

# The St Dom Chronicle

## September 2016

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



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Dear Parishioners of St Dominic's

When Michele asked me to take over *The St Dom Chronicle*, my first reaction was, "What?! You're leaving? You can't leave!" After all, as a dear previous parishioner once said to me: "Michele is Mrs St Dominic's"! It was with much trepidation, hesitation and honour that I accepted and it is in putting together this issue that I have come to realise just how huge the shoes are that I am filling. I always was amazed, and now more so, at how Michele was able to keep on top of everyone's news. Occasionally I would find my name in an issue and wonder, "How did she know that?" I suppose it's because families like Brian and Michele's are the building blocks of a parish – and they will be sorely missed! But the news must go on, and so here we are. My hope is that *The St Doms Chronicle* will become as much yours as mine – send through your thoughts, stories, opinions and news and your contribution will be gratefully acknowledged.

Wishing you all a beautiful start to spring. God bless.  
Katia

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Dylan Van Musschenbroek, Anthony Willows, Margaret-Anne Wright.

**Congratulations to those celebrating milestone birthdays:** Katherine Dzwig, Cavan Kriek & Hella Moustache on their 21<sup>st</sup>, Kaydee Corbella on her 30<sup>th</sup>, Natasha Oldridge on her 40<sup>th</sup>, Fiona Campbell, Michel Feucherade & Jennifer Harmsworth on their 50<sup>th</sup>, Carla Corielle on her 60<sup>th</sup>, Dennis Drier, Deverell Rider & Sandy Sims on their 70<sup>th</sup> and David Marais who turns 80 years young!

## Welcome to St Dom's!

- ✠ To new parishioners Michel and Sonya Rougier-Lagane, as well as the many new families who registered in the recent census. We hope that you will enjoy being part of the St Dom's family.



- ✠ The Social Life Committee for another outstanding International Food fair, one of the highlights of our St Dom's calendar, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.
- ✠ Kevin Cilliers for agreeing to represent our hardworking team of ushers on the Liturgy Committee.
- ✠ The Spiritual Life Committee for organising the 'pilgrimage' to the Holy Doors at Emmanuel Cathedral in Durban. Despite the cold and drizzly weather about 30 parishioners attended and were allowed to enter through the Holy Doors which have been beautifully carved with the Year of Mercy emblem. Mass was offered by four priests, one of whom was our very own Fr John. All who attended found it to be a very special and spiritual experience.
- ✠ Thank you to the Spiritual Life Committee also for organising the pilgrimage to Ngome in early August. A group of 11 parishioners participated and found the experience extremely worthwhile. Parishioners are urged to take advantage of this opportunity next time it is made available. It is a highly recommended spiritual experience!
- ✠ All parishioners who completed their census forms. Response was good with approximately 75% of parishioners filling in forms. If you have not filled in a form, there is still time! Please contact Linda at the parish office.

- ✠ Fr John for moving out of his comfort zone and addressing the parish on Christian Stewardship. We know you do not like talking about finances, but you did a sterling job and your sermon was just what we needed to hear. We'll let you off the hook next year!
- ✠ Lynette Kuster for taking over from Michele Uren as head of the Ladies' Guild.
- ✠ Corinne Lategan for working so hard on putting together an Entrepreneurs Course for Embo Craft. Course dates will be set soon for participants.
- ✠ From Robynne Lott: "On behalf of my dad, mom and myself, I would like to say a very BIG THANK YOU for all the prayers, assistance, love, concern and visits made to my dad at Haven Rest Home and to my mom during her five-week stay at Hillcrest Private Hospital after her stroke in July 2016. I cannot tell you how much it is appreciated, as it sure has helped bring about my mom's 'just about' complete recovery. It has been a long road for my dad and my mom over the past year with my dad having been in hospital twice during this time as well. To thank you all, I have asked for a mass to be said as a special intention on Sunday, 18 September 2016 at the 8.00am mass. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

## Best wishes

- ✠ To the Holmes family: Byron, Debbie, Nathan, Caleb and Emily who have moved to a new life in Canada. Wishing you all the very best and we hope you will visit soon!
- ✠ Bon voyage to Vilma Benedetti who will be travelling overseas to visit her family.

