confession is of great importance, affecting not only us, as individuals in our relationship with God, but impacting on the community as a whole, we are going to try something different this year. A number of priests will be present, but instead of going to confession as we usually do, we will just be required to go to one of the priests and say "These are my sins.....". We will then return to our seats and remain in quiet prayer until the end of the service, when a general penance and absolution will be given. Anyone who needs to spend more time or who requires counselling, should make an appointment with Father John for a private confession. After the service we will celebrate the forgiveness we have received by getting together in the Meeting Place for a bring 'n share snack supper, where tea and coffee will be served. It would be appreciated if you would bring a plate of finger snacks to share rather than a meal which will require cutlery! Please ensure that you diarise this very important date.



Saturday Mass and Rosary at 08h00 on 05 March, drought.

in the meditations on the Stations of the Cross which Lent starting at 18h00 and on Thursdays at 09h30.

place at 18h00 on **Wednesday 16 March**. This being

✠ Holy Week Programme

- Palm Sunday – 20 March – the procession will start in the paddock and proceed into the Church through an archway of palms held by the children.
 - The Liturgy rehearsal takes place on Monday 21 March at 18h00 for Holy Thursday and at 18h30 for those involved in the Good Friday liturgy.
 - The rehearsal for those involved in the Easter Vigil Liturgy will be at 18h00 on Tuesday 22 March.
 - The Paschal Meal will start at 18h00 on Wednesday 23 March. Tickets are R70 for adults and R50 for children 12 years and younger. As booking is essential for catering purposes, please ensure that you contact Linda in the parish office as soon as possible to make your booking.
 - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper will start at 18h00. You are invited to remain in the church to pray at the altar of repose after Mass.
 - Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (25 March) will start in the church at 07h00 and will proceed through the grounds. Tea/coffee and hot cross buns will be served after the Stations and donations of hot cross buns, preferably already buttered, will be greatly appreciated.
 - We will celebrate the Passion of Our Lord at 15h00 on Good Friday.
 - The Easter Vigil on Saturday 26 March will start at 18h30 with the lighting of the fire in the paddock. Please pray for our Catechumens, Heather Arbuckle and Dave Ebsworth, who will be received into full membership of the Catholic Church during the Vigil.
 - Mass on Easter Sunday will be celebrated at 08h00. There will be no evening Mass.
- ✠ You may have wondered recently whether the ushers had forgotten to take up the second collection during the Communion meditation. The reason for this is that the closing prayer is actually the final prayer concluding the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The collection, obviously, has nothing to do with the Liturgy of the Eucharist and is

therefore being taken up after the closing prayer.

YEAR OF MERCY : With the Jubilee Year of Mercy banner being prominently displayed for everyone to view, we thought it a good time to repeat the explanation of the logo which was designed by Jesuit Father Marko I Rupnik. It represents the image of the Son having taken upon His shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of His incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature is that, while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father. The scene is captured within the *mandoria* (the almond shape) calling to mind the divine and human nature of Christ. The three concentric ovals with colours progressively lighter as they move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely the depth of the darker colour suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives.

LESSONS IN LIFE FROM DR SEUSS

Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you. You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. Be who you are and say what you feel. Behave today as if this is the day you will be remembered.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

