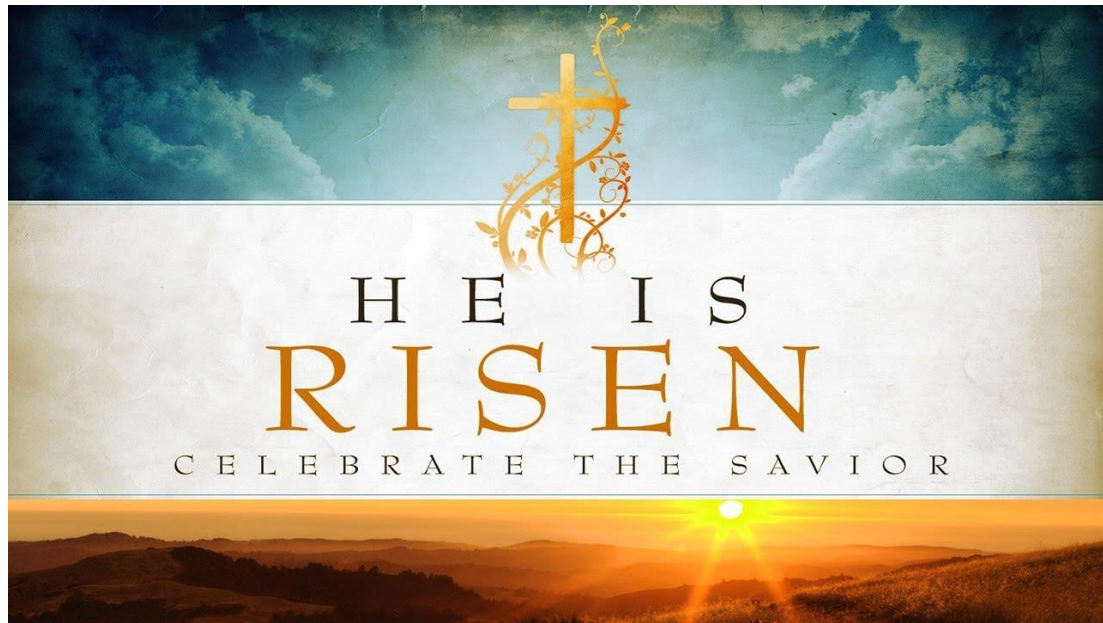


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# From the Bishops Desk



“Return to me with your whole heart”. (Joel 2:12)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, May the grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! Our Holy Season of Lent began with this powerful invitation from God: “Return to me with your whole heart” addressed by Prophet Joel – not just to the people of Old Testament – but to all of us bishops, priests, deacons, religious, lay faithful and all people of goodwill. It is a clarion call to conversion, that is, metanoia which seeks a radical change of the mind, heart, soul and one’s whole life orientation, directed to all humanity individually and collectively. 1. What are the things that we are called to turn away from? We are called to turn away from sin, in all its forms, appearances and manifestations. Sin is not a question of being caught on the wrong side of God’s law or just committing a mistake because all of us are fallible human beings. Sin is fundamentally an offence against God’s love that is done with full freedom, knowledge and intention. It weakens, damages, poisons, obscures, disorders and permanently breaks our vital, dynamic and life-giving relationship with God, with ourselves, with our fellow brothers and sisters and with the whole of creation. It is the hardness of heart that turns us deaf to the cry of God, the cry of the suffering humanity and that of the earth, our common home. It is indifference that cries to the heavens – an attitude that says, “I don’t care, am I my brother’s and sister’s guardian?” (Gen 4:9) It’s good to remember that one day God will call us to account for our indifference. Sin manifests itself in the form of selfishness, greed, bullying, rage, hatred, resentment, all forms of abuse, violence, all forms of corruption, acts of criminality and the systematic “culture” of death that is so prevalent in our villages, townships and cities. Lent presents us with a golden opportunity, what St Paul calls “a favourable time” of grace and salvation to be reconciled with God (2 Cor 5: 20, 6: 3) We must therefore, all of us examine our singular conscience, do thorough introspection, become truly sorry for all our sin(s), in the spirit of Joel rend our hearts, return to the Lord weeping, mourning and seek true forgiveness. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis reminds us often that, “God never tires of forgiving us, we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy”. 2. What are the means of conversion? St Matthew gives us three immediate avenues that can facilitate our penitential journey back to the Lord. They are almsgiving, prayer and fasting (Mt 6: 2,5,16). These are traditional spiritual exercises that help us a great deal to become God centred and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Lent is the time to count our blessings, to recognize that God has been good to us and in gratitude to share our precious resources with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. I therefore, invite