**Our sincerest condolences** go to Wallace Murray on the death of his wife, Peggy.

Never  
abandon  
prayer, even  
when it  
seems  
pointless to  
pray.

POPE FRANCIS



## On the Liturgical Front

- ✠ The mass intention for the 8.00am mass on Saturday, 3 September will be for the blessing of rain in the catchment areas of our country. All are invited to attend and remain after mass to pray the rosary.
- ✠ The Friday evening mass at 5.30pm will continue until further notice, with the 9am mass to be postponed to a later date.
- ✠ The Liturgy Committee will be organising a 'Music Festival' to be held in the near future, where neighbouring parishes will also be invited to join. The aim of the festival is to inspire existing music group members as well as show potential new members just how fun and fulfilling being a part of our wonderful music groups can be. Watch this space for further details.
- ✠ A request has been made for more well-known / traditional hymns to be sung at the Saturday evening mass. The committee is working hard towards making this a reality.
- ✠ Although Saturday, 24 September is a public holiday (i.e. Heritage Day) mass will be celebrated at the normal time at 5.30pm.

## Parish Council News

- ✠ **SSVdP Sewing Circle:** The SSVdP has started a sewing circle which meets every Tuesday after the 9am mass to sew t-shirts and track suits for those in need. All materials are supplied from a donation recently received. If you are interested in joining this sewing circle please phone Jenny Meilhon (031 7862 2013/082 499 5395) or Gina Swart (031 762 4615/083 225 1991).
- ✠ A reminder of the new starting time for **SSVdP packing** on the last Saturday of the month at **7.30am**. All are invited get up bright and early to come to help the poor.
- ✠ A team of SSVdP members continues to volunteer at the Dennis Hurley Centre in Durban. If you are interested to assist in any way, please contact Helen Bellew at helenb@ledom.co.za.
- ✠ Don't miss the **Community Services cake sale on 3 and 4 September!** All moneys raised will go towards funding Community Services projects.

## Important Notices

### Church Security

Parishioners and committee leaders who leave the church grounds **after 8pm** during the week or on the weekend are asked to please ensure that the church or venue being used is **armed with the alarm system**. Our security guards leave at that time, so please be diligent about this in the interests of everyone's safety. If you are unsure of the arming procedure, contact Linda at the office for instructions during office hours.

### Roster Duties

Unfortunately a number of parishioners have not been honouring their liturgical duties of late. Please ensure that you check the roster and let Fr John and Linda know in good time if you are not able to make your duty.



### CAN YOU HELP?

The **Community Services Committee** is working together with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to build a **workshop in Embo** that will provide the people trained by 'The Embo Craft Trust' with a place to put their newly-learnt skills to use. Sadly, this project is on hold due to a lack of sponsorship. The following (and more) is required to make the project a reality:

- Bobcat hire
- Boundary fencing
- Concrete, cement, blocks, window frames and glass, doors, steel roof trusses and sheeting etc. needed for the structure
- Various bathroom and kitchen fittings
- Plumbing and electrical fittings
- Septic tank system

Any parishioners who may be willing to donate towards this project or who work for or own a construction company that can donate materials are asked to contact Sabrina Thompson at [sabrinat@webmail.co.za](mailto:sabrinat@webmail.co.za).

### A prayer for families

Loving and merciful God, we pray for the many needs of families: for abundant love, for forgiveness and reconciliation, for a living faith to face the challenges of each day. Jesus, you were born into a human family and became our brother. You know well what families need to nourish both children and parents in long-lasting bonds of love and respect. Help all families to turn to you as their source of life. May your Spirit encourage husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters. Give us all the eyes to appreciate one another and to be grateful for the gift of families. Amen.

