

You will be contributing to the work of the Church in:

- training priests for the future
- promoting the growth and development of our Church in Southern Africa.
- coordinating a range of church activities and services including:
 - Evangelisation and catechetics
 - HIV and AIDS work
 - Justice and Peace
 - Liturgy
 - Youth work
 - Communication and Media, and
 - Healthcare and education.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print)

Title _____

Name _____

Surname _____

Parish _____

Diocese _____

Postal address _____

Telephone _____

Mobile _____

E-mail address _____



The Southern African
Catholic Bishops' Conference
Foundation

**FEAST OF PENTECOST
2011**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION
for the
SACBC FOUNDATION**

PLEASE BE GENEROUS

www.sacbc.org.za



*Give to the SACBC
Foundation*



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Why should I make a donation to my Church?

The Catholic Church in Southern Africa used to get most of its funding from Europe. The financial crisis in Europe and the desperate needs of other countries have meant that we now need to support our local Church ourselves.

Rather than make continuous appeals for support, the Church would like to set up a capital fund to provide a regular income for the years ahead, making us less reliant on overseas funding. It is looking to us, who benefit most, to support its work.

How much do we need to raise?

We want to raise a minimum of R50 million to maintain and grow the Church. It sounds like a lot of money, but if only half a million Catholics (500 000) give R100 each, or if 100 000 give R500 each, we will achieve our goal.

What will happen to my donation?

It will go into a special fund established for this purpose, in the name of the SACBC Foundation. All money received will be invested in a long-term interest account.

Will the Church then draw on this money?

The Church will use only the interest generated from these funds for the various ministries and services it offers. The capital will not be used. That is why such a large sum of money is needed.

How will I know what happens to the money raised?

An external auditor will prepare an audited financial report every year on the SACBC Foundation. You will be able to access this on the SACBC website (www.sacbc.org.za), as well as a narrative report on how much has been raised and how the money is being used to run the Church.

How will the money be spent?

The Catholic Church will use the money to support your priests and sisters, to train future priests and to promote the growth and development of our Church in Southern Africa. The SACBC supports your bishop and your diocese by coordinating a range of church activities and services including evangelisation and catechetics, HIV and AIDS work, Justice and Peace, liturgy, youth work, communication and media, the training of priests, Catholic healthcare and education.

Is my donation really important to the Church?

You ARE the Church. It is your support that ensures the Church will be there for you and your family – now and in the future.

What is the SACBC Foundation?

It is a legally-registered body set up by the SACBC with a properly constituted board of trustees to manage the money donated through this fundraising campaign to the Catholic Church.

The Foundation has applied for registration as a non-profit organisation (NPO) with the Department of Social Development and with the Tax Exemption Unit of SARS as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO).

Who are the trustees?

The trustees of the SACBC Foundation are the five Metropolitan Archbishops of Cape Town, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and Durban.

GIVE TO THE SACBC FOUNDATION

Please complete your personal information details on the other side.

CHEQUE

CREDIT CARD

Please debit my MasterCard/Visa Card

Number _____

CVC (last 3 digits on back of card) _____

Expiry date _____

With the amount of R _____

Once only Every month for _____ months or until cancelled by me

Month of first payment _____

Signature _____

ID number _____

DIRECT DEPOSIT or EFT

I have deposited my gift of R _____ directly into your account:

Name of account: SACBC Foundation

Name of bank: Nedbank

Address: Cnr Andries and Church Street, Pretoria

Branch number: 160445

Account number: 1604879564

Swift Code: NEDSZAJJ

Please post or fax us a copy of the deposit slip with your phone number, email and postal addresses so we may thank you for your kind gift.

DEBIT ORDER

I wish to sponsor by debit order the amount of R _____ from month _____ 20 _____ and each month thereafter, until cancelled by me.

Type of account: _____

Current Transmission Savings

Bank name _____

Branch code _____

Branch name and town _____

Account number _____

Email address _____

I/we acknowledge that the party hereby authorized to effect the drawing(s) against my/our account may not cede or assign any of its rights to any third party without my/our prior written consent and that I/we may not delegate any of my/our obligations in terms of this contract/authority to any third party without prior written consent of the authorised party.