you to be generous with the Bishops' Lenten Appeal. This is another way in which, "We, the Church, the family of God in Southern Africa, commit to work together with others for the good of all, by responding to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth", as explained in our Pastoral Plan. Lent is also the time to intensify our personal, family and communal prayer life. Prayer is the soul of our Christian life. It is the way in which we make our home in Christ, as he makes his own home in us. Lent is also the time for fasting, self-denial and discipline with regards to our insatiable desire(s) for pleasure, power, self-gratification and false sense of security. The Diocesan Chancery P. O. Box 12194 CENTRAHIL 6006 PORT ELIZABETH South Africa 3. A call to return to full participation and communion with the Church This Lenten Season of 2022 in particular is the favourable time to come back to full, active and conscious participation in the Liturgical life of the Church through faithful observance of the Eucharist on Sundays and other Holy Days of obligation. I formally reinstate the Sunday obligation as of now (with immediate effect) and call for normalization of befitting preparation and celebration of the sacramental life of the Church in our Diocese. We can sing our hearts out now; however, we must continue to wear our masks throughout the Mass and in all our indoor gatherings, observe social distancing of one metre and sanitize regularly. With no proof of vaccine or negative covid-19 test our gatherings are limited to no more than 50% of venue capacity, with an upper limit of 1 000 indoors and 2000 outdoors. As for funerals we are restricted to a maximum of 200 people, the service must not exceed 2 hours and night vigils and post funeral gatherings for meals and after-tears are still not permitted. I kindly encourage all the priests, deacons, religious and our faithful to be vaccinated. Vaccination is an act of love for our brothers and sisters especially for those who have compromised immune system. 4. A call to personal encounter with God The goal of Lent and on-going conversion is to prepare us for the meaningful, fulfilling and fruitful celebration of the suffering, passion, death, resurrection, ascension and glorification of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are called to personal encounter with the risen Christ. St Paul asks a profound question, "How can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If Christ has not been raised to life, our preaching and our faith are all futile and we are still in our sins" (1Cor 15: 12-17). I bid all of you an enriching celebration of Holy Week and the Easter Season! The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Yours in the Risen Christ  
Bishop Vincent Mduduzi Zungu OFM

# From the Bishops Desk

*Rebecca Huntly*

## **Bishops Diary 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Chrism Mass	Our Lady of the Assumption S/East
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2022	Confirmations	St. Anthony's Uitenhage
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Confirmations	St. Peter's Swartkops
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Bishops Jubilee	East London
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Catechists Mass	East London
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Confirmations	Eucharistic Heart of Jesus
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Unity Mass	King Williams Town
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Parish Diamond Anniversary, Mass and celebration	Sacred Heart Port Elizabeth
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Clergy Mass for Diamond anniversary	Sacred Heart Port Elizabeth
31 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Confirmations	St. James Port Elizabeth

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See below Bishops Pastoral letters in the three official languages of our Diocese:

### **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2021, our Holy Father Pope Francis inaugurated the two-year Synod – not just of Bishops – but of the whole Church.

In the name of our Holy Father, in communion with my Southern African Catholic Bishops and on behalf of the Universal Church, I hereby INVITE all of you: God's beloved Faithful, Religious men and women and Clergy consisting of all our priests and permanent deacons to PARTICIPATE fully to the best of your ability to the whole PROCESS of the journey on synodality, as proposed in the user-friendly Manual that the Holy See has prepared for the Catholic Church throughout the world.

In our Diocese the launching of Synodality goes concurrently in a magnificent way with the presentation, reflection, assimilation, taking ownership and dissemination of the new Pastoral Plan. The Catholic Church in Southern Africa contemplates itself as an **Evangelizing Community, serving God, Humanity and all Creation** – this is our Vision. Our Mission is that of **“the Church, the Family of God in Southern Africa, which is committed to work together with others for the good of all, by responding to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth, through worship, proclamation of the Word of God, formation, advocacy, human development and care of creation”** (p. 15 of the Pastoral Plan)

The Synodal Church of Pope Francis and the Evangelizing Community - Church of our Pastoral Plan are one and the same Church, that is “one, holy, catholic and apostolic” which was founded by our Lord Jesus Christ and is reflected perfectly in the Nicen Creed. In the words of Pope Francis, “There is no need to create another Church, but to create a different Church”.

