

# THE ST DOM CHRONICLE HILLCREST, KZN MAY 2016



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

## Your Mother Is Always With You – Author Unknown



Your mother is always with you...  
She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street.  
She's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks.  
She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well.  
Your mother lives inside your laughter.  
She's crystallized in every tear drop.  
She's the place you came from, your first home...

She's the map you follow with every step that you take.

She's your first love and your first heart break...

and nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time, Not space...Not even death...will ever separate you from your mother...

You carry her inside of you...

*Happy Mothers' Day to all the women of our parish.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Claire Ambrose, Baillie, Lindy Baker, Jason Basel, Dave Bosman, David Bozas, Layla Bozas, Cameron, Jessica Campbell, Liam Theresa Coleman, Edward Cooke,



Shawn Ambrose, Lynne Askew, Rebecca Askew, Althea Baxendale-Small, Judith Berlouis, Karen Bosman, Shan Michelle Braidwood. Shirley Browning, Diana Cahill, Joshua Campbell, Philippe Castel, Emma Chisholm, Patricia Cilliers, Roberto Corielle, Kathryn Couzens, Pauline De Chalain, David Ebsworth, Ingrid Edwards, Maureen Elliott, Suzanne Fletcher. Rosalind Galway, Joyce Haarhoff, Rory Harmsworth, Alex Henderson, Jacqueline Henry, Brian Hoar, Oliver Hoeben, Nathan Holmes, Gareth Hughes, Niki Hughes, Ricky Hughes, Monique Hurst, Maya Hurst, Debbie Janus, Lech Janus, Tayla Kavanagh, Carrie-Anne Kelly, Frank Kihn, Neil Knickelbein, Steven Kruger, Evelyn Kuster, Melanie Kuster, Rolf Kuster, Jordan Lim, Caroline Linz, Siobhan Loots, Stephen Madden, Ntokozo Majokweni, Cathy Malcolm-Smith, Marie-Louise Martin, Sharron McKenna, Michael Mfeka, Jade Miller, Colleen Mills, Nandi Mpanza, Sidney Murrin, Sibusisiwe Myeni, Nonvelelo Ngcobo, Venessa Omarjee, Philip Palmer, Andrew Peens, Cade Peens, Keegan Peters, Caydon Poilly, Paul Poilly, Yvonne Poilly, Cindy Polzi, Buye Radebe, Emily Raubenheimer, Lisa Redman, Wayne Redman, Sue-Anne Roper, Grant Ross, Philip Rutkiewicz, Rosemary Scherzer, Tyler Schulz, Khayelihle Sibaya, Kay Smith, Paul Stanley, Alfie Steemson, Trysten Streak, Kazimira Strutt, Marc Tennant, Benjamin Trusler, Devin Van Vuuren, Isabella Velleman, Denes Wasas, Maureen White, Tatyana Williams, Geraldine Woodhouse, James Wortmann, Nkanyiso Zwane, and Iyanda Zwane. Special wishes go to those celebrating milestone birthdays: Bridget Bates on her 21<sup>st</sup>, Kim Elwood, Tammy Krauspe, Verna Roussel, and Anne Marie Sparks on their 40<sup>th</sup>, Kim Baxendale-Small on her half-century, Geraldine Wildner on her 60<sup>th</sup> and Michael Wortmann who celebrates his 70<sup>th</sup>.

## BEST WISHES GO TO

- Gordon Turner for a speedy recovery after his operation.
- Dieter Hamman, who we are glad to see up and around after his op and to Margaret Hamman for a speedy recovery after her illness
- Marilyn Daly and Ursula de Segrais on their move to their respective new homes.

## PARISHIONERS ON THE MOVE:

**Welcome to our new parishioners:** Vincent and Gillian O'Connor, Irene Skibinski, Paul and Jacqueline Snook and family, Cheryl Breytenbach, Thembelani and Pumla Miya and family, Kerri Hunt and family, who will, we hope, enjoy being part of our St Doms community.