You ARE the Church.

St Patrick's Parish, Sydenham, P.E.

NOLA MONTEITH (SECRETARY, PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL)

NEVER TOO OLD TO SAY: "I DO... I DO"!

On Saturday 5 March 2011, three couples (Arthur and Hazel Pyne, Colin and Sophia Hendricks, Neville and Ellen Stowman) from St Patrick's family, who had previously all only been married under civil union by the Magistrate had their marriages solemnized in Church by Fr Henry Ezenwanne, C.O. and ably assisted by Deacon Ted Burke.



These three couples are residents of the Adcock Van der Vyver Old Age Retirement Complex in Kensington. So, even if your hair may be grey and your sight a little dimmer, it is never too late to say "I do" and be truly married in the eyes of God and the Church. We congratulate our three happy couples. May they continue to love and cherish one another for a long time to come.

St Patrick's has also recently seeing a "rebirth" with babies baptised, adults welcomed into our church through the RCIA programme and couples married.

St Patrick's Parish in Sydenham is alive, well and flourishing under the guidance and direction of our young and vibrant Parish Priest Fr Henry.

On 28th August 2011, St Patrick's will be celebrating its Platinum Jubilee (75th anniversary as a Parish) and Confirmation; we are looking forward to all the build up activities that will take place in preparation for this great occasion.

MARIAN VILLA WALK FOR LIFE

Fr. Jerry Browne with members of Mater Dei parish, Port Elizabeth, on Human Rights Day, Monday 21st March 2011, at the start of a 5km "Walk For Life" which was organized to raise funds for Marian Villa, a Port Elizabeth refuge for women in pregnancy crisis, run by the Knights of Da Gama. The project started out as a group action put forward by Mike Brosnahan's Renew group, in response to Renew Africa's call to action for justice and human rights, and ended as a very successful community-building exercise for the Mater Dei parish, as well as others, in particular Msgr Brendan Deenihan of St. Augustines parish, resulting in approximately R10,000-00 being raised, through sponsorships



Fr Jerry Browne with group of parishioners on their "Walk for life" walk

and entry fees, for Marian Villa. The walk was originally organised from Sacred Heart parish some years ago by the late Regional Grand Knight Colin Devine, but was left in abeyance after his death. All in all a great time was had by all who took part, and we hope to make this an annual event at Mater Dei.

BED AND BREAKFAST

ease up | unwind | recharge

Cell: 072 418 6885 e-mail: oceandreams@isat.co.za
 Office: +27(0)43 7405509 Fax: +27(0)43 7414719
 Address: 117 Main Road, Gonubie, East London 5257 P.O. Box 13624, Vincent, 5217
 Website: www.oceandreams.co.za

St Patrick's, East London



St Patricks Day Lunch hosted by Father Dania in the St Pats church hall and attended by 18 priests and deacons of the East London Deanery. The CWL ladies did the catering.

St Augustine's Pilgrimage

Spiritual Director: Msgr Brendan Deenihan

Holy Land . Jordan. Cairo.

5 – 16 November 2011

Cost: R 20 995 .00 *

Mass celebrated daily.

Jordan: Mt Nebo. Bethany Baptismal site.
1 day

Bethlehem: Basilica of Nativity. St Joseph's Grotto. Holy Innocents. Manger Square.
2 nights
Shepherds' Field. Ein Karem: Visitation. St John's Church.
Cremisan. pm free.

Galilee: Caesarea.: Aquaduct. Nazareth: Mary's Well. St Joseph's Workshop.
2 nights
Basilica of Annunciation. Sepphoris.Cana. Tabgha. Primacy of Peter. Capernaum. Boatride on the Sea of Galilee.Magdala. Mt Tabor.
Jericho. Cable car up Mt Temptation. Masada. Dead Sea. Qumran Caves. Bethany: Lazarus' Tomb: House of Martha & Mary.