The Annual Plenary of the Clergy in November 2021 resolved that the launching of both Synodality and new Pastoral Plan be entrusted to the Pastoral Development Office (PDO). I am therefore pleading with all of us: bishop(s), priests, deacons, religious, sodalities, lay-associates and all God's faithful to offer the PDO our maximum support, participation and collaboration. “All the baptised are called to take part in the Church's life and mission”, says Pope Francis.

Here are some points of convergence between Synodality and our Pastoral Plan:

1. The Protagonist of the Synod and the Pastoral Plan is the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that guides us and gives us the grace to move forward together, to listen to one another and to embark on a discernment of the times in which we are living, in solidarity with the struggles and aspirations of all humanity. Therefore, the Synod is not a parliament or an opinion poll; the Synod is an ecclesial event, and its protagonist is the Holy Spirit. If the Spirit is not present, there will be no Synod. In the first focal area of evangelization, the Pastoral Plan draws its inspiration from the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus narrated by St Luke, the Gospel of the Holy Spirit par excellence (Lk 4: 18-21) “The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me and sent me to bring good news to the poor...”
2. Both Synodality and the Pastoral Plan remind us that we are called to become increasingly a **listening** Church in the same way as the people of Israel in *Shema Yisrael*, “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one. Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. Take to heart these words that I enjoin on you today...” (Dt 6: 4-9) Synodality requires quality “time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations and ministries. Every encounter – as we know –

calls for openness, courage and willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others” (Homily of Pope Francis on the Opening of the Synod, 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, '21).

On the other hand, our Pastoral Plan invites us to listen and respond to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. Let us ask ourselves frankly during this synodal process: Are we good at listening? How good is the “hearing” of our heart? Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without excluding, rejecting or judging anybody?

3. The goal of Synodality and Pastoral Plan is to facilitate encounter and communion of life with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This happens in and through our ongoing encounter and communion with all our brothers and sisters and with the whole of creation. Jesus was a person of encounter. “The Gospel is full of encounters with Christ, encounters that uplift and bring healing. Jesus did not hurry along or keep looking at his watch to get the meeting over. He was always at the service of the person he was with, listening to what he or she had to say. As we initiate this process of synodality, we too are called to become experts in the *art of encounter*. With communion, participation and mission, the Church contemplates and imitates the life of the Blessed Trinity, a mystery of communion *ad intra* and the source of mission *ad extra*” (Address of Pope Francis for the Opening of the Synod, 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 p. 1)

The Synodal journey, experience and process; the presentation, reflection and reception of the Pastoral Plan are privileged moments of prayer for our Catholic Diocese. It is “time to devote ourselves to prayer and adoration – that form of prayer that we so often neglect – devoting time to adoration, and hearing what the Spirit wants to say to the Church” (Homily of Pope Francis, 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 p. 2).

Let us therefore unite ourselves – heart and soul – with our Holy Father Pope Francis and the whole Church to pray for the successful, fulfilling, meaningful, faithful and fruitful celebration of Synodality in these two years of grace:

**Come Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips:  
keep us from becoming a “museum Church”, beautiful but mute, with much past and little  
future. Come among us, so that in this synodal experience we will not lose our enthusiasm,  
dilute the power of prophecy, or descend into useless and unproductive discussions.**

**Come, Spirit of love, open our hearts to hear your voice!**

**Come, Holy Spirit of holiness, renew the holy and faithful People of God!**

**Come, Creator Spirit, renew face of the earth! Amen!**

St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church! Pray for us! Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, Patroness of Southern Africa! Pray for us!

Our Lady of the Flight into Egypt! Pray for us! St Patrick! Pray for us! Blessed Benedict Daswa! Pray for us! All Saints of God! Pray for us!

