

# The St Dom Chronicle

## November 2016

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



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### **Congratulations to those celebrating milestone birthdays:**

**21<sup>st</sup>:** Danielle Halstead, Matthew Nilsen and Tamara Williams

**30<sup>th</sup>:** Paula Haskell and Theresa Madden

**40<sup>th</sup>:** Nosipho Duma

**50<sup>th</sup>:** Yvonne Howard and Patrick Skinner

**60<sup>th</sup>:** John Schimper

**70<sup>th</sup>:** Yvonne Boulle, Felix Finch and Rosemary Waldburger

### **Welcome to St Dom's!**

- ✠ To new parishioners Antonio Correia and family, and "Porky" Cunha. We hope that you will enjoy being part of the St Dom's family.
- ✠ Welcome "home" to new-old parishioner, Lorraine Mee.



- ✠ To the Liturgy Committee for arranging a much-needed piano for the hall.
- ✠ To all parishioners for the steady stream of clothes and household goods donated to SSVdP.

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- ✚ To the kind parishioner who paid for the submission of plans for SSVdP's much-needed, new storage room.
- ✚ To Cathrine Purcell, the catechism teachers, the parents and the Catechism children for sponsoring the bowls, spoons and cups used by the Community Services Committee in their latest feeding scheme at Umzamo Lower Primary School. Read on for more on this initiative.
- ✚ To all parishioners who generously brought along so many delicious eats for the Confirmation tea. The Social Life Committee also wishes to thank all those who helped and cleared up afterwards.



- ✚ To our former Youth Coordinator, Steven Edwards, and Caryn Tennant, who were married in Cape Town last month, and congrats of course to Steven's parents, Gary and Ingrid Edwards.
- ✚ To Jessica Kilfoil on completing her BSc degree and to Whitney Kilfoil for becoming Hillcrest Primary's next Grade 5 teacher. Well done ladies!
- ✚ To all our First Holy Communicants, who will be receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time on the Feast of Christ the King. They are: Dylan Bissett, Evelyn Bissett, Luca Borrageiro, Kyle Dos Santos, Stella Jones, Daniel Joubert, Nathan Kloppers, Jordan Si-Mi Lim, Bandile Makhaye, Nhlanhla Mfeka, Ntando Mfeka, Jessica Rodgers, Rebecca Rodgers, Aidan Small, Byron Small, Caroline Sparks and Astrid Zwart.

## Best wishes!

- ✚ Bon voyage to Karla and Brent Minnitt and their girls, who will be jetting off to Scotland for a well-deserved holiday.

## On the Liturgical Front

- ✚ **Wednesday, 2 November** is All Souls Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am and 5.30pm, with the evening mass lead by our music groups. There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on that day.
- ✚ The mass intention for the 8.00am mass on **Saturday, 5 November** will be for the faithful

departed. All are invited to attend and remain after mass to pray the rosary.

- ✚ The feast of All Saints will be celebrated on the weekend of **5 & 6 November**.
- ✚ **Sunday, 20 November** is the Feast of Christ the King, and our Grade 4 Catechism children will be receiving their First Holy Communion.
- ✚ The 2016 season of Advent commences on the weekend of **26 & 27 November**.

## SSVdP: Project Spotlight

This month we are shining the spotlight on the **Phakama Care Centre**. The centre is run by an elderly gentleman, Mr Shandu, who tries his best to support his community in any way he can.

Phakama focuses mainly on caring for about 25 children from a very poor area and whose parents pay R50 a month to have their children cared for. They are given breakfast and lunch every day. The centre also assists the broader community, such as the elderly, and in fact anyone who may need food or clothes.

Our Society of St Vincent de Paul provides the centre with donated material and wool which the Goggas then make into various items such as aprons, cushion covers etc. They have a few hand sewing machines but otherwise they sew by hand.

A care worker also comes in to the centre to help parents and the elderly with any health issues.

SSVdP recently received a donation of a washing machine and stove which they handed over to Phakama Care Centre, for which they were most grateful. They had been cooking on a fire outside – not the easiest method especially when it rained!

### Fridge needed!

Do you have an old fridge that you no longer need?

The Phakama Care Centre (see insert above) is in great need of a fridge in good working condition.

If you can assist in any way, please contact Helen Bellew on 083 660 7666.



(Courtesy of Mike Buckle)

## Community Services: Project Spotlight

### Help us feed an underprivileged child

Petros from St Michael's Catholic Church in KwaNyuswa handed the St Dominic's Community Service Committee an appeal letter to assist with feeding ±65 children, who currently attend the Umzamo Lower Primary School just behind his home.

The committee, together with Petros and his son Phumlani assisting with interpretation, interviewed 62 children at the school. It was clear that there was a desperate need for feeding assistance – all the children do not eat breakfast before coming to school and a number of them reported that they do not always get the very small meal provided by the government as there is usually not enough food for all the children. This means they go without food all day. Most of these children live with their grandmother or single parent who are unemployed.

With this information, and with no sponsorship in place, we decided to go ahead and start a "holiday feeding scheme" on 1 October, feeding the children once a day. 60 bowls, cups and tablespoons were sponsored by the St Dominic's Catechism children. Gift of the Givers came on board and delivered a good supply of food, while various members of our committee arranged for very generous donations of food ranging from biscuits and bread rolls, to vegetables and porridge.

Each day during the holidays the children enjoyed a lovely cooked meal and were sent home with either a packet of biscuits or a jar of peanut butter and some bread rolls. Since there was a good supply of food left over after the holidays, it was decided to continue with the scheme. The children now come to Petro's home in the morning for a bowl of porridge and return again after school for lunch. Petros and his wife Sofie run this feeding scheme on a daily basis with the assistance of their children.

In order for us to have a sustainable feeding scheme we need **you** to help us to continue feeding these little children. You can help by depositing whatever amount of money you can into our banking account. No amount is too small! The banking details are as follows:

**First National Bank – Hillcrest Poverty –  
Cheque Acc no. 62123434459**

Please use "Feeding" and your name as a reference.

It is wonderful to see the smiles a bowl of food and a cup of juice puts on these beautiful, innocent little faces. We'll let the picture speak for itself.



Children from Umzamo Lower Primary School enjoying their meal.

### Ladies' Guild Christmas Raffle

Our Ladies' Guild have put together a delicious Christmas hamper and will be raffling it over the next few weeks. The draw will take place at this year's Pie & Sherry evening.

The hamper will include:

- A homemade Christmas cake
- Mince pies
- A Christmas pudding
- Tinned ham
- Sparkling wine
- Whiskey
- Chocolates
- Nuts
- Asparagus
- Christmas serviettes
- A Christmas table overlay
- Christmas crackers and much, much more!

Tickets are just R5 (bargain!) and the hamper will be on display from the beginning of December.

### Youth Talk: *LifeTeen – Camp Brick*

by JEFF PURCELL

On 30 September our St Dom's youth gathered at the church with their bags packed and eager smiles as we prepared to make our journey down the coast to Camp Anerley.

Upon arriving at the camp, the mad rush began – bags were flung from the vehicles and the teens made a dash to claim their dorms and bunk beds.

Once the hysteria had died down, the camp got into full swing. The teens started off with some trust exercises as they blindly fell backwards into the arms

of friends, before moving on to designing and painting our banner.

For dinner the teens were given a menu of interesting choices, which represented an aspect of the overall dinner. If you chose the right items in order, then you had a pleasant meal. Incorrect items could leave you with a salad as a starter with juice and a knife. After dinner we closed the first night with a fun movie and quiet time where teens opened their special letters from loved ones at home.

The next morning's heavy downpour prevented us from saying the Rosary on the beach at sunrise. The hall made do until the clouds parted and we began our daily activities. This included an obstacle course, where teens were challenged to view each obstacle as a stepping stone in their lives. Later in the day, a mighty challenge was given to our teens: to remain in silence for an hour. This hour was spent apart from each other where teens could journal, pray or write letters for back home.

The Sunday morning was spent on the beach again before breakfast, which was followed by a closing talk given by Hilary and Leo. Then, spiritually invigorated, it was time to pack up and go home.

On behalf of the Core Team, we would like to extend our thanks to the parents who allowed their teens to join us on this camp, those who helped with lifting and the parish for their amazing support.

### **Christmas High Tea & Flower Demo by Helen Bellew**

Join us for a wonderful afternoon filled with delicious treats and beautiful flowers!

**Saturday, 12 November  
2pm for 2.30pm  
St Dominic's Church Hall  
Cost: R60**

Tickets will be on sale after mass or from Linda at the parish office.

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Walking in the footsteps of Jesus**

*Led by Fr Brian Southward*

By COLLEEN MAITRE

Twenty eight excited pilgrims left SA on the evening of 12 September and arrived at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv the following morning, where we were met by our bus driver, Roman, and tour guide, Pilar.

From the airport we headed for the convent of the Mount of the Beatitudes which overlooks the Sea of

Galilee. On the way, we called in to Joppa and Caesarea, arriving at our destination in the evening. At around 6pm we had Mass out in the lovely garden overlooking the lake.

Every day Fr Brian would celebrate Mass for us at a different church, either in a chapel or crypt or sometimes in the main church where we pilgrims would sit around the altar. These were very special occasions.

We spent four days in Galilee from where we visited various places where Jesus had been. The boat ride on Lake Galilee was one of the highlights, as was the St Peter's fish lunch. We travelled along the Golan Heights to visit Mt Bental where an army post was situated. This post was occupied by Syria before the Six Day War in 1967 and we could see Syria from the top!

It was amazing to visit Cana, Nazareth and Mt Tabor, where the Transfiguration took place, all places only read about in the Bible! We visited some of the many archaeological diggings and restoration projects taking place in Israel, which were all quite amazing.

And then... JERUSALEM! We arrived in the afternoon and were taken to the Mount of Olives from where we had a panoramic view of the Old City and modern Jerusalem. Then on to the Garden of Gethsemane and the beautiful Church of All Nations, where Fr Brian celebrated Mass for us.

The following day we were taken to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity. We also visited and prayed at the Western/Wailing Wall. Thereafter, our guide took us on a fascinating walk through the Western Wall tunnels, where excavations are still taking place. The tunnel runs the whole length of the Western Wall along the base of the Temple Mount, exiting onto the Via Dolorosa. From there we followed the thirteen Stations of the Cross. Part of the Via Dolorosa goes through the Muslim Quarter, so one had to concentrate very hard not to be distracted by the vendors trying to sell their wares! The 'stations' ended at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The following day we renewed our baptismal vows at the Jordan River. Then we continued on to the mountain fortress of Masada where a cable car took us to the top. It was 40 degrees! From Masada we made our way to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth! Here most of us bobbed around and smeared ourselves with mud, which is meant to be good for the skin!

On our last day Fr Brian celebrated Mass at the Domitian Abbey Church, where Our Lady fell into eternal sleep. This was followed by a visit to the 'Upper Room'. Then a drive to the picturesque little village of Ein Kerem where John the Baptist was born.

Finally, we stopped at Yad HaShmona for our "last supper" together, on our way to the airport.

Pilar, our guide, always referred to us as "familiee" and that's what we had become by the end of this amazing, spiritual time shared together.

### Camino de Santiago Workshop

Have you ever walked, or would like to walk the 'Camino de Santiago'? Then don't miss our Camino workshop:

**Saturday, 19 November**

**8am to 12pm**

**Cost: R25**

For more info contact Syl Nilsen on 083 474 8086.

### Parable of a pencil

*The pencilmaker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. "There are five things you need to know before I send you out into the world," he told the pencil. "Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.*

**One:** *You will be able to do many things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.*

**Two:** *You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.*

**Three:** *You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.*

**Four:** *The most important part of you will always be what's inside.*

**Five:** *On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."*

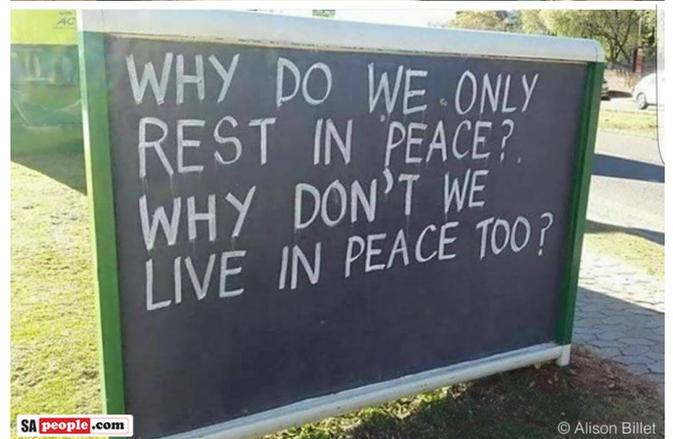
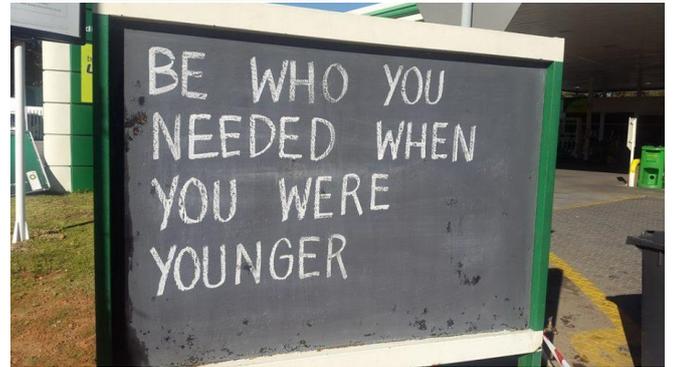
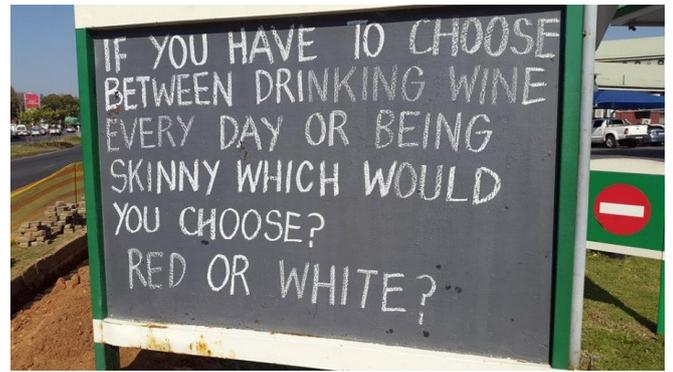
*The pencil understood and promised to remember and went into the box with purpose in its heart.*

*Allow this parable of the pencil to encourage you to know that you are a special person and only you can fulfil the purpose to which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot make a change.*

(Courtesy of Michele Uren)

### Petrol Pump Wisdom

A Johannesburg filling station has become quite a landmark in Gauteng with its daily #PetrolPumpWisdom. Some motorists say they deliberately travel this route just to read the quote which brightens their day. Here's a selection:



(Courtesy of Michele Uren)

### To Let

FLAT, available for rent from 1 November in central Hillcrest. One bedroom en suite, kitchen/dining area, lounge. R3,300pm incl. lights and water. Best suited to a mature person. Contact Jenny on 082 594 4319 / 031 765 1500.

### For Sale

Two bedroom simplex with lock-up, auto garage for sale. In walking distance from St Dominic's and shops. Please call 083 783 7852 for more information.

### The Last Laugh

*A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt."*

*His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"*

(Source: godslittleacre.net)

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tues, 1 Nov	18h00	Liturgy Committee meeting
Wed, 2 Nov	09h00	Holy Mass for All Soul's Day
	17h30	Holy Mass for All Soul's Day
Fri, 4 Nov	18h30	St Vincent de Paul 100 Club Draw – Bring & share supper
Sat, 5 Nov	08h00	Holy Mass and Rosary – For the faithful departed
	15h00	St Francis Society meeting
Sun, 6 Nov	08h00	Tea hosted by: Krystyna Kalinowski
Mon, 7 Nov	17h30	SSVdP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Tues, 8 Nov	±10h00	Tuesday Forum following 9am mass
	18h00	Finance Committee meeting
	18h00	Social Life Committee meeting
Wed, 9 Nov	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Ladies Guild meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Sat, 12 Nov	14h00 for 14h30	High Tea and Flower Demo by Hellen Bellew
Sun, 13 Nov	08h00	Tea hosted by: Esme Baker and Denise de Witt
	10h15	Hillcrest Government Hospital – Social Life Committee on duty
Mon, 14 Nov	18h00	Choir practice
	18h30	Bible Study
Wed, 16 Nov	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Parish Pastoral Council meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Sat, 19 Nov	08h00	Camino de Santiago Workshop – open to all
Sun, 20 Nov	08h00	First Holy Communion – Tea in the hall after mass
Mon, 21 Nov	17h30	SSVdP meeting
	18h00	Choir practice
Wed, 23 Nov	06h00	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 18h00
	18h00	Spiritual Life Committee meeting
	18h30	Folk Group practice
Fri, 25 Nov	17h30	Edge programme ends for 2016
Sat, 26 Nov	07h30	SSVdP Packing – Your assistance is always needed and very welcome!
	09h00	Community Services Committee meeting ???
Sun, 27 Nov	08h00	Tea hosted by: Nina & Clive Mitchell
	18h30	LifeTeen programme ends for 2016
Tues, 29 Nov	15h30	Catechism programme ends for 2016