Jerusalem: Model of Jerusalem. Pater Noster Church. Dominus Flevit. Garden of Gethsemane.Church of All Nations.Rock of the Agony.Mary's Tomb. Cave. St Peters-in- Gallicantu. Dormition Abbey. Cenacle. St Stephen's Gate. Anne's Church. Pools of Bethesda. Ecce Homo Convent. Stations of the Cross. Via Dolorosa. Ad Cenacullum Chapel.Calvary. Holy Sepulchre.Western Wall.View : Dome of the Rock. Al Aqsa Mosque

Cairo: Visit: Pyramids. Sphinx.. Nile Dinner Cruise.Old Coptic Churches.
1 night

Includes: Economy class air ticket. Accommodation on a dinner, bed & breakfast basis. Transportation in air-conditioned coaches. Guiding. Entrance fees.
Excludes: Personal items such as telephone calls, laundry, drinks.
Estimated additional expenses: Airport taxes:R2 800.00.Tipping \$.82 Insurance R390.00.(dependant on age) Visas for Egypt & Jordan. TBA.

** subject to airfare increases, currency fluctuations and a minimum of 20 passengers traveling together.*

Tangney Special Interest Tours
P O Box 273 Rondebosch 7701
Tel: (021) 683 0300 Email: karis@tangneytours.co.za

We Celebrate 800 Years of Dominican Life

Study Mission
Prayer Community

Cabra Dominican Sisters
73 St John's Street, Gardens
Cape Town 8001
Republic of South Africa
Convent 021 465 2019
Fax: 021 461 5324
E-mail: cabdms@tmweb.co.za
Web: www.dominicansisters.com

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A DOMINICAN SISTER?

Immaculate Conception East London

ABBY CRONIN

Saturday, 19th February, was a joyful day for the Immaculate Conception Parish in East London as Bishop Michael Coleman ordained four men to the permanent diaconate - Wayne Lawrence of Immaculate Conception Parish, Mike Mene of St. Paul's, Ndwana, one of a cluster of five communities in the King William's Town area, and Brian Fritz and Les Rensburg of St. Martin de Porres Parish in East London.

It was a special occasion for Immaculate Conception Parish in particular as Wayne Lawrence is its first Permanent Deacon. The morning started at 9h30 with some spirited singing by the young people of the choir from Deacon Mene's communities and then at 10h00 came the entrance procession with about 30 priests and permanent deacons leading the Bishop and the men about to be ordained to music provided by the St. Martin de Porres band. The solemn liturgy of ordination which followed made a deep impression on the congregation of about 700 who attended, some of them accommodated in Our Lady's Catholic Centre across the road from the Church with live pictures and sound from the Church. The morning ended with a lunch for the Bishop, priests and the permanent deacons and their wives, with the congregation enjoying light refreshments in the Hall.



Bishop Michael Coleman at the Ordination of Permanent Deacons in East London

St. Martin De Porres Parish, Gelvandale, Port Elizabeth

URSULA GHANSAR- PARISH SECRETARY

St. Martin De Porres Parish is going from strength to strength. Parishioners are once again gathering after Mass to greet and share with another.

The parish has been very busy preparing for the Lenten Season. The small Christian Community Prayer groups are meeting to share on the theme chosen for the Lenten Season namely Lenten Longings - Let yourself Be..... The groups meet weekly to share, pray and reflect on the scriptures.

Our sincere thanks to Fr. Davis for arranging a 6.00am Mass which began on Ash Wednesday. The Masses on Ash Wednesday at 6.00am and 19H00 were packed out and parishioners have continued attending the early morning Mass at 6.00am each morning during Lent. Adoration also takes place at 6.30am Mass until 7.30am for all those who wish to spend time praying with the Blessed Sacrament.

On the Wednesdays of Lent Parish groups have an opportunity to share and lead the parish community in the Stations of the Cross.

The parishioners of St. Martin's were given an opportunity to elect a New Parish Pastoral Council. The process started on Sunday 6th February with the announcement of the election and an invitation to nominate parishioners for the Parish Pastoral Council. The executive was elected on Sunday 13 March. We thank and congratulate our new executive of the PPC and wish them well as they assist our Parish Priest with pastoral care in the parish.

A total of 15 R.C.I. A candidates partook in the Rite of Election Ceremony to prepare for Baptism and Reception at the Easter Vigil. The group was warmly welcomed by the Parish community at the Mass.

Our Penitential Service held on Thursday 24th March was once again well attended and we thank the 10 Priests who offered their time to assist the parishioners of St. Martin De Porres with confessions.