Fraternally Yours in Christ



Bishop Vincent Mduzi Zungu OFM

## **Kulo iBandla elikwiSinodi: Ubudlelane, Inxaxheba nobuThunywa**

Bazalwana noodade abathandekayo

Lwanga ufefe lweNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu, nothando lukaThixo, nobudlelwane bukaMoya oyiNgcwele lunga nani nonke!

Ngomhla we-10 Okthobha ku-2021, uBawo wethu oNgcwele, uPapa uFrancis, wamisela iSinodi yeminyaka emibini, ingeyiyo eyooBhishophu kuphela, kodwa eyeBandla lonke.

Egameni likaBawo wethu Ongcwele, ndikubudlelwane nooBhishophu bamaKatolike aseMazantsi e-Afrika nasegameni leBandla lonke elisehlabathini, ndiyaniMEMA nonke: Makholwa aziNtandane zikaThixo, amaDoda namaKhosikazi abazinikele kubomi bezifungo (Religious men and women) kwakunye nabaPriste nabaDikoni, ukuba nithathe INXAXHEBA ngokupheleleyo kangangoko ninakho kuyo yonke INKQUBO koluhambo lwaleSinodi, njengoko kucetyiwe kwiNcwadi yeSikhokelo, ekulula ukuyisebenzisa, equlunqwe nguNdlunkulu weBandla lamaKatolika kwihlabathi jikelele, eVatican.

KwiDayosisi yethu ukusungulwa kweSinodi kuhambelana ngaxeshanye ngendlela encomekayo ngokwaziswa, ukucamngca, ukulungelelanisa, nokukuthathela kuthi ukwabelana ngesiCwangciso esitsha sokwaLusa (New Pastoral Plan). IBandla lamaKatolike kuMazantsi e-Afrika lizibona **njengeBandla eliVangelayo, elikhonza uThixo, uluntu kunye nendalo yonke** – lo ngumbono wethu.

Umsebenzi wethu wokuthunywa wona kukuba: **“Thina, Bandla, silusapho lukaThixo kumaZantsi eAfrika, sizinikela ekusebenzeni kunye nabanye ngenxa yentlalo-ntle yabo bonko abanye, ngokusabela kwisikhalo samahlwempu nakwisikhalo somhlaba, sakukwenza oku ngonqulo, uvakaliso lweLizwi likaThixo, ukufundisa, ukuthethelela, uphuhliso loluntu nokukhathalelwa kwendalo”** (iphepha 15. IsiCwangciso sokwaLusa).

IBandla leSinodi likaPapa uFrancis kunye neliBandla liVangelayo - ngokweSicwangciso sethu sokwaLusa esitsha, liBandla elinye, leli sithetha ngalo xa sisithi “elinye, elingcwele eliKatolike labapostolo” elasekwa yiNkosi yethu uYesu Krestu, ngokwengcaciso egqibeleleyo kwisivumo sokhoko saseNikhareya. Ngokwamazwi kaPapa uFrancis, “Akukho mfuneko yokudala elinye ibandla, ingekuko ukuba sakhe elahlukileyo”.

KuMhlangano wabaPriste nabaDikoni waminyaka le, obubanjwe ngoNovemba ka-2021 kugqitywe ekubeni ukusungulwa kweSinodi kunye neSicwangciso sokwaLusa esitsha kunikezelwe kwiOfisi yoPhuhliso lokwaLusa kwiDayosisi (PDO). Ke ngoko ndiyabongoza kuthi sonke: uBhishophu, abaPriste, abaDikoni, abo bakumanqanaba ezifungo (religious), imibutho neemanyano, onke nje amakholwa kaThixo, ukuba banike leOfisi inkxaso yabo kangangoko, uthathonxaxheba kunye nentsebenziswano. “Bonke abaphehlelelweyo babizelwe ukuthatha inxaxheba kubomi nakumsebenzi wetyalike”, utsho uPapa uFrancis.

