

The St Dom Chronicle

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St Dominic's Parish Mission Statement (October 1999):
Christianity through learning, caring and serving.



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Walters, Di Wheatley, Gail White, Beverley Wortmann, Bradley Wortmann, Nokwanda Zuma and Astrid Zwart.

Congratulations to those celebrating milestone birthdays:

51st: Damien Lello and Richard Walshe

50th: David Baker and Byron Nel

60th: Cheryl Breytenbach, Neville Green, Margaret Green and Matthew Martin

70th: Rosemary Cooke, Nontando Duma and Anke Fagelund-Gjersoe

80th: Spaso Curach

Welcome to St Dom's!

- ✠ To new parishioners Dominic and Thando Mncwabe and family. We hope that you will enjoy being part of the St Dom's family.
- ✠ Welcome back to new, old parishioners Graeme and Barbara Roy.



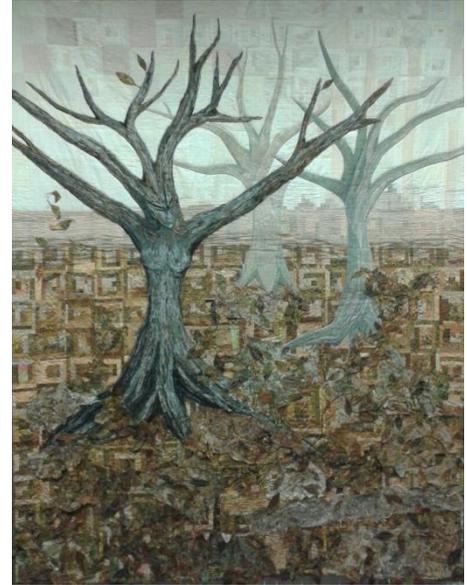
- ✠ To all those parishioners who offered their time, talents and treasures in the recent Stewardship campaign.
- ✠ To the LifeTeen Core Team who worked so hard to organise the LifeTeen camp at Camp Anerley. The teens will be on camp from 30 September until 2 October 2016.

- ✠ To all parishioners who supported the Community Services cake sale. An amount of R1,815 was raised, which will go towards the committee's initiatives.
- ✠ To Janet Turner who will now be Programme Coordinator for Catechism. Janet will also be assisting Cathrine Purcell generally in her role as Catechism Coordinator.
- ✠ To Estelle Hughes for organising a very special ceremony for the First Reconciliation candidates. Estelle will be stepping down from her role as First Reconciliation teacher in the last term of 2016 and next year, as she is expecting her third child in November. Thank you Estelle for all your dedicated, hard work, and we wish you all the best for this new, very busy chapter in your life.
- ✠ To Bronwyn Swart, who will be joining our team of Catechism teachers, taking half of the very large and busy Grade 2 class under her wing.
- ✠ To all parishioners, on behalf of the Society of St Vincent de Paul for their dedicated support during the last year. The society will be celebrating their feast day on 2 October and as a thank you, invite all parishioners to tea following the 8am mass.



- ✠ To Caryn and Robert du Plessis, on the birth of their daughter, Harper and to big brother Liam, as well as proud grandparents, Rose and Rodney Carr.
- ✠ To Christopher and Tonia Shingler, whose son, Cole, was recently baptised.
- ✠ To Damien Butt on being accepted into the Drakensburg Boys' Choir School next year.
- ✠ To Rebecca Askew on being selected for the KZN Indoor Netball team.
- ✠ To Brendan Kuhnert who came second in the U15 age group at the KZN Lead Rock Climbing competition, and for receiving his KZN colours for Rock Climbing. He will take part in the national competition in early October. Best of luck Brendan!
- ✠ To Julia Schauerte for being named 'Best Senior Debater' at a recent Culture Evening for Debating.
- ✠ To Sue Cameron, whose quilt won 'Best in Country' for South Africa at the World Quilt

Competition. Her beautiful quilt (as seen below) is now travelling around the USA.



- ✠ To our very own Society of St Vincent de Paul for making it into the Highway Mail! We hope that this exposure to the local community will bring the donations flooding in.