**Farewell** to Byron and Debbie Holmes and family who are emigrating to Canada. We thank them for their involvement in the parish, Byron as reader and Nathan as an altar server, and wish them every happiness in their new country.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Deirdre and Fred Kroone on the marriage of their elder son, Nicolaas to Caitlin.
- Marie-Louise and Kevin Martin on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

- New grannies : Terry Leeson and Pearl Mackie, on the birth of their grandsons, both born in Australia.
- Pat and John Daly on the birth of Pat's second grandchild, a little boy, born in the USA.
- Katia Benedetti, Justin and Luca Sciocatti and grandparents, Vilma and Francesco Benedetti, on the birth of Elia.
- Alaine Crawford on his graduation as a member of the Anti-Rhino Poaching army. It was interesting to hear about the work which they are doing. Please pray for those who are fighting the battle to save the rhino.

#### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes to

- Bill Fitzgerald and family, Marie-Louise and Kevin Martin on the death of Monique.
- Elisabeth Hebbelman, Karin and Arnolda Corbella and family on the death of Hans.
- Anthony, Debbie and Rachel Kerdachi on the tragic death of Blake.
- Ellen McConnell on the death of her brother in Scotland.
- Ursula de Segrais on the death of her husband, Frans.

*Frans and Ursula have been parishioners at St Doms for a good many years, although they spent a number of years down the coast before coming "home" to St Doms again. Frans' passion for music lead him to be one of the movers and shakers in getting the Folk Group up and running some 25 years ago and they were both involved in all the social activities of the parish and the various shows including the Golden Oldies over the years. There was nothing that Frans would not do to help others. His declining health over the past two years forced him to withdraw from most activities, but his faith and concern for others never waivered. We were truly blessed by his friendship over the years. We pray for Ursula and his sons, Phillipe and Jacques and their families that their happy memories of the times spent with Frans will ease the pain of their loss.*



.- Father John and everyone involved in the Holy Week liturgy, making it such an uplifting experience.

- Those who participated in Benediction on Divine Mercy Sunday. Though it was attended by only a few parishioners, they made up in spirit what was lacking in numbers.

- All the parishioners who supported the Community Service Committee's Easter Egg hamper raffle and well done to Mychelle Taylor who won it.

- Terri Leeson for the work she has put into the St Doms Business Directory, which is now displayed on the notice-board and will have a link on the St Dom's website and Facebook page. It is a work-in-progress, so if you would like the details of your business included, place pass them on to Linda in the parish office or to Terri whose email address is [terryl@msesa.co.za](mailto:terryl@msesa.co.za).

- Helen Bellew and Vaughn Harrington for the many hours of planning, hard work and dedication in making the Flower Festival the resounding success it was, not only artistically and spiritually, but also financially, raising the incredible amount of



seen the best, the our feet!

- Catherine Purcell

arrangements which

- From Helen Bellew,

who helped the children prepare their delightful flower decorated the tea tables for the Flower Festival. who says : I would like to thank everyone involved in any way who helped to make the Flower Festival a success. The workers were amazing in their commitment, from the tea ladies to the arrangers, the sweepers, the garden pickers, those who helped with the stripping of the flowers and de-thorning the roses! The ticket sellers, and the choir, Brigitte Wortmann who designed and printed the tickets, posters and flyers and to the ladies who fed us during the days while we were preparing for the Festival – your behind the scene chores were greatly appreciated. To Brian Uren who made the frames and wooden name stands, Paul Wortmann who made the metal stands and the arch for Our Lady, Sean Kilfoil who hung all the angels and Goodman and Musa who assisted. All your help was so very much appreciated. To Father John who stood by patiently while we "took over the church" and also baked and helped with the washing up. You were amazing! Without all your help this Festival would not have been possible. To all those who came to help dismantle on the Monday – without your help we would have been at the church for many more hours. Thank you all so much.

- From Carol and Gordon Turner, to all the St Doms parishioners, especially Dev Rider and Anke Fagelund-Gjersoe, for the loving concern, assistance and support during the time of Gordon's operation and convalescence.

- Katia Benedetti who has, so capably and with such dedication, headed up the Liturgy Committee for a number of years. Unfortunately, Katia is stepping down from the role, as she will have her hands full with Luca and little Elia. Our thanks also go to Fiona Campbell who is taking over from her. Fiona is stepping into big shoes, but we are sure that she will, with the support of the Committee, undertake this role with her usual devotion.

- The Hillcrest High Glee Choir who provided the entertainment for the musical interlude on 23 April to raise funds for World Youth Day. Special thanks to the guest artists, Anneline Herbst and Kyle Howard; Catherine Purcell for the beautiful table decor, the Social Life Committee and everyone who contributed in any way to make it such a delightful and enjoyable event.