Nazi ezinye iingongoma apho kukho ukungqinelana phakathi kweSinodi kunye nesiCwangciso sethu sokwaLusa iBandla kwiDayosisi:

1. UmQhubi obalulekileyo weSinodi kunye neSicwangciso sokwaLusa nguMoya oyiNgcwele. NguMoya oyiNgcwele osikhokelayo kwaye usinika ubabalo lokuhambela phambili kunye, ukumamelana, kunye nokucamngca nzulu ngalamaxesha esiphila kuwo, siyinxalenye yokuzimanya kunye nemizabalazo kunye neminqweno yoluntu lonke. Ngoko ke, iSinodi asiyopalamente okanye uvavanyo lwezimvo; iSinodi sisiganeko seBandla, kwaye siphenjelelwa nguMoya oyiNgcwele. Ukuba uMoya oyiNgcwele awukho, akusayi kubakho Sinodi. Kwinkalo yokuqala olugxile kuyo uVangelo, isiCwangciso sokwaLusa sifumana inkuthazo kwimbali yokuqalisa kukaYesu umsebenzi wakhe esidlangalaleni njengoko kubaliswa nguLuka oNgcwele, iVangeli yoMoya oyiNgcwele egqwesileyo (Luka 4:18-21) “UMoya weNkosi uphezu kwam, ngokuba endithambisele ukuba ndishumayeze amahlwempu iindaba ezilungileyo.”

2. Zombini iSinodi kunye nesiCwangciso sokwaLusa zisikhumbuza ukuba sibizwe ukuba sibe liBandla, elikhulayo ekumameliseni, ngendlela efanayo neyabantu bakwaSirayeli *kwiShema Yisrael*, “Yiva, Sirayeli! INkosi nguThixo wethu, yiNkosi enye. Ngokoke uze uyithande ke iNkosi uThixo wakho ngentliziyo yakho iphela, nangomphefumlo wakho uphela, nangamandla akho ephela. La mazwi ndikuwisela umthetho ngawo namhlanje, aze abe sentliziyweni yakho ...” (Dt 6: 4-9).

ISinodi ifuna ixesha elikhethekileyo “lokujonga abanye emehlweni kunye nokuphulaphula oko bakuthethayo, ukwakha ubuhlobo, ukuba novelwano kwimibuzo yoodade nabazalwana bethu, ukuba sizivumele ukuba sityetyiswe ziindidi ngeendidi zeziphiwo, ubizo kunye nemisebenzi yokholo. Konke ukudibana - njengoko sisazi - kufuna ukuvulelana, inkalipho kunye nokuzimisela ukuzivumela ukuba sicelwe umngeni bubukho kunye namabali abanye” (Intshumayelo kaPapa uFrancis ekuvulweni kweSinodi ngomhla 10 OKhtobha 2021).

Kwelinye icala, iSicwangciso sethu sokwaLusa siyasimema ukuba simamele kwaye siphendule isikhalo samahlwempu kunye nesikhalo somhlaba. Masizibuze ngokuphandle ngexesha lale nkqubo yeSinodi: Ngaba sinobuchule bokuphulaphula? Ingaba sinayo na intliziyo evayo? Ngaba siyabavumela abantu ukuba baveze iibono zabo, bahambe kwindlela yokholo nangona beneengxaki ebomini, kwaye babe yinxalenye yobomi basekuhlaleni singabakhupheli ngaphandle, sibagatye okanye ukugweba nabani na?

3. Injongo yeSinodi kunye neSicwangciso sokwaLusa kukuququzelela ukudibana kunye nobudlelwane bobomi kuThixo uYise, uNyana noMoya oyiNgcwele. Oku kwenzeka ngokuhlangana kwethu rhoqo kunye nobudlelwane nabo bonke abazalwana noodade bethu kunye nendalo iphela. UYesu wayengumntu wokuhlangana.

“IVangeli izele ziziganeko zokudibana noKristu, ezivuselelayo nezizisa impiliso. UYesu akazange angxame okanye ahlale ejonge iwotshi yakhe ukuze iphele intlanganiso. Wayesoloko ekwinkonzo yomntu ahamba naye, emamele ukuba uthini na. Njengoko siqalisa le nkqubo yeSinodi, nathi sibizwa ukuba sibe *ziingcali namachule okuququzelela ukuhlangana*. Ngobudlelwane, ukuthatha inxaxheba kunye nobuthunywa, iTyalike icamngca kwaye ixelise ubomi boButhathunye obuSikelelweyo, imfihlakalo yobudlelwane bangaphakathi (*ad intra*) kunye nomthombo wobuthunywa bangaphandle (*ad extra*)” (Intetho kaPapa uFrancis yoVulo lweSinodi ngomhla we 9 Oct 2021 p. 1)

Uhambo lweSinodi, amava kunye nenkqubo; ukwandlalwa, ukuphononongwa kunye nolwamkelo lwesiCwangciso sokwaLusa ngamathuba akhethekileyo okuthandazela iDayosisi yethu yaseKhatholika. “Lixesha lokuba sizinikele emthandazweni nasekunquleni – olulu hlobo lomthandazo esisoloko silutyeshela – ukunikela ixesha lokunqula, nokuva ukuba uMoya ufuna ukuthini na kwiTyalike” (Intshumayelo kaPapa Franci ngomhla we 10 October 2021 p. 2).