Our Special Ministers of Holy Communion and the Proclaimers of The Word had a wonderful Retreat on Monday 21 March 2011 conducted by the Sisters of Mercy from Addo. The groups found the Retreat very prayerful and uplifting.

Last but by no means least the many Parishioners who attended the 6.00am Mass on Friday 1st April had the opportunity to wish Fr. Davis a very Happy Birthday. It was wonderful to see so many parishioners share the day with Fr. Davis.

CARE MINISTRY NEWS

SIOBHAN DOOLEY

The Care Ministry has launched into 2011 with a very busy calendar of events. Our Annual General Meeting was held at Mater Dei Catholic church on 1st March, 2011 and was attended by 99 people. A wonderful evening of celebration was held with our volunteer caregivers providing the entertainment as well as assistance with the organisation of the evening.



Right: The Care Ministry AGM was held in March 2011

Our Master of Ceremonies was one of our very own volunteers, Xolelwa Ngeni from New Brighton, who did a marvellous job of running the meeting. Tracy Van Goeverden, the Care Ministry Chairperson, acknowledged the dedication and commitment of the volunteers in her report and Moira Boshoff presented the annual Development Report to those present.

The guest speaker was Sr Noeaster Mkonto who is the operational manager at the Motherwell clinic. Sr Noeaster gave a vibrant talk about the clinic's expectations on volunteer caregivers and spoke about the special calling to volunteering, the importance of valuing this role and taking seriously our responsibility to ourselves and our clients. We were honoured to have a number of very special guests in attendance including Nadiema Van der Bergh from the Department of Health and Dr Elizabeth Musaba who travelled all the way from King William's Town to share this event with us. Thank you to the Parish Core Group volunteers, representatives from the Diocese and our cherished visitors who also made the effort to support this evening.

In January and February a series of workshops were held for all Care Ministry volunteer caregivers to address every aspect of what it means to be a volunteer in the community. These workshops were well attended and focussed on accountability and quality of care. The Care Ministry is going through a process of re-structuring, in line with government guidelines, to ensure that clients within our many communities continue to receive a high standard of care and support.

The Care Ministry, in close

relationship with St Francis Hospice, has been involved with the establishment of a Home Based Care Forum in Motherwell. The purpose of this forum is to co-ordinate the services being offered by community based organisations offering home based care. Siobhan facilitated a strategic planning workshop in February and 12 members of the community were elected to the forum. These members will represent the needs of patients and home based care organisations in Motherwell and advocate for ongoing quality care.

In March, Siobhan facilitated a three day "Psycho-Social Support for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC)" workshop for 17 volunteer caregivers from hospice in Somerset East. This course was an opportunity to learn about the needs of OVC and to acquire skills in order to offer effective care and support to children in need.

A Capacitar Living in Wellness retreat was facilitated in February by Moira Boshoff for 19 volunteers. This gave participants a wonderful opportunity for stress relief and self care. Thank you to all those who continue to support the Care Ministry through prayer, donations and the gift of your time.

Anybody wishing to access information or counselling support can contact the Care Ministry Office at 041-3651135;

Divorced and separated support programme: for information contact Kaye Henrick (during office hours only please) at 083 299 1842.

Bereaved support programme: for information phone Shirley Mandy: 041-581 5932; Maureen Krige: 041-581 5341; Irene Anstey: 041-583 4753

ST JOSEPH'S R.C. SCHOOL
KABEGA PARK

ADMISSIONS FOR 2012

Applications are now being considered for Grade 0, Grade R & Grade 1

We are a Public Catholic School offering an excellent education for all in an environment conducive to learning.