- ✠ To the 17 First Reconciliation candidates who made their first confession recently.
- ✠ And last, but certainly not least, all our Confirmation candidates who will be getting confirmed on 9 October at our 8am mass: Liam Campbell, Tiago Cipriano, Alex Merle, Nandi Mpanzo, Katherine Nel, Isabella Redman, Maxine Taylor and Keegan Van Vuuren.

Our sincerest condolences go to Catia Holdsworth and family on the death of her mum, Penny di Paolo.

On the Liturgical Front

- ✠ The 2017 Liturgical Calendars can now be ordered. If you would like a calendar, please put your name on the list at the back of the church. The calendars cost R20.00 which can be paid when they arrive.

- ✠ As mentioned in last month's *Chronicle*, our 'Music Festival' has been set for **Saturday, 22 October**. Neighbouring parishes have been invited to attend, and any and all St Dominic's parishioners who are interested may also take part. We look forward to seeing many new faces there!
- ✠ **Sunday, 23 October** is World Mission Sunday. We remember and pray for the safety of all missionaries, the Christian communities that send them and those who receive and welcome them.

A Prayer for Missions

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labours, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever.

Amen.

(Source: titusonmission.wordpress.com)

Parish Council News

- ✠ **SSVdP:** A benefactor has come forward with a donation of a bigger hut to house the society's goods. This is hugely exciting news for the committee who will now be able to store their goods for the poor more comfortably.
- ✠ In other exciting SSVdP news, they had their largest number of subscribers for the 100 Club in September, with 75 people participating. First prize was a whopping R1,900 won by Matthew and Debbie Martin! Wouldn't it be lovely to get up to 100 people? Come one, come all to the October 100 Club draw which will be held on **Friday, 7 October** at 18h30.
- ✠ The **Spiritual Life Committee** has organised a special prayer event to **pray for peace** in South Africa and the world, while also holding a public rosary to honour Our Lady's appearances at Fatima. The Rosary will be said on the pavement outside the church grounds.
Prayers for Peace will be held on **Saturday, 15 October** and the morning will include:

10.30am – 11.00am: Holy Mass

11.00am – 12.00pm: Adoration

12.00pm – 12.30pm: Rosary

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to take part in this important prayer opportunity.

- ✠ An exciting new website called '**Formed**' has been developed by Ascension Press which provides many resources for those interested in learning more about the faith. It includes books, DVDs, and audio items. It is possible to subscribe either as a parish or as an individual. The **Spiritual Life Committee** would very much appreciate comments from parishioners as to whether or not they think this is a service that they would be interested in. You can access the website at <https://formed.org/>.
- ✠ The members of the **Caring Committee** attended a special retreat at Jacob's Well. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

~~don't cross oceans for
people who wouldn't cross a
puddle for you.~~

No, do it. Do cross oceans for people. Love people, all people. No conditions attached, no wondering whether or not they're worthy. Cross oceans, climb mountains. Life and love isn't about what you gain, it's about what you give.

SSVdP: Project Spotlight

To keep St Dom's parishioners informed of just what goes on behind the scenes at SSVdP, each month we will now be featuring one of the many projects and initiatives run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

In September, a small committee of SSVdP members were hard at work creating '**baby packs**', which are handed out to young mums and school girls who have had babies and very often don't even have clothes for their little ones. The baby packs include a bag of nappies, blankets, wrapping blankets, vests, baby grows, beanies, jerseys (made by our expert knitters), well as toiletries. Many of the items are made by the members themselves and these invaluable packs are provided as a once-off for new-born babies.

Has your IDENTITY been STOLEN?

Come to our next **Breakfast Talk** which will be covering the very interesting and pertinent topic of **'Identity Theft'**, presented by Debra Bouwer.

8 October
8.00am – 9.30am
St Dominic's Church Hall
Cost: R30

Debra will present the various scenarios and give some valuable insight on how to protect ourselves.

The talk begins at 8.00am with a delicious buffet breakfast prepared by the Ladies Guild, followed by the talk at 8.30am and questions will conclude the morning by 9.30am.

Tickets will be on sale from 8 October.