(Courtesy of Michele Uren)

### Youth Talk: *Sometimes You're Not the Smartest Person in the Room*

(by Patricia Moes, adapted from the LifeTeen website)

As the youngest of eight, I learned from a very young age that I typically get what I want. Ok, that sounded bad. What I mean by that is – I quickly realized that although rules exist, there is almost always an exception to every rule. All I had to do was ask. Sometimes this meant smiling a lot, other times I had to shed a tear. Some questions were asked with confidence, while others were mumbled in order to seem shy. To say I used this talent often would be an understatement.

When I was a senior in high school, I had 16 absences and 28 tardies to Calculus one quarter. Did I still pass that class? Of course. I parked my car in the faculty parking lot because it had shade as opposed to the student parking lot. I also conveniently missed the deadline to pay for that parking permit. A's on essays about books I never read, taking tests a day later because I was "sick", the list could go on.

The sad part is; I didn't even realize this was a problem. As far as I was concerned, I was the model student, and these exceptions were merely rewards because of my outstanding behaviour. If you had asked high school me to describe herself, I can guarantee you she would not have said disobedient.

That's right: disobedient. Deadlines, assignments, rules... these are all things God was asking me to be obedient to.

I don't think anybody realized I had this problem until I served as a summer missionary at Camp Hidden Lake in 2014. Unlike everyone else, my service crew coordinator realized it rather quickly. He explained that my talent for finding the exception to the rule was rooted in a lack of trust and respect for the people who made the rules.

If I truly trusted my service crew coordinator, I would believe that every rule he made was for the betterment of my community. I knew that he cared about each of us. Obedience isn't a mindless or boring choice. It comes from taking the time to recognize that someone desires the best for us, even when it's hard to understand their logic. It comes from trusting that we're not always the smartest person in the room.

In fact, there are usually *two smarter people* in the room.

One of them will try to convince you that you are indeed the smartest person in the room. His name is **Satan**. He sees how badly you want to stay out past curfew, or how much you hate loading the dishwasher, and works very hard to convince you to trust your own logic rather than that of those who love you.

**God** is the other smart person in the room. He knows your heart. He also happens to know the past, present, and future. When God asks us to be obedient to something, we can trust He wants what's best for us. He's weaving it all together for our good. He's placed parents, teachers, and coaches in your life to help you make the proper choices in order to live a life filled with freedom.

By dying to self and respecting the rules made by those who care about you, you'll fill your heart, your parent's hearts, and God's heart with joy. Be free, friends.

### Churchly Chuckle

Michael, the local vicar at St Mary's, is talking to one of his parishioners. Michael remarks, "When you get to my age you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter."

"Why do you say that?" enquires the parishioner.

Michael, the pastor replies, "Well, I often find myself going into a room and thinking what did I come in here after."

(Source: [www.guy-sports.com](http://www.guy-sports.com))



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(Courtesy of Mike Buckle)

## My experience of World Youth Day

by Zoë Purcell

Many people have asked about my experience at WYD and was it amazing? To be dead honest, my miracle is the run before Poland. Not only did God push me to do and say many things that were outside my bubble, but He made me realise that He is everywhere and always amazing. I have made more friends which I now call family (the whole St Dom's).

I first heard of World Youth Day when I was visiting a parish and a young girl came up to talk about her experience at Australia WYD. Then a few years later I heard of WYD in Spain. Many from my parish decided to go, including my cousin. I went to the meeting to see what the big deal was about. Let's be dead honest: sleeping on the floor – no thanks, walking for kilometres – no thanks, waiting in long queues for food – no thanks, cold showers – you've got to be kidding me, porta loos!!! – folks, that's when Zoë left the building.

But then God intervened; He has a really good sense of humour. I wanted more in my faith, I can't tell you how many times I felt like Doubting Thomas, and I felt as if a wall was separating my heart from my mind. God heard my prayers and He said "I will give you crazy... go to World Youth Day... bam!"