- Knowledge Network IT curriculum
- English medium of instruction
- Caring and secure Christian environment
- Aftercare facilities

Application forms can be collected at school
Enquiries – Phone 041 360 8283

Interviews will be arranged for applicants from mid May 2011

JARED FORLEE
CONVENIENT STORE
& HARDWARE
118 WELCOME AVENUE
THEESCOMBE
Phone: 379 5474
FOR ALL YOUR REQUIREMENTS!
And the freshest bread in town

THE FAMILY BUSINESS THAT STILL OFFERS YOU A PERSONAL SERVICE

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS
INSURANCE AND FLORAL REQUIREMENTS
DIGNIFIED SERVICE WITH 24-HOUR ATTENTION
FIRST AVENUE FUNERAL HOME WALMER
Our Reputation is Built on Understanding

☎ 041 581 5028 ALL HOURS
P.O. BOX 5711, WALMER 6065

With Compliments from

PERICON BUILDERS
& PAINTING CONTRACTORS cc

Tel: (041) 484 2266

DICK CHAN AGENCIES
WHOLESALE TO THE TRADE

SUPPLIERS OF:

- POLYSTYRENE CONTAINERS
- PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- FOIL CONTAINERS
- PLASTIC/PAPER BAGS
- CAKE/PIZZA BOXES
- SERVIETTES
- BAKING INGREDIENTS
- CONDIMENTS
- CANNED GOODS

15 CHRISSIE STREET, KORSTEN, PORT ELIZABETH 6020
TEL: 4536610 • 4536597 • 4534636 FAX: 4514590

JOHN'S PASSION

MIKE CHALMERS

Every Good Friday afternoon we listen to John's Passion being read. I wonder how many of us really spend time reading the text and allowing it to speak to us.



I offer you a few insights into this narrative. John has written his passion as a three act play. The opening act has two scenes, one dealing with the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, followed by Jesus being questioned by Annas and Peter's denial.

In Act Two we hear about Jesus trial before Pilate the Roman Governor. Our meditation will centre on this event.

Act three tells of Jesus crucifixion, death and burial.

Open your Bible at John 18: 28 and then read the text for each scene before reading the commentary.

Scene 1 18: 28-32 OUTSIDE

"It was morning." Jesus is escorted to Pilate's residence. The building was built with an open public area, referred to as (OUTSIDE) and next to this was the official residence and offices (INSIDE). There was no way that the chief priests would go inside the residence as this would make them ritually impure so, "Pilate came out to them." One has to question their concern about ritual purity, yet they did not hesitate to call for the execution of an innocent man! Some double standard.

Scene 2 18: 33-38 INSIDE

"So Pilate went back into the Praetorium and said to him,"

As one reads this dialogue one has to wonder who is in charge, Jesus or Pilate. The repeated use of the title "King" suggests that Jesus is in control. Pilate asks, "What have you done?" and "What is truth?" These two questions should ring in our ears. Look at your life and list all the good you have done. Filled with joy and perhaps surprise at you own goodness/ Godness respond with a heartfelt prayer of gratitude.

"Are you the King of the Jews?" asks Pilate. Jesus replies with one of the most challenging questions that anyone could be asked. "Do you say this on our own or have others told you about me?"

Everyone one of us speaks of Jesus and God to others. We instruct our children. We teach catechism, share Scripture, preach sermons. Jesus questions us, "Are you speaking from your personal experience and conviction or are you just repeating what somebody else has told you?" There is no way our teaching will be authentic if you are not speaking from personal experience and conviction.

Scene 3 18: 38b-40 OUTSIDE

"When Pilate had said this, Pilate again went out to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in him." In response to Pilate's offer to release Jesus the Priests reply, "Not this one but Barabbas." Barabbas is two words, 'bar', meaning son of, and 'abba' - father. Jesus, the true Son of the Father, is rejected in favour of a revolutionary. Have I accepted Jesus and all his teachings? How is my relationship with Jesus growing?

Scene 4 19: 1-3 INSIDE

Jesus is scourged! Surely not! A moment ago Pilate pronounced him not guilty and now he orders a scourging. The chief priests are not the only people living by double standards. The theme of kingship continues with the mocking and crowning with thorns.

Scene 5 19: 4-8 OUTSIDE

"Once more Pilate went out and said to them, 'I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.'" The mockery continues as Jesus, the King, is presented to the crowd, clothed in purple and crowned with thorns. Tensions are rising. In response to "Behold the man" the cry of "Crucify him, crucify" him rings in our ears. Once again Pilate responds by finding Jesus not guilty.

Pilate was a really tough, cruel and ruthless governor and yet here he shows uncharacteristic weakness in the face of obvious injustice. What has been my stand when I see the weak and defenceless unjustly treated?