- ★ The sun rising later in the mornings and setting earlier is a reminder that autumn and winter are on their way. For many of us, the change of season is a pleasant relief, but for a very large number of members of the community, it brings the threat of bitterly cold weather. With this in mind, we advise that the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be starting their Winter Warmth and Beanie drive towards the end of April. So if you want to be ahead of the pack, get those knitting needles out now and make an early beanie start!
- ★ The Ladies Guild received a "wish list" from Don Mackenzie Hospital for various items required by the patients. The Guild members thought it a good idea to collect one such item per month. With cooler weather around the corner we thought we would start with socks. I am sure each of us has a number of pairs of socks which we will never wear. So please give your sock drawers a clean-out. New or second-hand (not holey) socks may be placed in the SSVF trolley for distribution to the patients by the Guild members.
- ★ Unfortunately, the Breakfast Talk scheduled for 20 February was cancelled, due to unforeseen circumstances. Hopefully we will be able to make arrangements later in the year for Raymond Perrier to speak to us about the wonderful work being done by Denis Hurley Centre.
- ★ St Doms' Business Directory is still very much a work-in-progress. The directory not only gives you free advertising, but will enable parishioners to support one another in the commercial world. Whatever your business may be, ranging from accounting to zip replacements, we would like to include it in our parish business directory. Please give your details to Linda in the parish office for inclusion in the directory.
- ★ The next Tuesday Forum will be held on Tuesday 15 March at 10h00 when the guest speaker will be Lindi Collett on the subject of "Healthy Eating" which follows well on the talk recently given by Helen Keen on Keeping your Brain Healthy. All are welcome to attend.
- ★ The new look "Faith Alive" programme will start again on Tuesday 19 April and Thursday 21 April – watch the Bulletin and Chronicle for more details.
- ★ The Community Services Committee are investigating the possibility of providing a caring service focusing more on St Doms parishioners rather than the greater community. The aim is to provide assistance to those in need, ranging from just being there for those who need to unburden themselves, to assisting with providing meals during convalescence, shopping for those who are ill, perhaps taking care of a sick child while Mum has to go out, or a friendly face to pray with you. We are a family and, as such, we should support one another in the time of need. If you would like to be involved in assisting the community in this way, please call Sabrina on 084 4609902.



YOUTH TALK – The Lenten Sacrifice: How It Can Save Your Life By JURELL SISON – Adapted from the Life teen Website

Last year, Pope Francis said, "Lent comes to us as a providential time to change course, to recover the ability to react to the evil that always challenges us." Indeed, Lent is a time to "turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."

What, then, does "giving something up," have to do with the evil in our lives?

The best way for me to describe it is by using Fr. Jim Shafer's simple method, the "1-1-1 Plan." I was introduced to it last year at my church and I discovered a profound and deeply relevant way to pray through Lent. Let's first look at Fr. Shafer's plan in its entirety and then discuss the significance of the Lenten sacrifice.

STEP ONE: GIVE UP ONE THING

Giving up something for Lent has been in our tradition for centuries. While it's tempting to give up chocolate, lose a few pounds, and call it a "good Lent," it's not quite what the Church had in mind. Not that your health isn't important but the Lenten sacrifice plays a more significant role in the process.

STEP TWO: PICK UP ONE THING

It's about this time of year that I hear someone say, "I'd rather do something than give something up." Well, here is the perfect opportunity. Lent is not just about fasting and sacrifice it's about also about action. The next step is to add one habit that enhances your relationship with God. Since we are all so busy, Fr. Shafer challenges us to reflect on this carefully. The objective isn't to create another commitment that drains your energy but to find one that gives you more of it. Pick up a habit that energizes you and keeps your mind straight; pick one that fills you with the Holy Spirit, re-charging you for the rest of the week.

STEP THREE: FOCUS ON ONE SIN

The last and most important step is to pick one sin that is actively working in your life. Pick one sin and name it. Are you always angry? selfish? greedy? Do you turn to certain behaviors to fill the void inside?

When you give sin a name it becomes real. It exists. You know where it lives and you can kick it out the door. This is what Pope Francis means when he speaks of "the evil that is always challenging us." It sneaks in and destroys. It's unrelenting and it doesn't discriminate. But if we name it, we can "react" to it, as Pope Francis says.

It's only when we come face to face with the evil deep within us* that we can begin to take our Christian discipleship seriously. Indeed, this is the heart of Lent — turning back to Christ.

