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SISTER EILEEN BOGUES, MISSIONARY SISTER OF THE ASSUMPTION, RECENTLY CELEBRATED HER DIAMOND JUBILEE OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION. SHE IS VERY WELL KNOWN FOR THE TRAINING OF CATECHISTS. PICTURED HERE WITH SISTER EILEEN IS FATHER JONATHAN VERMAAK WHO ALSO RECENTLY CELEBRATED THE 2ND YEAR OF HIS ORDINATION – (Picture by Susan Spence)



KWT NEWS [By Sonwabo]

Confirmation Ramnyiba

On the 18th of September 2011 confirmation was held at Ramnyiba, this was a joint venture between Ramnyiba and Ginsberg. The ceremony was graced by the presence of MSGR Deenihan who is now the administrator of our diocese. He confirmed 18 candidates. The community was thrilled indeed to have him. Old memories were invoked and new ones were instilled. MSGR Deenihan was very pleased to be in such a beautiful church. However he pointed out that it needs some repairs.



Some of the candidates who were confirmed in Rhamnyiba

Two weeks before the confirmation the candidates attended a day of recollection which was directed by Sonwabo. It was an encouraging day especially when young people poured their hearts out about their involvement after confirmation. The group was unique in that it stated that it wants to stay united after confirmation and some of them would like to integrate what they study with the mission of the Church.

Umqiniso eRamnyiba

Ngomhla we-18 kweyoMsintsi kulo umiyo nyaka ibingumsitho wonqiniso phakathi kwamabandla amabini iRamnyiba neGinsberg. Lo msitho ubuzinyaswe ngunyawontle uDeenihan osisandla sikabhisophu nothe watyunjwa ukuba abe ngumlawuli wedayosisi. Kuqinise abantu abaphaya kwishumi

elinesibhozo. Ibandla ngokubanzi libe nochulumanco bubukho bomfundisi uDeenihan, abanye babo bamazile kwatsho kwavuseleleka neenkumbulo zamandulo, kanti kwabanye ibe sisiqalo sokumazi. Naye ngokwakhe uvuye kakhulu kukuba yinxalenye yalo msitho encoma nobuhle besakhiwo ekwatsho phandle ukuba sidinga ukulungiswa phaya naphaya.

Eli qela labaqiniswa likhe lazitikila ngochwaka nobukhokelwa nguSonwabo. Kubekho umoya wenkuthazo ophuma kubantu abatsha ingakumbi ekuzityandeni kwabo igila ngenxaxheba abazakuyithabatha emveni komqiniso. Umnqweno wabo kukuhlala bemaneyene nasemva komqiniso. Bakho phakathi kwabo abanomdla wokuhlanganisa oko bakufundayo kunye nomsebenzi weTyalike wobuthunywa.

St Patrick's celebrate 75 years

JACKIE VAN DEVENTER

Wow, St. Patrick's Church, Sydenham has reached the grand old age of 75!

A concelebrated Mass was held on the 28th August, and we were lucky enough to have a "son of St. Pat's", Father Anthony Spencer, at home on leave at the time, with us.

Months of preparation culminated in a beautiful Mass, a beautifully "dressed" church full of present and past parishioners, and a "spit braai" lunch for all.

Just before the start of the Mass, our PPC Chairman, Graham Fisher, welcomed everyone who had come to celebrate the occasion with us.

Each arch in the Church was decorated with silver and blue ribbons and balloons to match, and the flowers on the Altar carried this colour theme and looked truly magnificent.

This was a very special mass in that we had an orchestra below the choir loft as well as the St. Joseph's Primary School choir in the choir loft. The music and choral arrangements were beautiful and very appropriate for this auspicious occasion.

After the Mass we proceeded to the Sydenham Primary School to enjoy the music of a jazz band, champagne and orange juice, wine and cold drinks before the Master of ceremonies, Richard Prinsloo, took the mike.

Richard thanked past and present parishioners and benefactors for their contributions and their efforts put in towards the well being of St. Patrick's.

Raffles, which had been circulating for weeks before this day, as fund raising projects, were drawn and the prizes were handed out.

With all formalities over, the guests were invited to go to the tables and be served with a meal of meat and salads. Special commemorative 2012 calendars were handed out to all who attended the function.

Altogether a grand function for a very auspicious occasion.

On the 28th September 10 young adults were confirmed at St. Patrick's – once again a party of note! We never get enough of celebrating.