I just knew I had to go, even when I had to hope for a miracle to raise R30,000 in less than a year. So for the first time I had to ignore others and keep believing that I was called. After much fundraising and help from my Catholic family, friends at work and lots of encouragement when I felt like throwing in the towel in defeat, we made R58,000 overall, which not only helped me but also Jaime-John and Amy. God is awesome.

I left South Africa without a worry about the trip. Then I arrived in Poland and was terrified of the five days with the Polish family. Did the family speak English? Nope... yes it was really awkward, and yes I did use Google Translate in the end!

Nothing, NOTHING in this world other than God can unite 2 MILLLLLLLION people together, with different languages and cultures, all travelling to one place (at the same time), to meet JESUS CHRIST and to see our leader, the POPE. Two million people kneeling down in Adoration. The police and army officers also knelt down in deep prayer – such a moving scene.

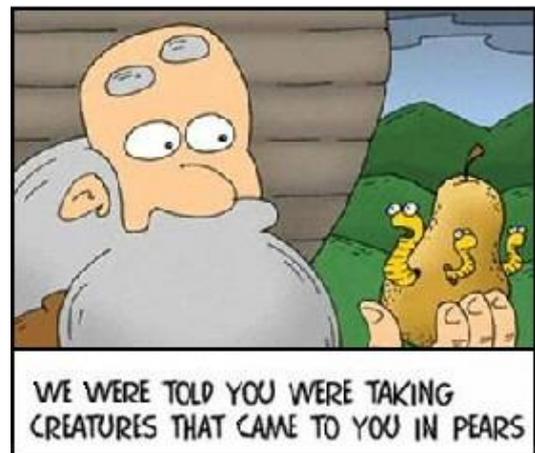
The hardest part wasn't sleeping on the floor, it wasn't the long wait in the queues. It was the internal battle to remind myself that God was in control and not to lose focus on the reason why I was there.

I came back a changed person. I didn't fill my cup but rather God emptied it. He did this by showing me that He can do anything if you allow Him. I am not out-spoken, loud, adventurous and fit. Yet we walked over 200km and I sang until my voice was gone. I did this not even aware of what I was doing. Let it go and let God.

With huge joy and love I would like to thank each and every one, who not only helped us get to WYD but who also prayed with us and for us. Without YOU we wouldn't be who we are today.

### Kidz Korner

*Hey, catechism kids! Do you think you have a funny bone? Or do you fancy yourself as the next Trevor Noah? Send through your jokes and your name will get published in the next Chronicle!*



### Did you know?

Possibly one of the most famous hymns in the English language, Amazing Grace, was written by an Englishman, John Newton, who in the early part of his life was an outspoken atheist, libertine, and slave trader. Newton was born in London in 1725, the son of a Puritan mother and a stern ship commander father who took him to sea when he was 11. "I am persuaded that he loved me but he seemed not willing that I should know it," he later wrote.

By 1745, Newton was enlisted in the slave trade, running captured slaves from Africa to South Carolina. After he rode out a storm at sea in 1748, he found his faith. He was ordained an Anglican priest in 1764 and became an important voice in the English abolitionist movement. At that time he wrote the autobiographical Amazing Grace, along with 280 other hymns.

(Source: [www.time.com](http://www.time.com))

### Little Boy's Meeting with God



There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Once again she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was, and he got up to leave but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But, before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

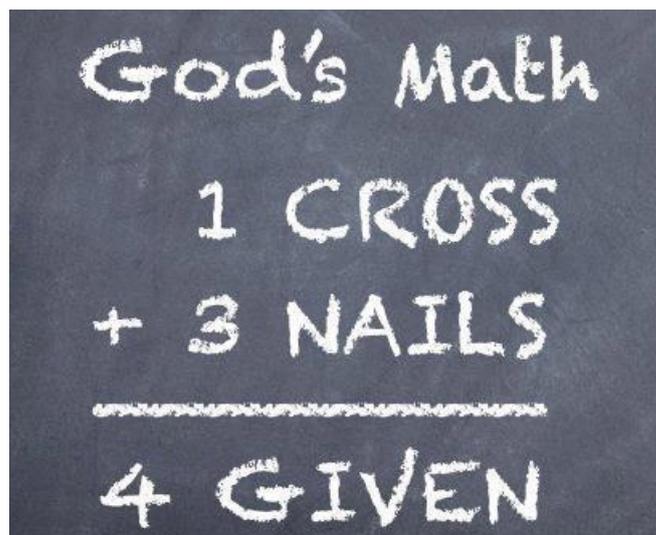
Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." But, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