#### LITURGICALLY SPEAKING



- ✦ The 08h00 Mass on May 1 which is Workers' Day will be bilingual. Please pray for the many people throughout the world, and particularly in South Africa, who are unable to find gainful employment.
- ✦ You are invited to join us for the first Saturday Mass and Rosary at 08h00 on 7 May when the prayer intention will be for all mothers, especially single mothers and those experiencing difficult circumstances.
- ✦ In accordance with a directive from the Cardinal, as the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord is a day of obligation, it will be celebrated on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 May and not on Thursday 5 May.
- ✦ You are invited to participate in the Pentecost Novena, the earliest of all the Church's novenas, which will take place from Ascension Thursday concluding on Pentecost (15 May). After Jesus' ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room and to devote themselves to constant prayer, which they did for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Let's make a special effort during this time to pray, privately and in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and to go to confession so that we can set out church "on fire" with the Holy Spirit.
- ✦ We will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, on 14 and 15 May – don't forget to wear red for the occasion.
- ✦ 22 May is Trinity Sunday. The concept of the Holy Trinity cannot be rationalized or completely understood. But it is our opportunity to ponder and give thanks for what the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have done for us and all mankind.
- ✦ May 28 and 29 is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Unfortunately, due to the Comrades marathon taking place, there will be no Mass at 08h00 on Sunday 29 May so you will need to attend Mass either on Saturday or Sunday evening at 17h30.
- ✦ We remind you, once again, to check your ministry rosters if you are involved in the liturgy in any way. It is most disconcerting for the rest of the "team" to have to find replacements at the last moment for those who haven't turned up. Please remember that you have pledged your time and talents to serve God and the community in a particular ministry so the onus is on you to ensure that you carry out your commitment.

#### ADVICE FROM A TREE

Stand tall and proud  
 Go out on a limb  
 Remember your roots  
 Drink plenty of water  
 Be content with your natural beauty  
 Enjoy the view.



#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS AND VIEWS

- ✦ We are sorry to advise that Allan Montile is retiring as the head honcho of the Maintenance team, a role he has carried out with great dedication for the past nine years. He will, fortunately, remain as part of the group of "youngsters" who are so pro-active in caring for the church buildings. And even more fortunately, Ian Matthews has recently celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, which has qualified him to take over the reins from Allan. We know that Ian will continue to give St Dom's buildings loving care with his usual devotion and attention to detail.
- ✦ The New Parishioners' Bring 'n Braai will be held on Friday 6 May, starting at 18h00. This is not only for the new parishioners, but is a great way for the "old" parishioners to meet the newer members of our St Dom's family. Please bring your meat and we will supply the rest!
- ✦ In order to avoid clashing with the New Parishioners' evening, the SSVP 100 Club draw and bring 'n share supper will take place at 18h30 on Friday 13 May. All are welcome.
- ✦ Many thanks to the parishioners who are supporting SSVP through their MySchool cards. SSVP members have launched a MySchool drive and, if you missed them after Mass, you may contact Lynette Kuster (082 3526776) for more information or go to the website [www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za). Even if you have an existing card, it doesn't preclude you from adding Hillcrest Society of St Vincent de Paul as a beneficiary.
- ✦ "Faith Alive" started in April with the "Incredible Testimony" of Father Don Callaway. It takes place every Tuesday at 10h00 and Thursday at 19h00 and is a great way to learn more about our faith as well as being a most enjoyable social event. The sessions on 3, 5, 10 and 12 May will be "The Call to Fatima" coinciding with the first apparition of Our Lady to the children at Fatima on 13 May 1917. Don't miss this DVD or the very interesting "Ultimate Catholic Questions and Answers" which will take place over the following two weeks
- ✦ All Dads, Lads (and Granddads) are invited to join in the Dads and Lads campout which will take place from 14h00 on 14 May to 10h00 on 15 May at Roseway Waldorf School. The cost is only R20 per adult and R10 for lads under the age of 12. Please contact Janet Kohler 082 7776870 or Linda in the parish office to book for this exciting event.
- ✦ The members of the Community Service Committee are doing great work in helping to teach the younger children at Bethlehem and KwaNyuswa drop-in centres to improve their reading skills. If you are available during the day and would like to be involved in this project, please call Sabrina on 084 4609902.
- ✦ All the men of the parish are invited to the challenging and inspiring series by Father Larry Richards, "Be A Man!" which takes place in the Meeting Place from Monday 16th to Friday 20th May from 18h30 to 20h00. The cost is R100 for the week or R20 per session. Please contact Wayne Redman (083 7048080) or Linda in the Parish Office to confirm your attendance.
- ✦ Many thanks to those who have offered their assistance in various ways in setting up the Listening Post. As