Bring your friends along for this important talk!

Youth Talk: *#Brangelina is Over... And That's Nothing to Celebrate.*

by RACHEL LEININGER

Surely, unless you've been living under a rock, you heard the earth-shattering news that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are getting divorced.

We love our celebrity gossip, don't we? Perhaps it's because we idolise Hollywood, and when our heroes fall, we feel like we've fallen, too. Perhaps it's because their experiences sometimes align with ours, and their unions and breakups remind us of the ways our relationships (or those of our loved ones) can change. Or perhaps it's just because we're nosy. It's probably the last one, tbh.

The part of the saga I can't seem to let go – besides the fact that it is so, so sad for those six kids that their family is falling apart – is how many times I saw #Brangelina appear alongside Jennifer Aniston's face.

Brad Pitt was married to Jennifer Aniston when he and Angelina allegedly began their relationship. Rumour has it that Brangelina started falling in love in 2004, and Pitt and Aniston divorced in 2005. Whether or not Brad was technically unfaithful to Jennifer (and let's not kid ourselves: emotional infidelity is a real thing), the timeline is certainly suspicious – and the court of public opinion has unanimously pronounced Brangelina guilty.

And now, over a decade later, as Brad and Angelina's marriage is ending, all anyone on the

internet seems to care about is what a great day it must be for Jennifer.

There are a lot of things wrong with this picture. First, it assumes that Jennifer's petty and that she would celebrate the breakup of a couple and the destruction of a family. And what does that say about us, that the collective reaction of the general public was to rejoice on her behalf because we've always been "#teamJennifer"?

If you've been hurt by the pain of divorce, or ever seen a family fall apart, you know that's nothing to celebrate. It was never supposed to be like that – once a family has been created, they were made to stay together, forever (Mark 10:1-12).

If you're currently grieving a broken family, or have been hurt by someone cheating on you, I would encourage you to find a trusted adult you can talk to, to process your legitimately serious feelings. Whether that's a parent, another relative, a coach, a youth minister, a teacher, a counsellor – it doesn't matter who you talk to, just find someone with wisdom who cares about you and can help you work through those feelings.

If you don't, there's a very real chance that those feelings can impact our relationships later in life. I've seen people be cheated on by significant others and have a hard time trusting in new relationships. I've known families who lived through divorces so painful, the kids never speak to one of their parents again. I've seen hearts so hardened to love and marriage that they decide they never want to take the risk, and spend their life jumping from relationship to relationship without ever investing or truly committing.

I've also known young men and women who have seen their parents have affairs, and swear up and down that there's no way they will ever do that to their future kids. I've seen people who have been hurt in the past choose to forgive, and process their emotions in healthy ways, and go on to have awesome marriages. I've seen people choose to be better, not bitter – and that's what God wants for us all.

Forgiveness is the key. If you've been hurt by love, choose to forgive. It won't be easy, it won't happen overnight, and it won't be fun, at first – but by choosing to forgive, and seeking real healing, your heart can stay open to the love that God has planned for you.

And if an ex happens to find love again, and lose it, you'll know that's no cause for celebration. It won't be cause for anything, because you'll be totally free from the pain you once felt.

Calling all altar servers and youth!

The Archdiocese of Durban Altar Servers Association invites all altar servers and young people to its first **'Vocation Day'** where religious communities will exhibit their religious congregations and share information regarding their congregations.

Saturday, 22 October

8.30am – 3pm

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Morningside

The aim of the day is to expose altar servers to different vocations within the church and their importance as well as praying for vocations.

Altar servers should be dressed in black and white. Refreshments will be on sale.