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Donald and Marlene Maarman celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd October 2011. They were married on 2 October 1971 in the Church of the Assumption, Somerset East, by Father Tim O'Callaghan (his first couple.) The couple are very grateful to everyone who played a role in their marriage and all the blessings they received. Thanks also go to all the priests and the Assumption Sisters, especially Sr. Alacoque Doran MSA. The Six R's

CATHEDRAL BOOKSHOP

News from the Bookshop! It is alive and has myself and Denise on our toes. With Christmas, just a sniff in the air, it would be a good time to pay us a visit and collect all the necessary items you need to make your Christmas special. Our Nativity sets are beautiful and well priced, besides the variety, we also have many other items. For all those with Families overseas, get your Christmas cards from us as soon as possible and get them in the mail, before the rush.

SUNDAY MISSALS!!! A HOT TOPIC AT THE MOMENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SECURE A COPY OF THE NEW MISSAL, GIVE US A CALL WITH YOUR DETAILS AND WE WILL CALL YOU AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE. THE EXPECTED DATE IS THE LAST WEEK IN OCTOBER. WE HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT, SO CONTACT US SOON. OUR CONTACT DETAILS:

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Look for signs of Children's Drug Use

JOE STAS WRITES:

During 1009 I wrote several letters to TotT about drugs. I also organised "Prayers for our youth against drugs" in the Port Alfred High School, assisted by various church leaders.

Although this sessions was well advertised over a few weeks in my articles, it was poorly attended by our town's youth and, ever more sadly, by the parents who need to take note of the dangers of drugs lurking in Port Alfred.

Recently I attended a Christian men's breakfast where the speaker once again told us of the danger and availability of drugs, even in our town. This letter is therefore directed at parents, grandparents and family members of our town's youth.

When a child is on drugs, even in small quantities, it is difficult for parents to recognise it, as the abusers hide it away so cleverly no one will even know about it. But there are many signs for the parents to find, such as a drop in school or work performance, restlessness, body language, sealing from family to purchase the drugs, lying about their behaviour and so forth.

Most parents have a family doctor, and it may well prove worth it to spend R200 to discuss these problems with a medical practitioner, to hear from an expert in the field about looking for any signs that may indicate your child is on drugs. But, most importantly, pray your child does not fall into the trap. It is your parental duty, so don't let them down.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, Cambridge, East London

REV. FR. VARGHESE KANANAICKAL CMI

The parishioners were treated to a great song change during the month of July with the introduction of Xhosa parts of the Mass.

A multi-cultural approach has been welcomed by many who come from a diverse background ranging from Mthatha; Portugal; Philippines and India itself who share in one liturgy every Weekend. Many have found a bond of joy in the worship and participate in the different ministries and sodalities in building the parish.

During September the Launch of Why Catholic saw more than two-hundred (200) people attending the three (3) consecutive Wednesday evenings. They received a souvenir after each spiritual session which was followed by a social get-together.

The guest speakers were: a business woman living with her disability from birth; a neurologist and an advocate. They all testified to the real presence of God in their lives. The whole church was in total silence and awe as all the parishioners were amazed at their open and honest testimony. They told of how God came to them and how they dedicated their talents to God.

It was moving to see how some parishioners were in tears as they shared their faith in small groups. The music was out of this world, alive and vibrant - keeping all singing whether in or out of tune. A guest band which is a blessed and talented group from St. Francis Xavier graced our church walls with angelic music.

To crown it all - an invitation to spend sometime with each other afterwards for thirty (30) minutes became forty-five (45) minutes to sixty

(60) minutes on the last evening. There was a clear sign of the Presence of God working in all who were able to attend.

A group of parishioners have started to form a Justice and Peace committee. As their first campaign they have decided to look at the environment by educating the parishioners through a recycling project. Eleven names have been forwarded to Sr. Aloysia who coordinates and leads the initiative on behalf of the PPC, as she is passionate about the environment and a very active member of our parish leadership.

Sr. Aloysia is a blessing to have as part of the spiritual growth of the community. She is always willing and able to portray God's presence in one another. She also gives retreats to most of the ministries and sodalities from SvP; Catechism groups as well Proclaimers of the Word. The whole Why Catholic launch was also a great success due to her coordination.

The month of October sees the parish starting with a nine (9) day rosary novena. An initiative of the Liturgy Committee to revitalize and teach both our young and not so young parishioners about the need to say the rosary daily and all its fruits which it offers all who recite it. The joy of saying the rosary as a larger parish family was started off by inviting all parishioners to pray together. Handouts were given about the traditional history; the fifteen (15) promises of the Virgin Mary to all who pray the rosary; as well as the benefits and blessing of the Rosary.