mentioned in the last issue, parishioners who are in need of help in one form or another, are asked to contact Linda in the parish office, and she will direct those appeals to those best qualified to handle them, whether it be to the Caring Group who take Communion to the sick and visit the elderly, to one of the Deacons or Father John if the need is for counselling, or to Sabrina on behalf of the Listening Post for any other assistance, including helping with a sick child, assistance with dressing wounds, providing meals for a new Mum or someone who is ill and so on. This is a great way to show our concern for each other as a family and all calls for help are strictly confidential.

**TO LET** - Furnished room with shower and toilet in Balmoral suitable for a retired person. Please contact Maureen Francois 031 7651945 for more information.

**ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES** : This multi-national prayer event, promoted by Saint Michael the Archangel Organization, takes place from 6 to 8 May. Catholics throughout the world are being asked to pray one Rosary during that period for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. You may register for this by going on to their website which is [www.SaintMichelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://www.SaintMichelTheArchangelOrganization.org).

**YOUTH TALK** : *How to Help Me Get to Heaven: 15 Guys and Girls Weigh In* by JULIE LAI – Adapted from the *Life Teen Website*

Let's be honest here. Our different genders are ridiculously complex and difficult to understand. Sometimes it's hard to know what are the different things the other gender struggles with. The hard truth is that we could be doing a lot more to help our brothers and sisters to get to Heaven. Sometimes our actions, without us even knowing, can make it more difficult for each other to get closer to God and Paradise.

Thankfully, God gives us the Church, His commandments, and teachings. They are a guide on how best to love God, others, and ourselves. In addition to that, we can also be humble enough to listen to each other to learn how to be better men and women of God. So, I asked 15 people who I know are striving for Heaven, what guys and girls can start doing to help them grow closer to God. These are some of the answers.

**Ladies:** you can help me, as a guy, become closer to God by...

“...challenging me to a higher standard than I have for myself.

“...allowing yourself to be pursued.

“...refusing to gossip and involving yourself in.

“...dressing like you care about your brothers

“...not believing what the world says you are but what God says you are, created in His image. Your dignity and worth comes from God's unconditional love.

“...using your nurturing nature in defense of the poor, the marginalized, and especially for the unborn.

“...not putting up with my mediocrity;

**Guys:** you can help me, as a girl, become closer to God by :

“...being intentional in everything you do. Let your actions line up with your words.

“...being vulnerable. Being a man means being in touch with who you are fully and learning how to express those feelings in a healthy ways.

“...not watching porn.

“...seeking what it means to be a Christian man and striving to live that way

“...understanding that physical acts of affection actually hold meaning

“...promising never to lead me to yourself. If you are committing to love me, then knowing and loving Christ first is what will really get us both there.

“...not looking at me as an object to be used.

“...seeking Christ first and growing in devotion to His Mother and our Mother.

These responses really showed me that there are young men and women who are greatly dissatisfied with what the world offers and desire more. It inspires me not to settle with mediocrity. It encourages me to love more. For to love others is to love God Himself. I pray these vulnerable words from our brothers and sisters soak into your heart and challenge you to love more radically — even when it's difficult.

*You are invited to join **The Apostleship of Prayer**, a worldwide prayer network responding to the challenges confronting humanity and the Church's mission, expressed in Pope Francis's monthly intentions. This month, being the month of Our Lady, the Holy Father's intention is respect for women – that in every country, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed. See *The Southern Cross* for more details.*

**ROOM WANTED** : Inger Nilsen is looking to rent a room in the Hillcrest area three days a week (Tuesday to Thursday), As she lives in Queensburgh and works in Hammarsdale, she is hoping to reduce her travelling costs by hiring a room closer to work. If you are able to assist, please call Inger on 084 4042185.