Prayer to Mother Theresa – 4 September 2016

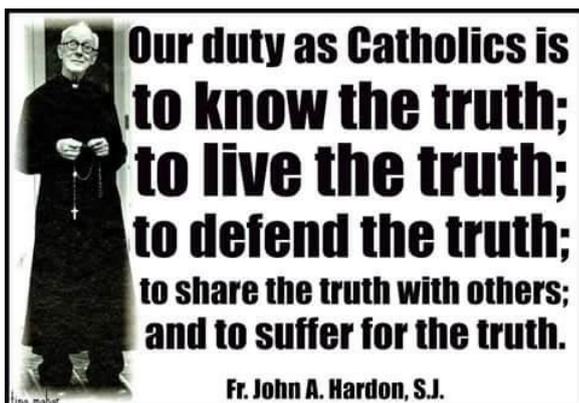
Canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta to sainthood
Carrier of God's Tender Love and Mercy

Lord Jesus, merciful Face of the Father, you came to give us the Good News of the Father's mercy.

We thank you for the gift of our dearest Mother, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, who has been canonised in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. You chose her to be your presence, your love and compassion to the broken-hearted, the unwanted, the abandoned and the dying. She responded wholeheartedly to your cry, 'I Thirst,' by the holiness of her life and humble works of love to the poorest of the poor.

We pray, through her intercession, for the grace to experience your merciful love and share it in our own families, communities and with all our suffering brothers and sisters. Help us to give our "hearts to love and hands to serve" after the example of Mother Teresa. Lord Jesus, bless every member of our family, our parish, our diocese, our country, especially those most in need, that we all may be transformed by your merciful love. Amen.

Mother Teresa, pray for us.



CAN YOU HELP?

A resident of KwaNyuswa is looking for help from anyone who has left-over building materials to build a home. If you can help in any way, please contact Nonkululeko on 078 387 4920.



God said in his word that every hair on your head is counted... so if your hair is 'deurmekaar' today, don't worry; it's just an angel doing stock taking!

(Courtesy of Mike Buckle)

To Let

Secure, one-bedroom garden cottage available for rent in Everton. The cottage is private, with a lovely garden and a car port. Best suited for a mature bachelor. Contact 083 784 4393 / 031 767 1484 for further details.

The Last Laugh

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a cat!"

(Source: www.laughfactory.com)

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Date	Time	Event
Sat, 1 Oct	08h00	Holy Mass and Rosary – For those taking end-of-year exams
Sun, 2 Oct	08h00	Tea hosted by: The Society of St Vincent de Paul
	17h00	Tea hosted by: Debbie Janus and Shannon Oliver
Mon, 3 Oct	17h30	SSVdP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Tues, 4 Oct	18h00	Liturgy Committee meeting
Wed, 5 Oct	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group practice
	18h00	Ladies' Guild meeting
Fri, 7 Oct	18h30	St Vincent de Paul 100 Club Draw – Bring & share supper
Sun, 9 Oct	08h00	Confirmation tea in the hall after mass
	10h15	Hillcrest Government Hospital – Maintenance Committee on duty
	17h00	Tea hosted by: Brigitte Richard-Coombes and Wanita Black
Mon, 10 Oct	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible Study
Tues, 11 Oct	15h30	Catechism starts for Term 4
	18h00	Finance Committee meeting
	18h00	Social Life Committee meeting
Wed, 12 Oct	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Fri, 14 Oct	17h30	Edge starts for Term 4
Sat, 15 Oct	10h30	Prayers for Peace
Sun, 16 Oct	08h00	Tea hosted by: Gaby and Colleen Maitre
	17h00	Tea hosted by: Danielle Halstead
	18h30	LifeTeen starts for Term 4
Mon, 17 Oct	17h30	SSVdP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Wed, 19 Oct	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Sat, 22 Oct	08h00	Breakfast Talk – 'Identity Theft' presented by Debra Bouwer
	10h00	St Dominic's Music Festival
Sun, 23 Oct	08h00	Tea hosted by: Pat and John Daly
	17h00	Tea hosted by: Tracy & Cavan Kriek
Mon, 24 Oct	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible Study
Wed, 26 Oct	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Spiritual Life Committee meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Fri, 28 Oct		Engaged Encounter Weekend
Sat, 29 Oct	07h30	SSVdP Packing – Your assistance is always needed and very welcome!
	09h00	Community Services Committee meeting
Sun, 30 Oct	08h00	Tea hosted by: Ashley and Stephanie Cameron
	17h00	Tea hosted by: Pearl Mackie and Maria Walker