This scene reaches its climax with the crowd announcing that Jesus is "Son of God." Pilate is shocked and terrified. No wonder he rushes back inside.

Scene 6 19: 9-11 INSIDE

"And went back into the praetorium and said to Jesus, 'Where are you from?'"

There is no doubt that Jesus has now taken control of the conversation and that Pilate is very much on the defensive.

Scene 7 19: 12-16 OUTSIDE

"If you release him, you are not a Friend of Caesar." This was too much for Pilate. He caves in to their demands. Many pictures of the scene that follows have Pilate seated on the judge's bench and Jesus standing. Some translations say, "He brought Jesus out and seated him on the judge's bench." This is a fitting climax to a "mockery" of a trial.

"Behold your King," says Pilate. "We have no King but Caesar?" A shocked silence follows as all realize the terrible rejection that has taken place.

St. Patrick's – Lower Blinkwater, Fort Beaufort

UNDENE GOUVERIS

About 10 miles outside of Fort Beaufort on the Road to Katberg is the little farming village of Lower Blinkwater. Many years ago it was a very much inhabited village with a hotel, butcher shop, trading store, tennis court, two schools, a church, post office and a railway siding where the goods train with one passenger coach used to stop to deliver goods and the local mail on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday on its way up to Seymour.



Grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great children of the late William Joseph & Mathilda Maude Tidbury in front of St. Patrick's Church in Lower Blinkwater

W.J. Tidbury, was the inn-keeper, the postmaster and the station master and on these three days of the week one would find him, hat on his head, hands thrust in his pockets, taking his stroll up to meet the train.

The local farmers would all congregate at the station to collect their goods and afterwards some of them would perhaps go down to the hotel for a drink or to collect their mail.

William Joseph Tidbury took over the running of the hotel at the tender age of 16 when his father died in 1895 at the young age of 45 and remained there for the rest of his life. He and his wife Mathilda Maude had 6 children, 27 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Although he was an inn-keeper, he never drank alcohol or smoked in his life and the only illness he ever had up until the time of his death was the 1918 influenza when there was an epidemic.

In 1945 William Joseph donated a piece of land which had an outbuilding on it to the Port Elizabeth Diocese. He converted the "barn" into a church to accommodate his large fast-extending family and the local catholic Coloured community. The priest would come out to Blinkwater on a Sunday to offer Holy Mass and would bring with him two nuns one of whom would play the

St. Patrick's Church and St. Joseph's Coloured School.

His wife Maude (as she was fondly known) died in 1949. W.J. lived on for another 18 years and died in 1967 at the age of 88 but, sadly, Lower Blinkwater "died" with him. Most of the family except for grandsons Trevor Whitecross and Billy Tidbury, moved out as their children grew up and ventured into the big wide world.

The hotel which was sold after his death burned down, the railway houses, schools, butcher shop became derelicts, the tennis court was ploughed over and even the train stopped running on that route but ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH – refused to die!

In 1991 his grandchildren financed its "facelift" but alas, time and the weather has taken its toll and sadly it was announced that St. Patrick's is in a bad state of repair and in danger of being demolished.

The family were informed of the sad news and on Sunday, March 27th, more than a hundred family members from all over South Africa together with the local catholics were in the church with Fr. Trevor Button offering Holy Mass.

What a joyful occasion it was as first, second, third and possibly



organ. After Mass all of his children, his grandchildren, the priest and the sisters would go down to the hotel for breakfast and a get-together.

In 1965 Bishop Green went up from Port Elizabeth to officiate at a ceremony at Lower Blinkwater when, on behalf of the late Holy Father, he presented "W.J." with the Papal Award Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice. Congratulating him, both the Bishop and Fr. Ted Scully paid tribute to the part he and his late wife had played in the establishment and growth of

even fourth cousins celebrated family reunion. Brian Tidbury and Aleck Gouveris recalled happy memories and experiences of the past and Fr. Trevor explained the church's situation in great detail. There was a lot of positivity from the family and hopefully, with the generosity and enthusiasm of the descendants of William Joseph and Mathilda Maude Tidbury, and God's grace, St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lower Blinkwater will live on !!!