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Care Ministry News

SIQBHAN DOOLEY

It has certainly been a busy time within the organisation as the staff and volunteers have been engaging in many new ventures.

One such venture has been the assistance of Mariana Lourens, an Oncology Social Worker at GVI Oncology, who facilitated a fascinating talk on issues of Cancer for all our volunteers. The close relationship between people affected by HIV and the development of Cancers in the body makes this learning opportunity a valuable asset to the skills base of the Care Ministry Volunteer care Givers. 71 volunteers, including 11 volunteers from the Parish Care group programme, attended this talk and the feedback has been very positive.

Moira Boshoff attended a SABCOHA (South African Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS) Conference and Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop in East London recently. The emphasis was on wellness in the workplace as well as improving partnerships with Businesses, Government and NPO's. As a result we will be broadening our Care for the Carer programme into a Wellness Programme to cover growing concerns of the World Health Organisation about the rapid increase in life threatening illnesses (over and above HIV/AIDS and TB) such as cancer, obesity, hypertension, diabetes and substance abuse.

Moira utilized the opportunity of travelling to East London to visit several of the Care Ministers in Port Alfred and East London. It was wonderful to reconnect again and very encouraging hearing how the caring continues informally in parishes where the formal structure of the Care Ministry no longer exists.

A few of the groups remained active for many years but gradually missed the contact and challenges of the training/supervision sessions due to funding restraints. One group reported that they have been meaning to get going informally again but needed a kick start and this visit had motivated them. Some are using the skills they learnt as Eucharistic Ministers, for hospital and retirement village visits. One person reported that the Care Ministry training had built on significantly to her skills and made a big impact on her ministry as she learnt different things. Some comments from the Care Ministers: "I have never left the Care Ministry", "I learnt a lot and still use what I learnt on a daily basis", "The training and being a Care



Minister made a huge difference to my life", "It's who I am - I find myself surprised how natural it feels".

13 volunteer caregivers completed the "Theory and Practice of Advanced HIV/AIDS Counselling skills" course in September. This course began in May of this year and the volunteers have shown tremendous commitment to attending 9 Sunday afternoon sessions with full attendance.

In September Siobhan attended a Symposium in Johannesburg facilitated by the South African National AIDS Council. This was an opportunity to engage with government regarding their plans to re-engineer primary health care within South Africa. It is certainly exciting to hear the health developments being implemented across the country and the Care Ministry will now discern where we can position ourselves to assist with these developments in the Eastern Cape.

Anybody wishing to access information or counselling support can contact the Care Ministry office at 041 365 1135.

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

Bereaved support programme: for information phone Shirley Mandy: 041 581 5932 or Maureen Krige: 041 581 5341.



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church
King William's Town**

DAISY KINGSTON

Congratulations to the Confirmation candidates who celebrated their special day in September. They looked resplendent and carried out their liturgical duties flawlessly. Their Confirmation song went down well and they now perform it during their Mystagogic period at the Old Age Home, Hospital and Children Home visits.

Thanks to the teachers Inel Starkey, Roy Cassells, Candice and Tyrone Bartlett for preparing the candidates and to Fr John Pullokaran, Fr Okoro and Msgr.B Deenihan for performing the service. Fr John & Msgr. Deenihan then proceeded to a further Confirmation service at Rhamyiba and finally finished their day at 7pm..

Our Spring Ball Jive was well supported and a good time was held by all with the music continuing into the wee hours. Thanks to Donavon Plaatjies, Garth O'Reilly and CWL for helping out with the fundraiser.

The Knights sent two delegates to their Supreme Convention in Johannesburg. They will in turn communicate to their fellow brothers the various lessons and experiences they encountered.

SVP continue their good work and regularly take up church collections and hold cake sales after mass to raise much needed funds.

CWL hosted the Christian Womens Day Service on the 13 August and women from other denominations were so impressed that they were asked to host the upcoming Camarata (evening of music ,song and prayer) in the Sacred Heart Church on the 16

October. Dee Changfoot is our church representative on the KWT Christian Womens Committee.

Our parish family Rosary has reached the "P's" and Fr John Pullokaran hopes to complete this



3 year mission by December. Well done Fr John. Our Bible group has now completed 15 sessions of Fr Jim Nesbit's Bible tapes. We welcome back Sr Bernardis to the Bible group from her holiday in Germany.

Congratulations to Delaine Christian on representing South Africa at waterpolo in tournaments in China and Italy. Also to Cwango Bunn who represented South Africa in the 2nd World Budo festival karate-do in Scotland. Luke September has also been selected for the Border under 14 chess team.