Ke ngoko masizimanye omnye nomnye - ngentliziyo nomphefumlo - kunye noPapa wethu ongcwele uFrancis neBandla lonke liphela ukuba sithandazele ukubhiyozela iziqhamo zeSinodi enempumelelo, nentsingiselo ephenjelelwa lukholo kule minyaka mibini yobabalo:

**Yiza Moya oyiNgcwele! Uvuselela iilwimi ezintsha kwaye ubeke amazwi obomi emilebeni yethu: sigcine ekubeni “singabi yiBandla lasemandulo elilondoloza imbali”, elihle kodwa eliyisimumu, elinokuninzi elikuzuzileyo kwixesha elidlulileyo kukuncinane okulikamva.**

**Yiza phakathi kwethu, ukuze kula mava eSinodi singaphelelwa ngumdlu, singxenge amandla esiprofeto, okanye sixakekeke ziingxoxo ezingenamsebenzi nezinganzuzo. Yiza, Moya wothando, vula iintliziyo zethu ukuze sive ilizwi lakho! Yiza,**

**Moya oyiNgcwele wobungcwele, uhlaziye abantu abangcwele nabanokholo bakaThixo!**

**Yiza, Moya onguMdali, uhlaziye ubuso bomhlaba! Amen!**

Yosefu oNgcwele Mkhusele weBandla elikulo lonke iHlabathi! Sithandazele! Kumnikazi wethu  
oweNyuselwa eZulwini, Mkhuseleli we-Afrika eseMazantsi! Sithandazele! Kumnikazi wethu  
owaSabela eYiputa! Sithandazele! Patrick oNgcwele! Sithandazele! Benedict Daswa osikelelweyo!  
Sithandazele! Nina nonke baNgcwele bakaThixo! Sithandazeleni!

Umzalwana Wenu kuKristu

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Mduzi Zungu OFM". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bishop Vincent Mduzi Zungu OFM

## Vir 'n Sinodale Kerk: Gemeenskap, Deelname en Sending

Geliefde Broers en Susters,

Mag die genade van ons Here Jesus Christus, die liefde van God en die gemeenskap van die Heilige Gees met u almal wees!

Op die 10de van Oktober 2021 het ons Heilige Vader Pous Fransiskus 'n twee jaar lange Sinode geopen- nie slegs van Biskoppe nie- maar van die hele Kerk.

In die naam van ons Heilige Vader, in gemeenskap met my Suiderlike Afrikaanse Katolieke Biskoppe en namens die Universiele Kerk, nooi ek u almal hierby: die geliefde gelowiges van God, manlike en vroulike kloosterlinge en geestelikes bestaande uit priesters en permanente diakens om ten beste van u vermoë tot volle DEELNAME aan die hele Proses van die sinodale reis, soos voorgelê in die verbruikers-vriendelike Handleiding wat deur die Pouslike Stoel voorberei was vir die wereldwye Katolieke Kerk.

In ons Bisdom gaan die van stapel loping van Sinodaliteit gepaard in 'n wonderbaarlike wyse met die bekendstelling, bepeinsing, verwerking, in besitneming en verspreiding van die nuwe Pastorale Plan. Die Katolieke Kerk in Suiderlike Afrika beskou self as 'n **Evangeliserende Gemeenskap, wie God, die Mensdom en die ganse Skepping dien**- dit is ons Vooruitsig. Ons sending is die van " **die Kerk, die Familie van God in Suiderlike Afrika, wat verbind is tot samewerking met andere vir die welstand van almal, deur vatbaarheid aan die pleidooie van die behoeftiges en die uitroep van die aarde, deur aanbidding, verkondiging van die Woord van God, vorming, advokaatskap/beplying, menslike ontwikkeling en sorg oor die skepping**" (Bl. 15 van die Pastorale Plan).