Twenty-five years and more service in Catholic Schools Awards

The Catholic Schools Board in the Diocese of Port Elizabeth held an awards banquet on Thursday evening 24th of February. The first of its kind. Awards were presented to all teachers and staff who have been in service of Catholic Schools in the diocese for 25 years and more.

That included retired teachers and principals. An astounding 87 teachers, principals and staff received this appreciation of their service to the schools involved.

The department of Education were represented by Education Development Officers (EDO's), Mrs. Selana from Uitenhage district, Mr. Howard also from Uitenhage district, Mr. Nonxuba from Grahamstown district and Mrs Gitywa from King Williamstown district. Fathers Paul Fahy, Dominic Griego, Max Salsone and Thembaletu Mana, the priests involved with the schools also attended the glittering affair, which was held at the Pine Lodge Resort in Port Elizabeth.

On their arrival guests were greeted with the upbeat sound of marimbas performed by learners and Mrs. Hiscock from St Dominic's Priory School. Miss Pauline Penny and one talented learner from the school also provided the musical background for the evening. The Chairperson of the Catholic Schools Board, Sr Barbara Standing welcomed all present and Bishop Michael Coleman handed out the awards.



From left to right: Mrs Margaret Sixam, St Thomas School for the Deaf, 32 years; Mrs Estelle Fourie, St Augustine's Primary, 31 years; Mrs Marita Robson, St Dominic's Priory, 31 years and Mrs Fiona McDonald, St Joseph's Primary Fort Beaufort, 31 years

The mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Holly Rankin had the guests in stitches with her wit and funny "school" stories. The capable chefs of Pine Lodge prepared a hearty meal starting off with delicious crumbed calamari and ending with a trifle. All present enjoyed the occasion. The evening ended with a blessing from the Vicar of Education for the diocese, Monsignor Brendan Deenihan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND SUFFERING, AND THEIR FAMILIES, AT THIS TIME.

MOORS MILNE AND KIEVIT ARCHITECTS INCORPORATED

37 PARLIAMENT STREET PORT ELIZABETH 6001 P.O. BOX 12019 CENTRAHIL 6006 TEL: 041 5851575 FAX: 041 5857797 CELL: 082 5751802 rose@mmkarchitects.co.za www.mmkarchitects.com

AJM MOORS B.Arch MIArch (ECIA)

32 HILL STREET GRAHAMSTOWN 6140 TEL/FAX: 046 6223417

**BIRTHDAY / ORDINATION
GREETINGS TO OUR PRIESTS**

**SPECIAL GREETINGS TO FR JOHN PULLOKKARAN OF 30
YEARS IN THE PRIESTHOOD**

ORDINATIONS:

17th April Fr L Mguda
27th April Fr Trevor Button
2nd May Fr Luvuyo Madikane
9th May Fr Varghese Kannanaickal
11th May Fr John Pullokkaran
21st May Fr T Mana
23rd May Bishop Baay (as Bishop)
6th June Fr Jerry Browne
9th June Fr Mluleki Mnyaka - 20 years
10th June Fr Paul Fahy
16th June Msg. Brendan Deenihan
16th June Fr Matt Gormley
17th June Fr Tex Molyneaux

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

1st April Fr Simon Gavu
Fr D Mekkatukkulam
15th April Fr Trymos Munyaka
17th April Fr L Mguda
19th April Bishop Michael Coleman
Fr Tim O'Callaghan
24th April Bishop Baay
10th May Fr John Pullokkaran -
60th
11th May Fr Gabriel Finnegan
16th May Fr Selwyn Francis
26th May Fr Christopher Slater

ST LUKE'S CENTRE – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society who attended a mass in the chapel at St Lukes Centre at a retreat presented by Fr. Jonathan Vermaak on 19 February 2011.