Our condolences to the Jacob family on the passing away of John, one of our staunch parishioners.

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St. Martin De Porres Parish, Gelvandale , Port Elizabeth

Debutante fundraising efforts are going full steam ahead at St. Martin De Porres, Gelvandale

During the months of August and September a number of Wards had fundraising events to support their debutantes. These events took the form of High Teas and a Dinner Dance.

A lot of effort went into decorating the tables and the parish hall. Wonderful eats, encouraging talks and sing-a-long music was the order of the day. A great time was enjoyed by all. The three course dinner dance organized by Ward St. Peter did the parish proud. The food was well prepared and the ward must be congratulated for arranging such an enjoyable evening with great music and with everyone dancing the night away. The parish would like to extend their thanks to all the wards who have and still are working so tirelessly to support their debutantes



On Saturday 24 September Heritage Day was celebrated with Ward St. Jude participating in the Northern Areas Heritage Festival. Their stall sold curry and rice which once again contributed to fundraising for their debutante.

Why Catholic? Parish Mission: The Parish Mission which took place on Monday 15 August to Wednesday 17th August was spiritually uplifting for all who attended. The ten Small Christian groups are continuing to meet for scripture sharing and prayers.

During the month of September 13 babies were baptized and welcomed into the parish family. Our congratulations to the Parents and God-parents and to Zelda Carolus and Leonora Fick. Our thanks for their commitment in preparing parents and God-parents for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Our Catechists were very busy over the last few months preparing thirty eight young children for their First Reconciliation. We as a parish look forward to celebrating with the parents and the children who have been prepared over the last few years for their First Eucharist. This important event in the lives of these young children will take place on Sunday 20 November 2011. Our heartfelt thanks to all our Catechists for their commitment in passing on their faith to our children.

Catechetical Sunday – 18 September

The whole parish community joined in celebrating Catechetical Sunday.

The parish hall was filled with beautiful displays and posters highlighting the community's role in the Christian journey of our children. Grades one to the R.C.I.A. groups participated in preparing these displays and handouts. A short play – the Theme: "Peter do you love me" by the Grade four catechism class was enjoyed by all. After viewing all the displays parents were served tea and eats prepared by the catechists.



Our Sincere thanks - to Fr. Matthew Gormley OFM Cap. who celebrated the Masses for us and for the inspiring homilies during the absence of our parish priest Fr. Davis.



Fr. Davis went on a two week pilgrimage to Rome and Lourdes. It is good Father to have you back with us at St. Martin's .

HAIRDRESSERS VOLUNTEER FOR NAZARETH HOUSE

A qualified hairdresser is required to help the old folk at Nazareth House to feel good about themselves. The volunteer to attend on Tuesday mornings from 8h00 to 11h30 (maybe once or twice a month) to perm their hair. Anyone interested, to please contact Trudy on 072 627 6699

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WORLD YOUTH – MADRID

The St Joseph the Worker group who attended the last WYD in Madrid spent the Days in the Diocese in Segovia and they had a wonderful experience there, sharing the culture and daily lives with our hosts. We helped them clean the church in their local parish, helped paint the benches at the old age home, and spent time with the residents of the old age home, where our singing and attention to their needs brought them to tears.



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WHY CATHOLIC

TOGBE LUCAS KUMADEKA

The Why Catholic Programme has been well received by parishioners. Participation in the activities planned for the programme was well attended and parishioners need commendation.



The Why Catholic Programme in the parish was launched on 09 August 2011. Though this day was a public holiday whereby parishioners might have their family holiday plans, parishioner came in their numbers to launch the programme. The Launch Day was in threefold: The Procession, The Mass and the Social bring-and-share.

The procession started at the church at 10h00 through some principal streets of East London. The Youth, ACTS, Proclaimers, Peace and Justice, SVP, Liturgy, Sacristans, RCIA, CWL and Communion Ministers decorated their altars along the procession route where the parish community stopped and offer their prayers. The Launch Mass included the mass, benediction and novena. The day was concluded with the Social. Parishioners brought food to

share with fellow parishioners. The three-day Parish Mission followed the launch from 10 to 12 August. Parishioners were at these missions. Three different speakers were invited to the mission. Father Peter, the parish priest took the first day, Father Peter from Grahamstown the second day and Father Robert the last day.

During the launch and the mission, 97 new parishioners signed-up to be part of the Small Christian Communities (SCC). 83 members who were part of the Renew Africa programme have already got their SCC. So far, 180 parishioners are part of the SCC faith sharing sessions that commenced in the week of 28 August with 13 SCC groups in all suburbs of East London. New and potential leaders were identified from the existing Renew SCC groups that are now given the task to lead new SCC groups.