RECLAIMING OUR LENTEN SACRIFICES

All three steps contribute to the bigger mission of "turning away from sin." But what can the Lenten sacrifice really do for us? Traditionally, we know it can give us a taste of Christ's sacrifice, a reminder to pray more, or even a sense of gratitude; however, one of the more practical reasons is to simply create a habit of discipline. Discipline is like a muscle. The more we use it, more resilient we become when evil finds its way into our lives. If we cannot say "no" to a piece of chocolate, how can we say "no" to some of life's most destructive and seductive temptations?. It's a constant battle and if we cannot stand up to the evil in our lives it will find a home in our heart, transforming us into something we never meant to be. "

Our Lenten sacrifice gives us an opportunity to exercise our freedom and will power, building spiritual resiliency and old-fashioned discipline. When partnered with prayer, it is the most powerful weapon against the strong pull towards sin.

PARAPROSDOKIANS (Figures of speech in which the latter part of the sentence is unexpected) from Winston Churchill

- They begin the evening news with "Good Evening" and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- You don't need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER : The programme for the Women's World Day of Prayer this year was prepared by the women of Cuba, the theme being "Receive Children, Receive Me". The older generation in Cuba have kept the Word of God alive despite the atheistic policy of the Cuban government. The younger generation holds on to the light to illuminate their path in the midst of the social contradiction in which they live. Through the women of Cuba who have compiled the programme this year, we are invited to put children at the centre of God's Kingdom. All the women of the parish, of all ages, are invited to participate in this event, starting at 10h00 on 4 March at the Lutheran Church, Assagay Road.



TO GOD BE THE GLORY

St Dom's Flower Festival will be held in the church on 08 and 09 April. We have some amazingly talented floral artists in the parish and the festival will highlight not only their work but that of other floral artists from the Highway area. Further details will be published in the bulletin and in the next issue of The Chronicle. This magnificent and inspiring event is not to be missed so please ensure that you diarise these dates now.

MY SCHOOL CARD : The MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet fundraising programme is one of South Africa's biggest community programmes. Through the card system supporters raise funds for their beneficiary school merely by swiping their cards when they shop at the partner stores, such as Woolworths, Toys R Us or Waltons, amongst others. The partners make a contribution towards the selected beneficiary on behalf of the cardholder. In this way, you are able to make a difference to a worthy cause without costing you a cent. What a win/win situation! The Society of St Vincent de Paul Hillcrest is one of the beneficiaries of the programme. Even if you already hold a My School Card, this does not preclude you from adding the Society as a beneficiary (you may select up to 3 schools or charities as your beneficiaries). To obtain a card or to add SVP as a beneficiary, log on to www.myschool.co.za – it's as simple as that.

POLITICAL ONE-LINERS

- The problem with political jokes is they get elected – Henry Cate, VII
- We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office – Aesop
- Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river – Nikita Krushchev

Dr Edwina Ward and Sr Anneliese Schäpers OP will be leading a one day workshop on "Loss" at St Dominic's

House of Prayer, 10 Baudry Road, Bluff on 5 March from 09h00 to 16h00. For more information, contact stdominic@eastcoast.co.za or 031 4673721.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACCOUNTABILITY (from an article by Anthony Egan, S.J. published by The Jesuit Institute of South Africa)

The film "Spotlight" which has recently come onto the circuit, tells the story of how a team of journalists on the Boston Globe followed up on the background to the conviction of a former priest extradited from California to Massachusetts to stand trial for child abuse crimes committed twenty years before. It is an excellent film that also highlights another important dimension to the scandal : the explicit or implicit compliance of Boston police, judiciary and media in burying a scandal. The strength of the film goes to the heart of a challenge facing us everywhere: holding those in power to account. It speaks volumes to us in South Africa today about of the failures of institutions in our society and the public's failure – our failure – to demand they be held to account for their actions. Rather than seeing "Spotlight" as anti-Catholic propaganda, let's see it rather as a reminder to us today in South Africa of the need to challenge the powers that tend to corrupt state, society and sometimes church.