**Moral:** God is everywhere. We just need to share our happiness and make others smile to feel him.

(Source: [www.moralstories.org](http://www.moralstories.org))

### To Let

Secure, one-bedroom garden cottage available for rent from 1 September 2016 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.



(Source: [www.relatably.com](http://www.relatably.com))

### The Last Laugh

An old doctor became very bored in retirement and decided to re-open his medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's Clinic. Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured, get back \$1,000." Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

**Dr. Young:** "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

**Dr. Geezer:** "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

**Dr. Young:** Aaagh !! – "This is Gasoline!"

**Dr. Geezer:** "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

**Dr. Young:** "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

**Dr. Geezer:** "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

**Dr. Young:** "Oh, no you don't, – that is gasoline!"

**Dr. Geezer:** "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

**Dr. Young:** "My eyesight has become weak – I can hardly see anything!!!!"

**Dr. Geezer:** "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, here's your \$1000 back." (giving him a \$10 bill)

**Dr. Young:** "But this is only \$10!"

**Dr. Geezer:** "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

**Moral of story** – Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer".

(Courtesy of Mike Buckle)

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Fri, 2 Sept	17h30	Holy Mass & Benediction
	18h30	SSVdP 100 Club Draw and Bring & Share Supper
		Retrouvaille weekend starts
Sat, 3 Sept	08h00	Holy Mass and Rosary – Intention for rain in catchment areas
	17h30	Community services cake sale after mass
Sun, 4 Sept	08h00	Tea hosted by: Esme Baker & Troy Roper Community services cake sale after mass
	17h00	Tea hosted by: Pearl Mackie & Maria Walker Community services cake sale after mass
Mon, 5 Sept	17h30	SSVdP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Tues, 6 Sept	10h00	CaFE
	18h00	Liturgy Committee meeting
Wed, 7 Sept	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group practice
	19h00	Ladies' Guild meeting
Sun, 11 Sept	08h00	Tea hosted by: Pam & Alan Montile
	10h15	Hillcrest Government Hospital – Welcoming Committee on duty
	17h00	Tea hosted by: Natasha Oldridge & William Marshall
Mon, 12 Sept	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible Study
Tues, 13 Sept	10h00	CaFE
	18h00	Finance Committee meeting
	18h00	Social Life Committee meeting
Wed, 14 Sept	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Thurs, 15 Sept	09h00	Caring Committee retreat
Sun, 18 Sept	08h00	Tea hosted by: Pam Montile & Rose Waldburger
	10h00	Confirmation at Embo parish
	17h00	Tea hosted by: Dieter Schauerte
Mon, 19 Sept	17h30	SSVdP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Tues, 20 Sept	18h00	Meeting for parents of First Holy Communicants
Wed, 21 Sept	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Fri, 23 Sept		EDGE programme breaks up
Sat, 24 Sept		<b>Public Holiday – Heritage Day</b>
	07h30	SSVdP Packing – Your assistance is always needed and very welcome!
	09h00	Community Services Committee meeting
Sun, 25 Sept	08h00	Tea hosted by: Noel & Bronwyn Swart
	17h00	Tea hosted by: Shawn & Sue Hughes
		LifeTeen breaks up
Mon, 26 Sept	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible Study
Tues, 27 Sept		Catechism breaks up
Wed, 28 Sept	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Spiritual Life Committee meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice