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United – Dr James Wuye, an Assembly of God Christian pastor and Dr Muhammed Ashafa, a Muslim imam.

Peacebuilders visit South Africa

Imam Muhammed and Pastor James visited South Africa giving talks about peace building around the country. Their presentation “The Imam and the Pastor:

From Conflict to Healing Nigerian Lessons for South Africa”, was well received at St Augustine, the Catholic university of South Africa, Victory Park which offers



The two speakers at the podium.

Pic by Judy Stockill

“Forgiveness is the weapon of the very courageous,” said Pastor Wuye. Imam Ashafa agreed “Finding a place to forgive is what gives you strength.”

Their message for South Africa is “Stop the cycle of hate or children will have no future.” The pastor and the imam urged, “Forgive! Truly. Your TRC was a great example to the world. See it through.”

Anthony Duigan, Chairperson of the Council of Management, Initiatives of Change SA, who hosted the visit of the imam and the pastor recommends the movie ‘Beyond Forgiveness’ which tells of the conflict and healing. It is available on You Tube.

Judy Stockill



Above: Catholic Women's League members renew their commitment.



Right: Sr Ouma CSA, Thokozone Mlungwana and Sr Margaret Mary CSA rejoiced with members of the league.

Dube's Catholic Women's League ... a quarter of a century later

The Catholic Women's League of Our Lady of Fatima, Dube was formed in 1994 after a presentation by Dicksy Sikhakhane from Regina Mundi, Moroka following an invitation by then-parish priest, Fr Bongani Sithole.

About 15 ladies heeded the call to become members with their first meeting held under a tree. They have met every Sunday after Mass for the past 25 years.

To celebrate this milestone, a special Mass led by parish priest, Fr Petrus Shiya took place on Sunday, 27 October at the parish.

Fr Petrus thanked God for their presence and said he appreciated the League and the tireless work done by members, including those now deceased.

Linking the readings with the aim of the League, he said after his conversion, Paul's life was that of sacrifice, an instrument of God.

“May you also live your life as a libation. Preaching the Gospel is not only through words, but also

through your work people can become converted. We congratulate you on your journey and all you do for the parish, the Archdiocese and the Church as a whole. May we echo St Paul's words by saying: ‘To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen,’” he concluded.

A quarter of a century later, that initial enthusiasm has not left members as they still do the tasks assigned to them cheerfully, willingly and generously.

Member Ouma Sebolai listed some of these activities as visiting the sick and bereaved, buying furniture for priests, workshops for the youth, visiting the Companions of St Angela sisters and Bishop Emeritus Zithulele Mvemve.

Other speakers noted what a blessing the ladies were, touching the lives of all they come into contact with.

Festivities concluded after Mass with a scrumptious lunch enjoyed by all.

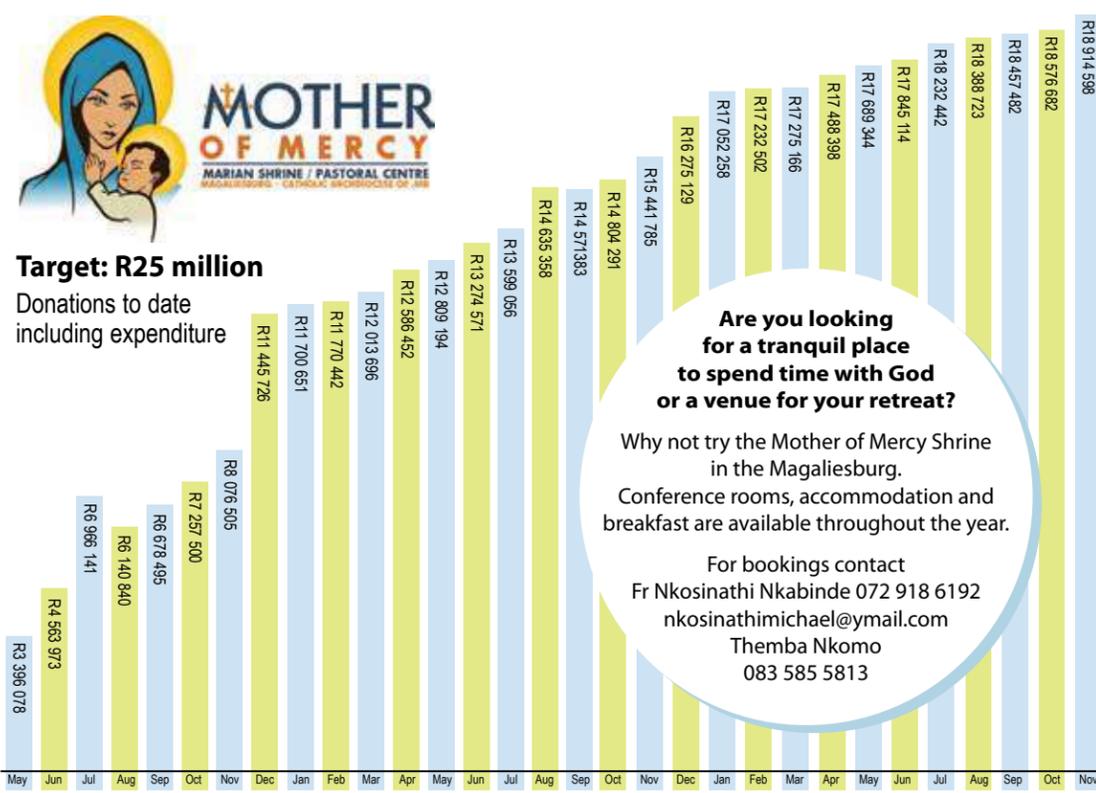
Lerato Mohone

a post-graduate degree in peace studies.

The two men recounted the violent history of their country and their own hard pasts and their personal involvement in inter-religious conflict which resulted in the deaths of 3 000 Nigerians in three days of fighting in the divided city of Kaduna.

Their first rapprochement came about when they, tentatively at first, joined forces to fight a com-

mon enemy for the good of all the people – polio. Over about three years of co-operating on promoting vaccinations and growing in trust and friendship and respect for one another's religion they formed the Interfaith Mediation Centre, a grassroots organisation that heals rifts between Christians and Muslims throughout Nigeria. With over 10 000 members, they now train former militia members to become peace activists.



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Pope's Intentions: December

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3rd St Francis Xavier, Evaton (1931); Martindale (1929)
 6th St Nicholas, Daveyton (1955)
 8th Immaculate Conception, Diepkloof (1964); Rosebank (1936); Westonaria (1951)
 25th Emmanuel, Sebokeng Zone 14 (1978)
 27th St John the Apostle, Florida (1970)
 28th Holy Family, Spruitview (2010); Turffontein (1950)

CONFIRMATIONS IN DECEMBER

Sun 1 st	09:30	St Francis of Assisi	Reiger Park
Sun 1 st	09:00	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Thokoza
Sat 7 th	10:00	Blessed Joseph Gerard	Orange Farm
Sat 7 th	10:00	St Hubert	Alexandra
Sun 8 th	10:00	St Paul	Tsakane
Sun 8 th	10:00	Sacred Heart	Palm Ridge
Sun 15 th	10:00	St Gabriel	Khutsong

Braamfontein



A joint sacrament of confirmation ceremony took place on the Feast of the Dedication of Lateran Basilica at Holy Trinity, Braamfontein. Candidates were from Holy Trinity parish, St Martin de Porres, Orlando West, Holy Family College, St Martin de Porres High School and McAuley House. The sacrament was conferred by Bishop Duncan Tsoke and the concelebrating priests were Fr David Rowan SJ and Fr Bruce Botha SJ. *Tebogo Petja*

Dube

In September, young people at Our Lady of Fatima, Dube celebrated the sacrament of confirmation. It was a fulfilling moment for the candidates, parish priest, Fr Patrick Shiya, parents, godparents and parishioners too. The sacrament was administered by Archbishop Buti Tlhagale OMI. *Nkgopeleng Nkosi*



Evaton

Young people received the sacrament of confirmation at St Anthony of Padua, Evaton West on Sunday, 27 October. Auxiliary Bishop Duncan Tsoke administered the sacrament, assisted by the parish priest, Fr Phuti Makgabo. *Philly Khambule*

Zondi



Pictured above: St Theresa, Zondi confirmation candidates with Archbishop Buti Tlhagale on Sunday, 29 September. The newly-confirmed presented and shared the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit* (Christ is alive) of the Holy Father, Pope Francis and their future plans with the congregation. *Vumile Vezi*



Katlehong

Thirty-three candidates received the sacrament of confirmation at St Joseph's, Katlehong on Sunday, 10 November. Bishop Duncan Tsoke presided over the ceremony. He is pictured with parish priest, Fr Elijah Otu MSP, catechist, Xoliswa Makumsha and the candidates. *Abel Dlamini*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

7 December 09h00 - 15:00

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Find out why the holidays are so difficult, how to plan, how to deal with invitations and surviving "alone time".

ERRATUM

Little Eden Founders are Danny and Domitilla Hyams and not as reported in the Extraordinary Mission Month article in the November edition. We apologise for the error.

Raffle results

It is with great pleasure that we announce the winners of our Divine Mercy House Raffle.

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Jose Aguiar

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Oratilwe Motseko

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Lift up your hands!

Father Thomas Plastow S.J.
Answers Liturgy Questions



This month's column responds to a worried reader who is upset about something he read in his parish newsletter recently.

Father, please comment on the following lines which have been printed in our parish bulletin? "It is not correct to imitate the postures or gestures of the priest during Mass. Lifting up your hands when responding 'and with your spirit' or 'we lift them up to the Lord' is not permitted. You should not open and hold out your hands when praying the Our Father; thus mimicking the action of the priest. The orans posture (arms outstretched) signifies that the priest is praying on behalf of the people and symbolises his role as acting in the person of Christ."

Ideas very similar to these are being posted on social media. They usually originate with ultra-traditional groups in the USA and are then reposted by local people who assume every strongly worded statement is official Church teaching! Please do not rely on the internet for local liturgical information. Church calendars, approved translations and even the Mass rubrics will differ from place to place. Each bishops' conference is authorised to decide on these matters, as well as our gestures, postures and even the colours of the vestments. We no longer copy what is done in Dublin, Paris or Rome, so why would we swallow the views of some conservative Americans? I will address this topic by considering three issues which I think are at play here.

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord." Psalm 134:2.

[1] *We have gestures and postures in the liturgy to engage both body and soul.*

We do not worship God with just our heads. Favouring the spiritual while rejecting the physical is part of a very old heresy that just won't go away! Catholic worship is done by the whole person. We vary our posture by standing, sitting, kneeling or processing, and we use gestures like the Sign of the Cross, striking the breast, and elevating eyes and hands towards heaven.

Gestures are anthropological and cultural. What holds religious meaning in one culture may be meaningless or even scandalous in another, so local variations are permitted (like our shaking hands at the Sign of Peace). While many in our suburban parishes might feel awkward about raising their hands, or praying with their palms held upward, I see that Catholics from other parts of Africa do this in a natural and uninhibited manner. There is a lot we could learn from their heartfelt, communal prayer.

"Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people

answered, Amen! Amen! while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshipped." Nehemiah 8:6.

[2] *The liturgy grows and develops in every time and place. The sacred liturgy is not meant to be static, like some kind of sacred performance that is always the same.*

Local ways of celebrating the rites develop over time. Dancing during the Procession of the Gifts is a good example of this. No one in Rome suggested that this be done, but our local people developed this quite naturally and unselfconsciously. Seeing the congregation expressing itself by raising hands in response, or opening hands while praying the Lord's Prayer are further examples of this valid organic progression. The more enthusiastic or charismatic the priest and congregation, the greater the likelihood that such gestures will develop.

"Therefore I want the people in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension." 1 Timothy 2:8.

[3] *Conflicting theologies of priesthood are confusing our congregations and our liturgies. The liturgy is meant to be prayed by the entire assembly. There are no spectators at the Eucharist: every baptised member is to be engaged in the Church's worship of God. If our template is the worship of the early Church Fathers, then the bishop or priest should be seen as presiding over the prayer of the people. He invites them to lift up their hearts and they respond with joyful enthusiasm.*

If, however, some are using medieval theological models in which the ordained priest is somehow interceding on behalf of the people while they watch passively, then it should come as no surprise that lay people's gestures are denounced as blurring the distinction between the ordained and non-ordained. Clericalism is undermined by the fact that praying with open arms (the orans posture), was once how all Christians prayed, not just the priests. Even if we were to insist that only priests may use this gesture during the Eucharistic Prayer when they alone pray aloud, then it would stand to reason that all the baptised should adopt this posture at the Lord's Prayer when all pray together as one family before God.

We need more questions about the Liturgy!

You are welcome to send questions directly to Fr Plastow:

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The last session of Echoing the Word, which focused on "Structural and Personal morality", took place on Saturday, 26 October at St Theresa, Zondi.

It was facilitated by Sandra Petronio, who, in relation to the topic, invited catechists to read Exodus 20: 1 - 21 (The Ten Commandments) saying it was good to refresh one's memory every now and then.

"We might say we are not breaking the commandments, however, killing a person does not happen only physically, which suggests there are lots of other ways we do not follow God's commands," she said.

Of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1 - 12), she explained that they can be summarised as Jesus' teaching about how to live a moral life.

Personal morality is choosing to do good, no matter what structure dictates, adding that people are born inherently good.

Sandra noted that the Bible and the great religions of the world all teach the Golden Rule, that is to treat others as one would like to be treated, or in other words to

Structural and personal morality



Catechists, from left: Sophie Xulu, Dumazile Letsoalo, Thandi Ndlovu, Nomonde Motloung, Selina Tshabalala Sara Pele and Landi Khumalo front.

love one's neighbour. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour, which is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments, she said, citing Romans 13: 10.

The catechists said our morals are shaped by the way we are brought up and the way our parents and society treat us. They spent the last part of the session looking at structural morality.

Oppressive structures create justice problems. Sandra listed these as economic, political, class,

cultural and religious.

A company might treat people unjustly. However, the personal morals of a manager determine how he/she will treat their staff. The way we treat others is personal. "Bring in personal morality to become the structure," Sandra recommended.

Lerato Mohone



SACBC workshop on migration for diocesan coordinators

Over 45 diocesan coordinators met in October at Lumko Conference Centre in Benoni for a three-day workshop on migration.

The workshop organised by the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) Migrants and Refugees Office, in partnership with the Society of Jesus South Africa, the Parliamentary Liaison Office, Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility and Lawyers for Human Rights, and was aimed at establishing coordinated, sustainable responses with regards to the welcoming and integration of migrants and refugees in Southern Africa.

Present at the workshop were the SACBC Liaison Bishop for Migrants and Refugees Archbishop Buti Thagale OMI and SACBC Secretary General, Sr Hermenegild Makoro CPS. Also present were Fr Lambert Tonamou and Mario Almeida from the Migrants and Refugees section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

Coordinators were asked to share their experiences on migration in their respective dioceses. The workshop also aimed at implementing the Bishops' plenary of February 2019 resolutions, to support the development of a network at diocesan, metropolitan, national and with the Dicastery level in a coordinated manner, to organise pastoral care for migrants and refugees in every diocese to deal with xenophobia in local communities.

In his welcoming, Archbishop Thagale highlighted the recent

xenophobic violence experienced in South Africa. "One way of combating xenophobia is to treat other people the same way as we would like them to treat us. But this is a theoretical statement. It expresses a wish. It may, however, find meaning within the efforts of groups or communities faced with the predicament of labelling people and then turning against them. Our aspiration should be to create welcoming communities," he said.

The Archbishop also looked at hospitality in the Bible, Jewish hospitality and the integration of communities. In his closing remarks, he said as long as protests against poor service delivery continues, attacks on foreign nationals will not end. "Attacks on migrant communities and their businesses are likely to continue into the future because such attacks are now inextricably linked to service delivery protests. To disentangle the two will be a massive challenge. "Service delivery protests and the anti-foreign sentiment do not belong together. The deep dissatisfaction of South Africans with the corruption and inefficiency of their own municipalities and their national government should not be blamed on migrants. It is grossly unethical to drag the migrants into the quarrels of South Africans. Migrants ought not to be the scapegoats for the serious failures of South Africans. South Africans ought not to harden their hearts and take out their pain on innocent migrants.

"Migrants have their own burden to carry. South Africans ought to carry their own burden," said

Archbishop Thagale.

It is his vision, as SACBC Liaison Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, that every pastoral parish council identifies, elects or co-opts members whose functions will be the following:

- To coordinate migrants and refugees' affairs within the parish community;
- With the assistance of the PPC, to facilitate, create and promote a welcoming and hospitable parish community;
- To create a discussion forum on issues of concern to both migrants and the local communities;
- To liaise with the religious and non-governmental organisations involved in migrant issues at parish level;
- To plan and to adopt best practices concerning the assistance given to migrants and refugees;
- To cooperate with St Vincent de Paul, the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Da Gama by collecting donations;
- To facilitate the provision of English lessons;
- To pay special attention to the needs of the children of migrants;
- To find ways and means of dissuading the local community from taking out their dissatisfactions on the migrant community;
- To promote rituals of reconciliation; and
- To appoint sub-committees with the help of the PPCs.

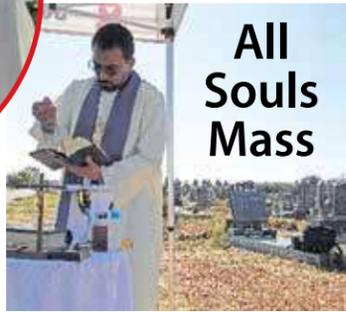
Other topics addressed were migration in the Bible, the teaching of the Church on migration, the human rights of migrants, undocumented migrants, statelessness, xenophobia - how to identify the root causes in South Africa, the internal displacement of persons, the smuggling of persons and human trafficking - a phenomenon highlighted by most participants, especially those working around border areas such as Musina and Nkomazi.

Sheila Pires

PIOUS MONTH CELEBRATIONS



All Souls Mass



The day was very spiritual as it made us feel closer to our deceased and to show them that they will never be forgotten.

Christina Ricchiuti

An All Souls Mass, led by Fr Jorge Guerra, took place at Kromvlei Cemetery on 3 November. Parishioners from St Patrick's, La Rochelle, as well as from South Hills, attended to pray for their loved ones buried at the cemetery. Fr Jorge blessed and prayed over each gravesite of the members present.



Mass for deceased Knights of Da Gama

The Knights of Da Gama CL2 had their yearly Mass for their deceased brothers of the Order at the Maronite Catholic Church in Mulbarton in November.

Alexis Callea

December family theme: Every Family Matters

Every member of every type of family is precious to one another and to God. Imagine how the Church and society would benefit if everyone understood this and was willing and able to live up to their commitments and take responsibility for what matters. Good fortune and misfortune can, and does happen, but at all times, our faith in God's love and mercy calls us to an attitude of thankfulness.

"Although you have no need of our praise, our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness, but profit us for salvation through Christ our Lord" – Common Preface of the Mass IV.

The end of the year is a time to rest, take a holiday but also to take a look back over the year. How have we grown? What have we done for others, especially the

poor and marginalised? A Santa shoe box is a great idea to make up a box of goodies for disadvantaged children. What will your Santa shoe box for each of your family members contain? Will it be about Santa or Jesus? Christmas starts with Advent as a time to prepare at home and in the parish.

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Toni Rowland

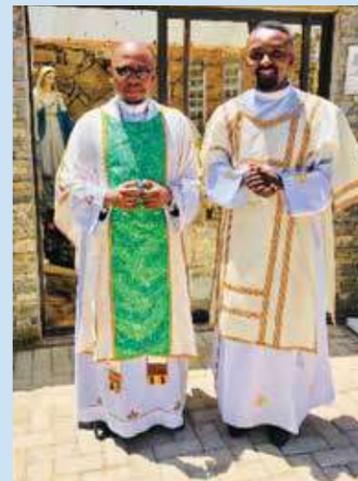
All souls and all saints



Holy Rosary, Phiri had a combined celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints and All Souls on Sunday, 3 November.

Parishioners submitted hundreds of names of their deceased loved ones. The names were read out individually in church ahead of a special prayer for the deceased. A "tomb" was created at the sanctuary, where names of the deceased were placed. Reverend Dr Michael Seheri was the main celebrant, assisted by Reverend Deacon Limpho Maoela, who visited the parish and delivered the homily.

Thabile Mbhele



Commemorating those who have passed on

Flowers, known to South Africans as Marigolds, were also on show, since they represent eternal life.

Dominique Byrne



Pictured are arts and craft by Catechism children at St Patrick's, La Rochelle. This took place on the first week of November with the junior youth group children aged between eight and 13 years, who created and crafted their favourite saint onto a brown paper bag. Their work was displayed in the church.

In true Mexican tradition, Fr Pablo Velasquez cs created an altar to commemorate those who have passed on and the things they loved such as fruit, tequila, chocolates, toys and traditional food, which were also displayed.

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Fr Mareko Marciniak SVD, holding the Bible, leads the procession during the Bible enthronement.

Near East Deanery celebrates the conclusion of the Mission Month and Day of Prayer

Right: Fr Jean-Lambert Kalaka OMI, standing, leads a group discussion.

Bottom right: PPC chairpersons from the represented parishes participate in the proceedings.

The Near East Deanery celebrated the conclusion of the Extraordinary Mission Month with an annual day of prayer at San Salvador, Leondale on Saturday, 26 October.

The celebration began with the sacrament of confession, the Bible enthronement, led by host parish priest, Fr Mareko Marciniak SVD and the Mission Rosary, led by the Rev Deacon Neelan Reddy from Our Lady of Loreto, Kempton Park.

Auxiliary Bishop, Duncan Tsoke presided over the Holy Mass. "In this Extraordinary

Mission Month, God is inviting each one of us to join the 72 disciples on their mission," he said.

Concelebrating the Mass were Fr Elijah Otu MSP; Fr Boshom Mpetsheni; Fr Innocent Mabheka; Fr Mareko Marciniak; Fr Ron Houreld OMI and Fr Jean-Lambert Kalaka OMI. They were assisted by deacons Paulos Mochesa; Alpheus John and Simon Koenane.

The faithful listened to a talk themed, 'Baptised and Sent' by Fr Joel Skhosana, dean of studies at St John Vianney Seminary in

Pretoria. Afterwards, he commissioned the congregation to break into four groups to discuss and respond to the four questions asked from each group. The questions they were asked to respond to were: Did I ever give myself enough time to think deeply about who I really am for God; Is there anything in my life that publicly reveals my identity as a Christian; What can I do to contribute better to the mission of Christ and What must the Church

do better today to be a relevant witness of Christ in the world.

Fr Boshom, the MC of the day, gave a summary of the groups' responses after they had made

presentations to the congregation.

Before the final blessing by Fr Ron, Fr Mareko lamented the poor turnout and urged the faithful to pray for vocations.

Abel Dlamini



Fr Joel Skhosana gives a talk on the theme of the day: 'Baptised and Sent.'



A procession through the streets of Phiri

Holy Rosary, Phiri celebrates 50th anniversary

Holy Rosary, Phiri celebrated the 50th anniversary of the parish in October. The church was opened on the 10 October, 1969.

Some of the older members who were part of the construction and opening of the church, said they felt blessed to celebrate this milestone. The surviving members had the honour of cutting the 50th anniversary cake.

The commemoration started with a procession with the statue of the Virgin Mary and the praying of the Rosary.

Apart from October being the month of the Rosary, praying the Rosary was most significant for the parish which is named after the Holy Rosary. It was a name chosen by then-Bishop Hugh Boyle after parishioners suggested three names.

The first parishioners said they prayed the Rosary religiously ahead of the opening of the church and secretly prayed that Bishop Boyle would choose Holy Rosary as the name of the parish.

Thabile Mbhele



Some of the youth who were excited to part of the jubilee celebrations. They are from left: Mpho Mhlongo, Masase Mamphodo, Thabelo Mabhirimisa, Ria Ramaano and Lindiwe Madi.

Salesians provincial day



From 29 to 31 October, Salesians of AFM Southern Africa Province gathered at Bosco Youth Centre, Johannesburg, to celebrate their patron, Bl Michael Rua. They also reflected on the Synod on Youth docu-

ment Christus Vivit guided by Fr Lingoane Tlaile. Important reflections and discussions were held on child safeguarding, presented by Fr Peter Cassidy, a member of the Missionaries of Africa. One of the sessions that was aimed at building one another up, was the positive affirmation, animated by Fr Martin McCormack. The Provincial Day was a moment of fraternity and community-building as a province of diverse and multicultural Salesians from North America, South America, Africa, Europe and Asia.

Br Clarence Watts



Catholic Women's League donates candle stand

The Catholic Women's League of St Theresa, Zondi donated a paschal candle stand to the parish on Sunday, 20 October.

Victor Makhoba

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First Holy Communions



Missionary outreach – Children to children

During Extraordinary Mission Month the Catechism children of St Patrick's, La Rochelle walked to visit St Mary's Children's Home in Rosettenville.

From the moment the children began making religious crafts to give to their peers, there was great excitement. They were delighted to meet other children, to share experiences through video clips of missionary children around the world, learning to make crafts such as St Therese of Lisieux, acts of love chains. They ate together and played traditional games from around the world. The aim was to make the children aware of their missionary vocation as baptised children of God – to go out and preach the Gospel to others by their actions. St Mary's warmly welcomed guests.

Dominique Byrne



Youth retreat – Reiger Park

On 12 and 13 October, the youth of St Francis of Assisi, Reiger Park went on their retreat to the La Verna Retreat Centre for two days of spiritual upliftment and prayer. Fr Peter Wilson (in front) was there to see them off.

Alfred Carrim, Youth Co-ordinator



New members of Children of Mary

Phumla Khoza, Naledi Mahlangu, Lethabo Tladi, Ubuntu Ndube, Sphiwe Chirwa and Luvuyo Vusi from Holy Family, Spruitview were enrolled into Children of Mary sodality on 20 October.



St Benedict's School

St Benedict's School First Holy communicants were very excited to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time on Wednesday, 23 October at St Therese, Edenvale. It was prayed that these 43 boys would remain close to Jesus through the Eucharist.

Mpumi Motsabi



Brescia House

On Sunday, 20 October, Brescia House School girls received their First Holy Communion at the Church of the Resurrection, Bryanston. It was a beautiful and memorable day enjoyed by the girls and their families and friends. Pictured are the First Holy communicants with parish priest, Fr Keith Gordon-Davis.

Helga Bishop

Vanderbijlpark



It was a day of joy and excitement for 26 children who received the Body and Blood of Christ at St Francis of Assisi, Vanderbijlpark on Sunday, 10 November. They sang "This little light of mine" as a meditation hymn with beautiful voices and vibrant movements.

Heartfelt thanks went to parish priest, Fr Tony Thourard OFM, Fr Paddy Noonan OFM for leading the Mass and catechist, Fatima Bordalo, for having prepared them for the spiritual milestone and making their day so memorable.

Elaine Prosper

Staff of the Catholic Women's League



Margaret House – the administrative staff of the Catholic Women's League in the Archdiocese.

Back row, from left: Eleanor De Klerk, Treasurer; Leena Musoro, Social Worker; Londi, General worker.

Middle row: Gail Garnie, Diocesan Secretary; Mercia Kildare, Social worker

Front row: Gladys Golele, Auxiliary Social worker; Elsie Shai, Regional secretary; Sr Clementine Sekansi, Social worker and Thandi Musoro (Leena's daughter visiting).

Ida Steyn

Knights Celebrate 75th Anniversary

The Catholic Order of the Knights of da Gama is well-known in the Archdiocese. In their striking regalia, reminiscent of the dress of the medieval Crusader Knights, they often form a guard of honour for the Archbishop on formal occasions such as parish confirmations.

'The Knights', as the order is generally known, is a brotherhood of Catholic men whose aim is to train its members to be better Christians who, by their action and example will contribute to the spread of the Kingdom of Christ. The Brothers, as they refer to themselves as, pray together and grow in spirituality together.

They also take care of one another. Knights Insurance Brokers and Knights Retirement Villages, now open to all, were originally projects to care for Brother Knights in need.

With the support of their wives and families, Knights contribute to

the good work of the Church by raising funds and supporting parish activities in all their many guises.

The first council, or group, was formed in Durban in 1944. The Order has some 1 500 members in about 40 councils all over South Africa. The 75th Supreme Council, the national general meeting, was also held in Durban in November.

Only Knights in good standing may attend council meetings. In an unprecedented move, three Knights of Council 47, including the current Grand Knight, or chief office bearer, were expelled from the Order in the run-up to the Supreme Council. Another eight, four of whom have subsequently resigned, were suspended for two years. The suspension will expire in August 2021 when two of those suspended will be more than 85 years old. One of them has been a Knight for 50 years.

Judy Stockill



St Anne's Sodality East Rand Region holds AGM

Members of the sodality pray the Consecration to Saint Anne holding lit candles.



The executive committee members of the East Rand Region. Back row, from left: Lydia Sello (treasurer) from Sacred Heart – Katlehong; Johanna Motsoeneng (finance committee member) from Our Lady of Mt Carmel – Thokoza; Esther Buthelezi (finance committee member) from Kristo iNkosi – KwaThema and Salamina Mphahane (finance committee members) from St Nicholas – Daveyton. Front row: Merriet Tsalong (vice secretary) from St Joseph's, Katlehong; Magdeline Ntoagae (secretary) from St Anthony – Duduza; Anna Ledwaba (deputy president) – from St Paul – Tsakane and Constance Magubane (President) from St Albert's – Vosloorus.



Fr Innocent Mabheka anoints the faithful with the oil of the sick.

nurse, Gladys Molozi from St Anthony in Duduza.

Secretaries and treasurers from various parishes delivered their respective reports, covering events of the past 12 months. The reports outlined the activities, the challenges and achievements in their parishes.

The deceased members of the sodality were remembered and prayers were offered for them.

The regional president, Constance Magubane, expressed her gratitude to the officials of the parishes represented for their concise reports. She lauded their achievements and acknowledged the challenges they were faced with. She assured them of the regional office's support and implored them to keep on praying.

Abel Dlamini

Carmelite fathers launch Bible diary

On 12 October, after Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Benoni, the Carmelite priests joyfully launched the 2020 version of their highly-popular Bible Diary for Southern Africa – The Springs of Carmel.

The cover design is a stunning representation of the Our Lady of Ngome, Tabernacle of the Most High. This new edition has two facing pages for every day of the year, allowing for the inclusion of Mass readings, the daily psalm, reflections and space for personal notes and appointments. The daily reflections and prayers were contributed by several priests and edited by



Gail Ramplen gets a copy of the Bible Diary from Fr Arvin Tauro and Fr Rayan Pais.

Fr Arvin Tauro OCD and Gail Ramplen. Orders may be placed with Carmelite Priests: carmelretreathouse.sa@gmail.com or call 061 692 4270

Sanat Karam

"Humility, faithfulness and prayer are a cornerstone of the spiritual growth in the sodality," Fr Innocent Mabheka told the St Anne's sodality members in his homily at their annual general meeting held at Sacred Heart, Palm Ridge on Saturday, 28 September.

Under the auspices of the East Rand Region, the day began with

a Mass by Fr Innocent who is also the regional spiritual director of the sodality.

The region covers parishes from Thokoza to Ratanda in Heidelberg with a representation of 18 parishes and a collective membership of 580.

The meeting was preceded by a health talk on breast cancer by the sodality member and a retired

Catholic Women's League enrolments – Pimville



The Catholic Women's League held an enrolment ceremony of new members on Saturday, 5 October at St Peter Claver, Pimville.

Gabriel Selamolele

Sacrament of Matrimony at St Joseph's – Katlehong

Two couples said 'I do', as they exchanged their marriage vows before parish priest, Fr Elijah Otu SP at the celebration of their marriage at St Joseph's, Katlehong on Saturday, 12 October.

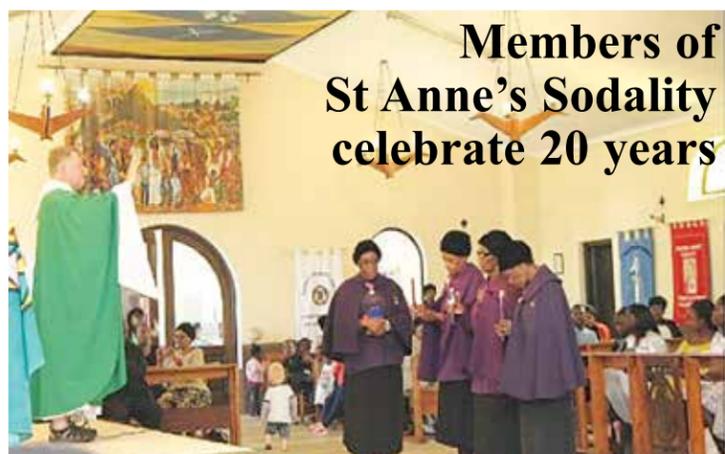
Second row from left, with Fr Elijah Otu MSP, are Andrew and Sarah Motsoeneng and Dineo and Pule Motjopi. Seated and flanked by the altar servers, Boitumelo Tswanamatsie, left and Thato Mofosi, are their pre-marriage instructors (catechists) Siphon and Lucia Makumsha.



At the back are their sponsors, Augustinus and Florence Thamae

and Pauline and Vincent Magale.

Abel Dlamini



Members of St Anne's Sodality celebrate 20 years

Left: Fr Bruce Botha SJ blessing the women.



Members of the Sodality of St Anne who recently celebrated 20 years in the sodality, received a blessing from Fr Bruce Botha SJ, parish priest of St Martin de Porres, Orlando West. Pictured are Julia Mnisi, President of St Anne's Sodality at St Martin's with Malefu Mkhambi, Moleboheng Ndlovu and Rachel Williams.

Tebogo Petja

The second annual Marian Shrine Gala Dinner, organised by the Pastoral Council and Friends of the Shrine was a sparkling affair with priests, religious and laity dressed to the nines in black, with a touch of gold.

This took place at the Cathedral Hall on Saturday, 9 November with the aim of raising funds for the Mother of Mercy Shrine in the Magaliesburg.

The evening was packed with entertainment, lots of prizes and a delectable dinner.

Archbishop Buti Tlhagale OMI took the opportunity to give an update on the delay in the building at the Shrine site.

He attributed this to the rezoning of the land which, he said, was taking more time than they had anticipated. Turning the area from the farm it was originally to a place of worship required an environmental impact assessment for which we are awaiting approval. Another hurdle was neighbours have to give permission for the building, and one neighbour has yet to give his consent.

“We are almost there,” he said, adding that the building would probably start next year.

There were other ways in which funds were raised during the dinner such as R20 raffle tickets where lucky guests won surprise gifts.

To help reach the target, people should continue to support Friends of the Shrine initiatives such as the joining the cruise and buying raffle tickets.

For more information, see posters below and page 5.

Lerato Mohone

Raising funds with a touch of sparkle



Attendees having a great time.



Jessica Matlanato and with fundraising committee member Batseba Seboka.



Tsholofelo Mokale – vice secretary fundraising committee gave the guests a warm welcome.

Joyce Maphisa executive fundraising committee and Gala Dinner organiser giving her welcome remarks.



Thabo Mashao-Shole, Fr Victor Ngwenya, Zinto Mgidlana (Fundraising executive) and Tshepo Mofokeng (Fundraising Committee chairperson) prepare to announce the winners.

From left: Deogracia Setou, Veronica Pieterse and Patricia Mofokeng.

Pics: Batseba Seboka



Master of ceremonies, Thabo Shole-Mashao.

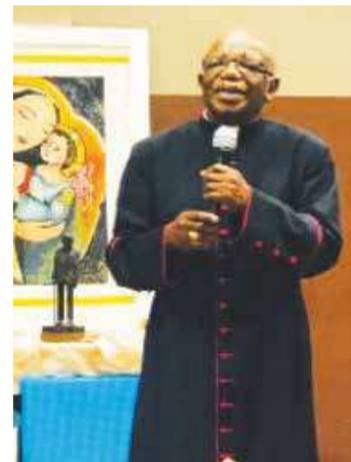


One of the raffle winners, Siza Myeni congratulated by Fr Victor Ngwenya and other well-wishers.



Second prize winner.

From left, Fundraising committee members: Pule Ganyane (vice-chairperson), Batseba Seboka, Basil Mokotedi (secretary) and Theresa Mngomezulu.



Archbishop Buti Tlhagale during his address.



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Women's seminar



The Catholic Women's League of Emmanuel, Sebokeng annual seminar took place on 20 October at Saul Tsotetsi Community Hall, Sebokeng. It was themed "Fixing my Crown". As always, they received support from fellow CWL branches in the deanery and women in general.

Above: Mantwa, Nomhle Ntsudu and Tshidi Nkodi supported fellow Catholic Women's League members.



Right: Khomotso Ratia, Pinky Class, Mokwatse Balo and Salome Ratia were dressed to kill.

Below: Ladies enjoying the festivities.



St Cecilia Sodality chairpersons

Chairpersons of St Cecilia Sodality in various parishes in the Vaal Deanery.

Young people from the Vaal Deanery at a recent Taize pilgrimage held in Cape Town. They were accompanied by Fr Kifle Kirba MCCJ.

Taize pilgrimage



Catholic Women's League enrolments

The enrolment of Catholic Women's League members in the Deanery took place on Saturday, 2 November at St Benedict the African, Sebokeng. Mass was led by the chaplain Fr Kifle Kirba MCCJ. His main message to them was, hold on and be good examples.



Chaplain Fr Kifle Kirba MCCJ addressing the new members.



Joyous celebrations after Mass.

Making their commitment.

Members of the league from St Benedict the African who made arrangements and prepared the food. From left: Jwalane Matshaneng, Martha Tshabalala, Dimakatso Khumalo, Portia Lefhoedi, Thabile Manzini, middle Sbongile Mkhwanazi, Nomthandazo Mabaso, Nthabiseng Ndebele, Dineo Maya (St Benedict parish president), Anna Seboko and Magdelene Sithole.



St Anne Sodality Vaal Deanery executive committee

Right: The newly-elected St Anne's Sodality Vaal Deanery executive committee, from left, President, Anna Marobobo from Our Lady of Fatima, Sharpeville, Deputy President Suzan Motaung from St Benedict, Sebokeng, Secretary Tsheisi Eunice from Emmanuel, Zone 14, chaplain Fr Henry Gonsan SMA, Deputy Secretary, Cynthia Nhlapo from St Joseph the Worker, Boipatong and Treasurer, Justina Sephooa from Nyolohelo, Sebokeng. The Dean, Fr Sekabata Solomon Mphela and the Chaplain, Fr Henry Gonsan were present, giving the sodality moral support.



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Helping women gain skills

St Patrick's, La Rochelle with Fr Jorge Guerra, together with Deacon Walter Middleton run a sewing class for migrants, refugees and local unemployed women at the parish. Over 120 ladies have been trained with many of them doing extremely well. A graduation ceremony for the 14th group recently took place.

Dc Walter Middleton



Francina Mokatle receives a hamper from Mamajoro Tau.



Alice and Paulos Mthethwa who conduct marriage preparation classes presented three couples who had attended marriage classes.

Our Lady of Mercy festivities



Recipients of hampers specially packed for the elderly of the parish by the new Catholic Women's League members.



Members of the Catholic Women's League and parish priest Fr Joshua Mpiti SCJ.

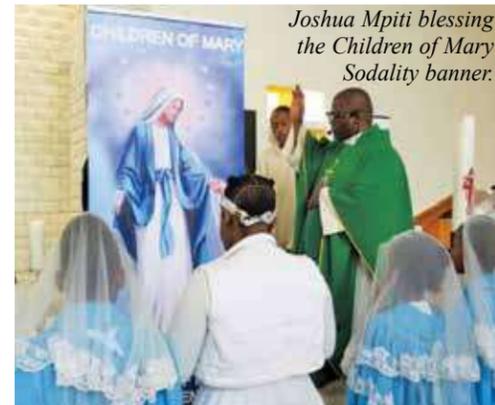
Christian Life Community Retreat

Members of the Christian Life Community of St Joseph's, Katlehong are pictured after their retreat at the parish on Saturday, 12 October. Facilitated by Fr Patrick Dladla, the retreat was followed by the sacrament of confession and ended with Mass. They are, from left, Cathrine Mallela, Khumbuzani Shongolo, Makgoase Mphuthi, Thabisile Mathe (secretary), Frank Ledwaba, Alina Masangane, Keletso Mphore. Treasurer Matshidiso Motjopi was not in the photo.

Abel Dlamini



Children of Mary Sodality initiates received medals.



Joshua Mpiti blessing the Children of Mary Sodality banner.

With hearts overflowing with joy and thanksgiving, 13 new members of Our Lady of Mercy, Emndeni gave glory to God as they were presented to the parish on Sunday, 20 October. This followed their investiture at St Peter Claver, Pimville the week earlier.

Mass was celebrated by parish priest, Fr Joshua Mpiti SCJ, assisted by Priests of the Sacred Heart seminarians, brothers Vuyani Nkabinde and Rorisang Malibo.

The new members gave words of motivation. They also presented a background of how the league came into being, as well as its expectations and aspirations. This was followed by the initiates of the Children of Mary Sodality receiving Marian medals and blessings for the sodality's banner.

The parish also rejoiced, ululating as Alice and Paulos Mthethwa presented three couples in the last phase of marriage preparation classes.

Lerato Mohone



Catholic Women's League newly-elected executive

The newly-elected 2019 Catholic Women's League executive committee, from left: first vice-president, Khosi Maloka, president Matilda Dube and second vice president, Maria Hill.


Priestly Ordination
With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Catholic Archdiocese of Johannesburg joyfully invites you to the Priestly Ordination of her sons Rev. Deacon Limphe Maela, to be ordained by HIS GRACE Archbishop Boti Tlhaagale, Omi
at 10:00 am on Sunday 14th December 2019
at St Paul of the Cross Parish, Bekkersdal
Rev. Kgaogelo Bennet Ntsie
Rev. Tshupo William Duik
By HIS LORDSHIP
Bishop Duncan Tsoke
On 21st Dec. 2019 at 9:30am
@ St. Albert's Catholic Church, Vosloorus



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From left: Dominican Sister Ann Wigley with Fr Neil Mitchell OP, the speaker on Christian soteriology, and Prof Douglas Irvine, Chairperson of WAACSA on 19 October.

Heaven on Earth



In a ground-shifting talk on the new insights on the Christian doctrine of salvation, Dominican priest Fr Neil Mitchell OP challenged the traditional view that Jesus' death on the Cross was in atonement for sin; that the Cross was

necessary for salvation.

These are new times, Neil said, and the Church should be developing a theology of peace. The doctrine of original sin is contrary to the theory of evolution and should be scrutinised in

the light what modern science has learnt about the origins of humankind and in the light of the truths and wisdoms of other faiths.

Fr Mitchell suggests that we need to rediscover the collective or corporate nature of salvation. In

this case, salvation is synonymous with liberation; not a once-off liberation from sin through sacrifice, but a process of transformation leading to liberation. The liberation we seek is not later in heaven, but liberation from the problems of now – poverty, climate change, violence and war.

The sermon on the mount is a handbook for peace, he suggests. Despite the violent nature of humans, non-retaliation can be learnt. It is a positive action, not a passive or wishy-washy reaction. Non-violence should be sought, not only for human society but all of God's creation. The Word was made flesh – not just in Christ's body and blood but in all things earthy.

The debate around replacing

the line for the hymn 'the wrath of God satisfied' with the line 'the love of God magnified' is the sort of discussion Christians should be having, giving up the attachment to a joyless sacrifice and a life of stoic endurance until death and heaven. Love trumps sacrifice, said Fr Neil, and Christians should be co-operating with God's love as Jesus did in building peace and at-one-ment.

We are all Church (Waacsa) is a movement of Catholics in South Africa who are committed to the Gospel message and the ongoing renewal of the Church initiated by the Second Vatican Council. Their motto is "Where the Spirit is, there is freedom" (2 Cor 3:17) was also the motto of Bishop Denis Hurley. *Judy Stockill*



Fr Sikhosphi blesses the food.

World Day of the Poor

On Sunday, 17 November, in aid of the World Day of the Poor as assigned by Pope Francis, St Vincent de Paul society and volunteers from the Holy Family, Turffontein, in conjunction with St Patrick's, La Rochelle prepared and distributed sandwiches among the poor in the community.

The target was 1 000 sandwiches, but this was exceeded by reaching as 2 000 sandwiches. Left-over bread, donated by the parishioners, was given to the soup kitchen run by the society on Wednesdays at the parish.

Alexis Santana Callea



Parish priest of Holy Family, Turffontein Fr Sikhosphi Mgoza OP helps prepare sandwiches.



Helping those who help the poor

The Goxo family of St Peter Claver, Pimville donated a house for St Vincent de Paul Society to use for storage and distribution of food packages for the families they feed. It was blessed by Fr Tom Segami OMI on Sunday, 10 November.

Gabriel Selamolele

Advent candles on sale

Catholic Women's League members of the Victory Park branch, selling Advent candles after Sunday masses. Pictured are Luisa da Silva and Melanie Greenall.

Ida Steyn



We celebrate with our Priests

The following priests and deacons celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries of their ordination. Archbishop Buti Tlhagale also celebrates his birthday. Remember them in your prayers!

Ordinations

Fr Vincent Pienaar	02-12-77
Rt Rev Bishop Duncan Tsoko	02-12-95
Fr Emmanuel Temswang	05-12-09
Fr Chaka Motanyane	06-12-97
Fr Tom Segami	07-12-96
Fr Innocent Mabheka	07-12-02
Fr Tente Sompane	07-12-02
Fr Kevin Bugler	08-12-59
Fr James Towell	08-12-59
Fr Emil Blaser	08-12-67
Fr Jude Burgers	08-12-87
Fr Richard Stonier	08-12-18
Rev Kevin Kilroe	08-12-01
Fr Keith Gordon-Davis	09-12-95
Fr Terrence Barnard	11-12-75
Fr Thabo Motshegwa	11-12-99
Rev Michael Carroll	12-12-99
Rev Ryszard Malinowski	12-12-09
Rev Alexander Niven	12-12-09
Rev Neil Philipson	12-12-09
Fr Petrus Shiya	14-12-91
Fr Joachim Malunga	14-12-13
Fr Victor Ngwenya	15-12-07
Fr Daniel Sehlapelo	15-12-07
Fr Reginald Anthony	16-12-91
Fr Benedict Mahlangu	16-12-95
Fr Tshepiso Lekoko	16-12-17
Fr Remigius Makobane	17-12-79
Fr Letsie Moshoeshoe	17-12-83
Rev John Magata	18-12-10
Fr Joshua Mpiti	19-12-09
Fr Phuti Makgabo	19-12-15
Fr Ignatius Fidgeon	20-12-64
Fr Martin Morrissey	20-12-64
Fr Andrew Thomo	20-12-92
Fr Teboho Matseke	20-12-03
Fr Eugene Henessy	21-12-68
Fr Jeemon Francis	26-12-09