F.E.A.R. has two meanings. Forget Everything and Run or Face Everything and Rise. The choice is yours.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE IRISH WHEN

- You don't have to study for exams because your Granny lit a candle for you.
- You do the 4 claps in the song "The Wild Rover" every time without fail.
- You can call someone mad and mean it as a compliment.
- All your phone calls end in "Right bye bye bye bye."

May the joy and peace of our Risen Lord be with you this Easter and throughout the year.

ST DOMINICS CALENDAR – MARCH 2016

| | TIME | WHAT'S HAPPENING |
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| Tuesday 1st | 18h00 | Liturgy Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday 2nd | 06h00 | Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 17h30 |
| | 18h00 | Stations of the Cross |
| | 18h30 | Ladies Guild |
| | 18h30 | Folk Group practice |
| Friday 4th | 10h00 | Women's World Day of Prayer : Lutheran Church, Assagay Road |
| | 17h30 | Power Hour including Holy Mass and Benediction |
| | 18h30 | Bring 'n Share Supper and SSVP 100 Club Draw |
| Saturday 5th | 08h00 | Holy Mass and Rosary – Prayers for rain |
| Sunday 6th : 4th | 08h00 | Join us for tea after Mass in the Meeting Place |
| Sunday of Lent | 17h30 | Jason and Danielle Halstead hosting tea after Mass |
| Monday 7th | 17h30 | SSVP meeting |
| | 18h00 | Choir Practice |
| Tuesday 8th | 18h00 | Finance Committee Meeting |
| | 19h00 | Social Life Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday 9th | 06h00 | Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 17h30 |
| | 18h00 | Lenten Devotions : Stations of the Cross |
| | 18h30 | Folk Group practice |
| Friday 11th | 17h30 | Power Hour including Holy Mass |
| Sunday 13th : 5th | 08h00 | Mychelle Taylor and Maureen Simpson hosting tea after Mass |
| Sunday of Lent | 17h30 | Tea after Mass hosted by Tracy and Cavan Kriek |
| Monday 14th | 18h00 | Choir practice |
| | 18h30 | Bible Study - Revelation |
| Tuesday 15th | 10h00 | Tuesday Forum : Lindi Collett on "Healthy Eating" |
| | 18h30 | Folk Group practice |
| Wednesday 16th | 06h00 | Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 17h30 |
| | 18h00 | Penitential Service – Bring 'n Share Supper |
| Thursday 17th | 18h00 | Parish Pastoral Council meeting |
| Friday 18th | 17h30 | Power Hour including Holy Mass and Rosary |
| Sunday 20th | 08h00 | Palm Sunday : Tea after Mass hosted by the Askew family |
| | 17h30 | Pearl Mackie and Maria Walker hosting tea after Mass |
| Monday 21st | | Human Rights Day |
| | 18h00 | Liturgy Rehearsal |
| Tuesday 22nd | 18h00 | Easter Vigil Liturgy Rehearsal |
| | 18h30 | Folk Group practice |
| Wednesday 23rd | 06h00 | Holy Mass : Adoration until 17h30 |
| | 18h00 | Paschal Meal |
| Thursday 24th | 18h00 | Holy Thursday : Mass of Our Lord's Supper |
| Friday 25th | 07h00 | Stations of the Cross – Tea and hot cross buns in the Meeting Place |
| | 15h00 | The Passion of Our Lord |
| Saturday 26th | 08h00 | SSVP Packing of food parcels – your help is needed |
| | 09h00 | Community Services Committee Meeting |
| | 18h30 | Easter Vigil |
| Sunday 27th | 08h00 | Easter Sunday : Joyce Haarhoff and Maureen Emslie hosting tea after Mass |
| | 17h30 | No Sunday evening Mass |
| Monday 28th | | Family Day |
| | 18h30 | Bible Study : Revelation |
| Wednesday 30th | 06h00 | Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00 |