IPC
INDEPENDENT
PROPERTY CONSULTANTS

MONIKA GAYBBA 0828550015
Tel 046 6225546 Fax 046 6225548
www.propertygrahamstown.co.za
Property Professionals
GRAHAMSTOWN

FROM THE BISHOP'S DIARY – 2011

APRIL

12 **DIOCESAN PRIESTS' COUNCIL MEETING E.L.**
13 **BUILDING AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING**
16 **CATHCA MEETING – MASS AT ST LUKE'S**
19 **CHRISM MASS – ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHEDRAL**
27 **CONFIRMATIONS – HUMANSDORP & JEFFREY'S BAY**

MAY

1 **LEAVE FOR SACBC MEETINGS**
2 **SACBC FINANCE DEPARTMENT MEETING**
3 - 6 **ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**
10 **ST. LUKE'S BOARD MEETING**
11 **DIOCESAN FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**
15 **MARIA HILF, WOODLANDS – CONSECRATION OF ALTAR**
22 **CONFIRMATIONS – ST MARTIN DE PORRES, GELVANDALE**
29 **GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – SACRED HEART CHURCH, KABEGA**

JUNE

1 – 30 **ANNUAL LEAVE**
12 **PENTECOST –**
DIOCESAN FUNDRAISER FOR SACBC FOUNDATION

JULY

3 **SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION: 9.30 A.M. ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHEDRAL**
4 **SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION: CLERGY & RELIGIOUS**
9 **PILGRIMS MASS WYD**
10 **SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: KINGWILLIAMSTOWN**
12 **DIOCESAN PRIESTS' COUNCIL MEETING: ST LUKE'S PE.**
22 **SACBC FINANCE DEPARTMENT MEETING**
24 **CONFIRMATIONS: ST. JOHN'S BEDFORD**
26 **SACBC PLENARY MEETING – MARIANHILL**

AUGUST

3 **RETURN FROM SACBC PLENARY MEETING – MARIANHILL**

JUST 4 KIDS

Hi everyone!

I did say I would introduce you to someone very important in the Bible this time, but since it's Easter I think Jesus' death on the Cross and His rising is most important so let's remind ourselves of this shall we?.

On Holy Thursday Jesus washed the feet of His apostles and then sat down to eat supper with them. During the meal He took bread and gave it to the apostles and said "Take this and eat it, this is my body" Then He took a cup of wine and said "Drink this, it is my blood. And then He said "Love one another as I love you. Soon I will leave you to go to my Father. But I will send the Holy Spirit who will live with you and teach you what you need to know"

Now Judas the apostle did an evil act. He told the enemies of Jesus where to find Him and on Holy Thursday they arrested Jesus flogged Him and soldiers put a crown of thorns on His head because the people had called Him their king. On Good Friday Jesus was taken to Golgotha and nailed to a cross and there He died. His friends took down His body wrapped it in a sheet and buried it in a cave.

On Easter morning some women went to the tomb where Jesus lay to put spices on His body. Suddenly they remembered that a heavy stone had been rolled in front of the tomb. One woman said "Who will roll away the stone for us?" But when they got there it had already been rolled away and a man in white robes was sitting in the tomb. He said "Do not be afraid, Jesus has risen from the dead. Tell Peter and the other apostles" As the women ran off, they saw Jesus and they knelt to adore Him and He said "Tell the apostles to wait for me in Galilee"

Have a Happy & Holy Easter.
God bless you all.
Granny Undene

MIDAS
The Pohlmann Family Midas Stores

*Quality parts and
Professional
service!*

Quality Stockists of:

- Vehicle Parts
- Vehicle Accessories
- Oils
- Chemicals
- Batteries
- Tools
- Camping & Outdoor Equipment

...and much more!

www.midas.co.za

Linton Grange & Newton Park Midas
Trading hours:
08h00 - 17h30 Mon-Fri
08h00 - 13h00 Sat

Walker Drive Midas
Trading hours:
08h00 - 17h30 Mon-Fri
08h00 - 16h00 Sat
09h00 - 13h00 Sun

Linton Grange Midas: 539 Cape Road, Port Elizabeth Tel: 041 360 0661
Newton Park Midas: 309 Cape Road, Newton Park Tel: 041 363 8882
Walker Drive Midas: Shop 9, Walker Drive Shopping Complex Tel: 041 360 5441

Do you feel called to the Franciscan way of life?

More info: **Fr Sipehele Gwanisheni**
P O Box 914-1192, Wingate Park 0153
082 4091457/012 345 1172
Email: tofmvocations@rocketmail.com