Birthdays in December

1 st	Fr Emmanuel Kagimbangabo Fr Taelo Kimane Fr Francis Anyanzu
3 rd	Fr Keith Gordon-Davis
4 th	Fr Kgomotso Sehopela
5 th	Fr Michael Murphy
6 th	Fr Tony Daniels Fr Timothy Wrenn
7 th	Fr Kevin Bugler
9 th	Fr Petrus Shiya
10 th	Fr Henricus Vos
12 th	Rev Kenneth James
14 th	Fr Antonio Nunes
16 th	Fr Alberto Villalba
17 th	Fr Thabo Motshegwa
21 st	Fr Shaun von Lillienfeld
22 nd	Fr Terrence Barnard
25 th	Fr Emmanuel Wafula Fr Emmanuel Temswang Rev Haga Ndlovu
26 th	Archbishop Buti Tlhagale
26 th	Fr Innocent Daniel
28 th	Fr Tlaile Lingoane
29 th	Rev Louis Khumalo
31 st	Fr Ronald Hourel Fr Letsie Moshoeshoe



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New bishop for diocese of Aliwal North

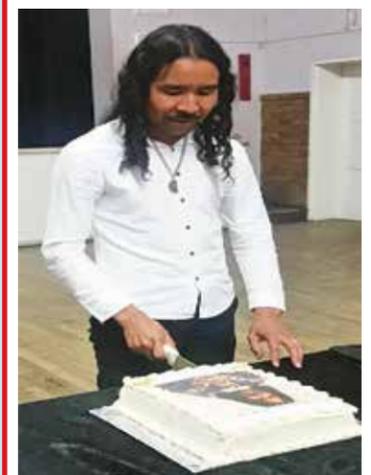
Msgr Joseph Kizito of Aliwal North will be ordained Bishop of Aliwal North diocese on 15 February 2020.

Merry Christmas

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May his love bring you peace at Christmas and always!



Happy fifth year anniversary, Fr Pablo

Assistant priest of St Patrick's, La Rochelle, Fr Pablo Velasquez celebrated five years of priesthood on Friday, 1 November. Parishioners had a bring-and-share after the 6pm Mass, followed by a slideshow of the priest's ordination in Mexico. At the Mass dedicated to All Saints, he expressed his sincere gratitude to all for their continued prayers and thanked God for the past five years of service. *Yuresha Perumal*

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Rosary Rallies



... Zondi

... Kagiso



On Saturday, 12 October, parishioners of St Peter's Kagiso 1 took part in a rally by reciting the Rosary and singing hymns to Our Lady through the streets of Kagiso.

Tebogo Tsimane

... Emndeni

Our Lady of Mercy, Emndeni celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Fatima with the recitation of the Rosary at Naledi-Protea link bridge.

Tiny Moumakoe



October is traditionally designated by the Church as the "Month of the Rosary". The Daughters of St Anne sodality, confirmation candidates and catechists of St Therese, Zondi organised a rally commemorating the occasion. A walk was held from the neighbouring school grounds to the parish's grotto.

In his sermon, Rev Deacon Edward Nyembe said it should be a culture in St Theresa to hold a Rosary rally at least four times a year. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother. The graces we receive can bring us closer to Jesus, he said, which can, in turn, become blessings for others, changing their lives as well.

He encouraged families to pray the Rosary together at home daily. Final blessings took place outside. Area leaders were given a candle as an instruction to go and pray the Rosary in their small Christian communities using those candles.

Daughters of St Anne sodality St Theresa, Zondi

A special Mass in honour of Our Lady and Rosary month

Fr Jean Yammine leads the procession closely followed by Bishop Joseph Francis Kweku Essien.



A young parishioner during the celebration.



Our Lady of Lebanon in Mulbarton south of Johannesburg, celebrated a special Mass in honour of Our Lady and Rosary month. The altar was adorned with a giant Rosary and a Cross made of flowers! Mass was celebrated by Fr Jean Yammine. Concelebrating was visiting Bishop Joseph Francis Kweku Essien of Wiawso, Ghana.

Mark Kisogloo

Below: Altar adorned with the Rosary. Fr Jean Yammine (right) and Bishop Joseph Francis Kweku Essien (left).



Baptised and Sent banner.

Daughters of St Anne annual retreat



Candle light procession.



The annual Daughters of St Anne retreat was held at the Mother of Mercy Marian Shrine on the weekend of 18 to 20 October. Under the guidance of spiritual advisor, Fr Nkosinathi Nkabinde, the theme of the retreat was "Baptised and Sent".

The readings of the opening Mass on the Friday focussed on evangelisation. This was the message to the participants too, to spread the gospel and redefine their purpose to impact others positively.

On Saturday, members walked up the mountain reciting the Rosary and doing the Stations of the Cross. The programme continued with a talk by Fr Nkosinathi.

"Know who you are, and that will make you understand your purpose and why God called you to be "Baptised and Sent" as this was a calling to fulfil that mission," he said.

East Rand spiritual advisor, Fr Boshom Mpetsheni also shared his wisdom. He said that Jesus is the way and the Holy Spirit our navigator. This means Jesus is the solution to every challenge.

Fr Nkosinathi, Fr Boshom and Fr Abel Maluleka, who is the West Rand spiritual advisor, gave a special blessing.

Nkgopeleng Nkosi

Probus Talk at Alan Woodrow



From left: Ross McSweeney, Chairman of Dalpark Probus, Anthony Duigan, Helen Duigan, Denise Armstrong, Probus member.

About 50 members of The Probus Club of Dalpark listened to Anthony Duigan, Chairman of Action for Responsible Management of our Rivers, give a presentation on saving our rivers at the monthly meeting on 1 November. The talk was at Alan Woodrow Park III, one of four retirement villages run by the Knights of Da Gama. Anthony and his wife, Helen, are dedicated to working towards cleaning up South African rivers, 90% of which are polluted. Three hundred soiled and discarded baby nappies were collected from the Black River in Cape Town in one day.

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Good Shepherd, Protea North, Special Religious Development (SPRED) faith companions pictured with the diocesan Spred team, Nellie Ngwane, Deborah Sebuse and Ntsoaki Makhetha. The parish has great passion in catechising through SPRED. Fr Oupa Matseke received gifts from Neo and Mama Bertha.

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