Die Sinodale Kerk van Pous Fransiskus en die Evangeliserende Gemeenskap- Kerk van ons Pastorale Plan is een en dieselfde Kerk, nl. die "een, heilige, katolieke en apostoliese" wat deur Jesus Christus in die lewe geroep is en word volmaak weerspieël in die Niseense Geloofsbeleid. In die woorde van Pous Fransiskus, "Daar is geen rede vir die vorming van 'n nuwe Kerk nie, maar wel die vorming van 'n Kerk wat anders daaruit sien."

Die Jaarlikse Gesamentlike Sitting van die Geestelikes in November 2021 het onderneem om beide die Sinodaliteit en die nuwe Pastorale Plan gesamentlik van stapel te laat loop en dat die taak aan die Pastorale Ontwikkelings Kantoor (PDO) toevertrou word. Ek versoek dus dat almal van ons: biskop(pe), priesters, diakens, religieuse, sodaliteite, leke- deelgenote en al God se gelowiges, om dus ons volle samewerking en ons deelname aan die PDO te offer. "Alle gedooptes word uitgenooi tot deelname aan die Kerk se lewe en sending," aldus Pous Fransiskus.

Hier volg 'n paar samelopende punte tussen Sinodaliteit en ons Pastorale Plan:

1. Die Leier en Inisieerder van die Sinodale en die Pastorale Plan is die Heilige Gees. Dit is die Heilige Gees. Wie ons leiding gee asook die genade om saam voorwaarts te beweeg, om te luister na mekaar om die geeste van die tye waarin ons leef te onderskei, in solidariteit met die worsteling en aspirasies van die gesamentlike mensdom. Daarom is die Sinode nie 'n parlement of 'n menings- opname nie, die Sinode is 'n kerklike gebeurtenis en die leier is die Heilige Gees. As die Heilige Gees nie teenwoordig is nie is daar geen Sinode nie. In die eerste fokus area van evangelisasie kry die Pastorale Plan sy inspirasie van die aanvangs van Jesus se openbare bediening soos vertel deur die Heilige Lukas, die Evangelie van die Heilige Gees by uitnemendheid (Lk 4: 18-21) "Die Gees van die Here is aan my gegee, want Hy het my gesalf om die goeie nuus te bring aan die behoeftiges..."

2. Beide Sinodaliteit en die Pastorale Plan herinner ons daaraan dat ons geroepe is om meer en meer 'n Kerk te word wat luister in dieselfde wyse wat die volk van Israel in *Shema Yisrael*, "Luister O Israel! Die Here ons God is een. Daarom sal jy die Here jou God liefhet met jou hele hart, met jou hele siel en met al jou krag. En hierdie woorde wat Ek jou vandag beveel, moet in jou hart wees..."(Dt 6: 4-9). Sinodaliteit vereis kwaliteit "tyd om andere in die oë te kyk en om te luister na dit wat hulle het om mee te deel, om medeling op te bou,

om sensitief te wees vir die vrae van ons broers en susters, om onself toe te laat am deur andere verryk te word deur die verskillende gawes, roepinge en bedieninge. Elke ontmoeting- soos ons weet- verg openhartigheid, moed en 'n gewilligheid om uitgedaag te word deur die teenwoordigheid en stories van andere" (Preek van Pous Fransiskus met die aanvang van die Sinode, 10 Oktober 2021).

Aan die anderkant nooi ons Pastorale Plan ons on te luister na en om te reageer op die pleidoioe van die behoeftiges en die uitroep van die aarde. Laat ons onself reguit afvra tydens die sinodale proses: Hoe goed luister ek? Hoe goed luister my hart? Laat ons andere toe om hulself uit te druk, om in geloof te wandel ten spyte van die uitdagings van die lewe en om deel te vorm van die lewe van gemeenskap sonder om uit te sluit, te verstoot of enigeen te oordeel?