**DON MACKENZIE HOSPITAL** : Dr Tappie Cairns of Don Mackenzie Hospital asked us to convey, on behalf of the patients, her sincere appreciation to everyone at St Doms for the donation of the toiletries, craft items and socks, which she says “are so needed with winter approaching as windows are always kept wide open to reduce infection risk”. Craft items such as cotton thread, needles, lace, seed beads, fabric paint and even seeds to help the patients to start vegetable gardens will be greatly appreciated. These may be left in the SSVP trolley for

sorting by St Dom's Duracell bunny, Norma Shepstone, and will be collected by Dr Cairns.

### **MURDER MYSTERY EVENING**

The event, which was planned for 23  
Glee Choir .This will now be held on



April, was postponed in order to accommodate the Hillcrest  
21 May and will include a 3-course meal. Tickets will  
shortly be on sale so we suggest that you make up a table and book soon– and don't forget to dress in character!  
This promises to be a fun evening for everyone of all ages – don't miss it!

*Laughter and humour are the music in the dance of life.*

### **LAST LAUGH :**

Paddy was visiting New York. He waited patiently, watching the traffic cop at a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted "Okay pedestrians," then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted "Pedestrians!" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

DATE	TIME	ST DOMINICS' MAY 2016 DIARY
Sunday 1st	08h00	Bilingual Mass – Esme Baker and Troy Roper hosting tea after Mass
6th Sunday of Easter	17h30	Tea hosted by Danielle Halstead
Monday 2nd		Workers Day – Public Holiday
	17h30	SSVP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Tuesday 3rd	10h00	Faith Alive : A Call to Fatima – Part 1
	18h00	Liturgy Committee meeting
Wednesday 4th	06h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group practice
	19h00	Ladies Guild meeting
Thursday 5th	19h00	Faith Alive : A Call to Fatima – Part 1
		Start of the Pentecost Novena
Friday 6th	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass and Benediction
	18h30	New Parishioners' Bring 'n Braai
Saturday 7th	08h00	Holy Mass and Rosary : Prayers for mothers
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> :	08h00	Mothers' Day : Tea after Mass hosted by Brian and Michele Uren
Ascension of Our Lord	10h15	Hillcrest Hospital Service – Spiritual Life Committee assisting
	17h30	Tracy and Cavan Kriek hosting tea after Mass
Monday 9th	18h00	Choir Practice
	18h30	Bible Study
Tuesday 10th	10h00	Faith Alive : A Call to Fatima – Part 2
	18h00	Finance Committee Meeting
	19h00	Social Life Committee Meeting
Wednesday 11th	06h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Thursday 12th	19h00	Faith Alive : A Call to Fatima – Part 2
Friday 13th	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass
	18h30	SSVP 100 Club Draw and Bring 'n Share Supper
Saturday 14th	08h00	Breakfast Talk – Father Michael Nadaraju – The Year of Mercy
Sunday 15th :	08h00	Bronwyn and Noel Swart hosting tea after Mass
Pentecost	17h30	Tea after Mass hosted by Pearl Mackie and Maria Walker
Monday 16th	17h00	SSVP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Be A Man – Father Larry Richards (each evening to Friday 20th May)
Tuesday 17th	10h00	Faith Alive : Ultimate Catholic Questions and Answers – Part 1
	19h00	Divorcees Support Group
Wednesday 18th	06h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Thursday 19th	19h00	Faith Alive : Ultimate Catholic Questions and Answers – Part 1
Friday 20th		Start of the Retrouvaille weekend
	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass
aSunday 22nd :	08h00	Pam Montile and Rose Waldburger hosting tea after Mass
Trinity Sunday	17h30	Natasha Oldridge and William Marshall serving tea after Mass
Monday 23rd	18h00	Choir practice
		Bible Study
Tuesday 24th	10h00	Ultimate Catholic Questions and Answers – Part 2
Wednesday 25th	06h00	Mass : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Spiritual Life Committee meeting
Thursday 26th	19h00	Ultimate Catholic Questions and Answers – Part 2
Friday 27th	17h30	Power Hour including Holy Mass
Saturday 28th	08h00	SSVP Packing of food parcels – Helpers are needed
	09h30	Community Services committee meeting
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> :		Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ No 08h00 Mass due to the Comrades marathon
	17h30	Tea after Mass hosted by Dieter Schauerte