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OUR PRIEST'S BIRTHDAYS & ORDINATIONS

Special greetings to Father Martin Brennan who celebrates his 70th Birthday on the 21st October 2011

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A tribute to Doreen - a friend in deed

SHEILA WALSH

DOREEN MAREE passed away 1st September 2011 after a long illness.

Doreen nee (Calitz) was born on the 15th January 1931 in Oudtshoorn. She attended the Holy Cross Convent in Oudtshoorn. On leaving school she worked in the Standard Bank in Oudtshoorn. In 1950 she went to Northern Rhodesia, and moved to Bulawayo Rhodesia in 1958, after 58 years Doreen left Zimbabwe in 2008 to live at Sunset Park Port Alfred.

Doreen a kind and considerate person, taking people with no car out for a drive along the beach front also taking myself and others to lunch at the Ski boat club. These special acts of kindness where such grace filled moments and a liberating experience for those whom she took out.

Gentle soft spoken Doreen her love for the natural world and people shone like a bright light reflecting calmness and happiness.

No words can describe Doreen, there is an African proverb; when deeds speak, words are nothing. "For none of us lives for themselves alone, nor dies for themselves alone". Romans Chapter 14: verse 7-9.

A week before she died I phoned her and she told me the doctors said it will not be long now. She was so cheerful and showed great courage to the end.

I thank God for giving Doreen to us, may she enjoy eternal life forever. My sympathy goes to her daughter Alta and her husband Lance, their three children also Doreen's brother and sisters.

JUST 4 KIDS

Hi Boys & Girls,

Summer is on its way and it's time to give thanks. Let us thank God firstly for the rain which only He can give us. Let us thank Him for another year of learning; for our teachers who have taught us so many things which are going to shape our future; let us thank God for our parents who have sacrificed so much to give us our home, our food, our clothing, our pleasures – and so many children often get too much! Let us thank God for our brothers and sisters and our friends who are always there for us. Oh! there is so much to be grateful for eh? So it is definitely time to give thanks to God, especially for giving us His son Jesus, whose birth we will soon be celebrating at Christmas.


But now, it's story time and we continue our story of Moses

Moses had his flock on Mount Horeb. There God appeared to him as a flame of fire in a bush. Moses saw the bush burning but not burned up and he wondered why the bush didn't burn up. God called from the bush "Moses, Moses". "I'm here" Moses answered. "Come no closer" God warned "Take off your sandals. You are standing on holy ground. I am your ancestor's God-the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob." Moses hid his face and couldn't look at God. "I've seen Israel's suffering in Egypt" God spoke from the burning bush. "I've come to set them free from Egypt and I'll bring them up to Canaan a place that's flowing with milk and honey. I'm sending you to Pharaoh. Bring my people out of Egypt. Moses said "But I am nobody. How can I get to Pharaoh and rescue Egypt?" "I'll be with you" God answered "Bring them out; worship me on this mountain"

"But," said Moses, "they'll ask, 'What is God's name?' 'What do I tell them?'"

What do you think God's reply was?


Till next time
 God bless,
 Granny Undene



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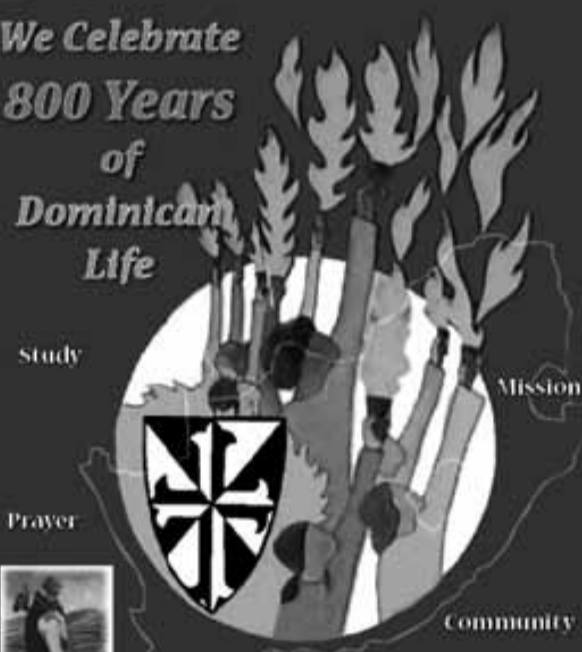
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