3. Die einddoel van Sinodaliteit is beide om die ontmoeting met mekaar en die gemeenskaplike lewe met God die Vader, die Seun en die Heilige Gees te fasiliteer. Dit gebeur in en deur die voortgesette ontmoeting en gemeenskap met al ons broers en susters en met die hele skepping. Jesus was 'n persoon van ontmoetings. "Die Evangelie is vol ontmoetings met Christus, ontmoetings wat opbouend is en genesing bring. Jesus was nie haastig of het nie ontmoetings aangejaag of sy horlosie die heelyd dopgehou om die ontmoeting vinnig afgehandel te kry. Hy was altyd diensbaar aan die persone met wie Hy was om te luister na wat hy of sy meegedeel het. Soos ons die sinodale proses inisieer en intree word ons genooi om kundiges te word in die kuns van ontmoetings met andere. tesame met gemeenskap, deelname en sending, bepeins die Kerk en volg die kerk die Heilige Drie-Eenheid na, 'n misterie van gemeenskap *ad intra* en die bron van ons sending *ad extra*" (Toespraak van Pous Fransiskus met die Aanvangs van die Sinode, 9 Okt. 2021 Bl. 1).

Die Sinodale reis, ervaring en proses; die voorlegging, nadenking en ontvangs van die Pastorale Plan is voorregtelike oomblikke van gebed vir ons Katolieke Bisdom. Dit is "tyd om onself te wy aan gebed en aanbidding- daardie vorm van gebed wat ons so dikwels vernalatig- om tyd te wy aan aanbidding en te luister na dit wat die Heilige Gees aan ons wil meedeel as die Kerk" (Preek van Pous Fransiskus, 10 Okt. 2021 Bl. 2).

Laat ons dus onself verenig - hart en siel- met ons Heilige Vader Pous Fransiskus en die hele Kerk om te bid vir die suksesvolle, vervullende, betekenisvolle en vrugbare viering van Sinodaliteit in die volgende twee jaar van genade.

**Kom Heilige Gees! U inspireer nuwe tonge en plaas woorde van lewe op ons lippe:  
weerhou ons daarvan om 'n "museum Kerk" te word, mooi maar stom, met 'n volle verlede en 'n skamele toekoms.**

**Kom onder ons, sodat ons nie ons entoesiasme sal verloor nie, die krag van profesie verswak nie,  
of verval in sinnelose en onproduktiewe besprekings.**

**Kom, Gees van liefde, open ons harte om U stem te hoor!  
Kom, Heilige Gees, hernu die gesig van die aarde! Amen!**

Heilige Josef, beskermheilige van die Universiele Kerk! Bid vir ons! Ons Liewe Vrou wie Tenhemel opgeneem is, Beskermheilige van Suiderlike Afrika! Bid vir ons! Ons Liewe Vrou van die Vlug na Egipte! Bid vir ons! Geseende Benediktus Daswa! Bid vir ons!

Alle Heiliges van God! Bid vir ons!

Die uwe in Broederlike Gemeenskap in Christus



Biskop Vincent Mduzi Zungu OFM

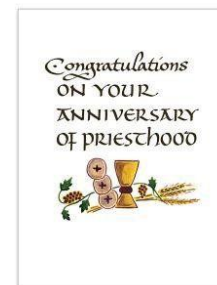
# Upcoming Clergy Birthdays



Name	Birthday
THERON, FR MICHAEL	10-Apr
MUNYAKA, FR. TRYMOS	15-Apr
NWOKORIE, FR. COLEMAN OBIDIKE	15-Apr
MGUDA, FR. LUBABALO	17-Apr
BISHOP VINCENT MDUDUZI ZUNGU	28-Apr
NWOKORO, FR HENRY	28-Apr
FINNEGAN, FR. GABRIEL	11-May
OKEKE, FR JOSEPH ARINZE	21-May
EZENWANNE C.O., FR. HENRY	24-May
SLATER, FR. CHRISTOPHER	26-May
JAMES C.O., FR. GRANT	08-Jun
SLATTERY, FR. JOSEPH	13-Jun
VERMAAK C.O., FR. JONATHAN	17-Jun
KANNANAICKAL CMI, FR. VARGHESE	08-Jul
KAMALA, FR. LAWRENCE	12-Jul
ALAPPAT CMI, FR. DAVIS	28-Jul
JONES FR. KEN	31-Jul

# Upcoming Priests Anniversaries

Name	Priestly Ordination
PADUA, FR. ANTHONY	
CANAVAN, FR. PATRICK	19-Mar-63
MANA, FR THEMBALETHU,	21-Mar-05
FRANCIS, FR. SELWYN	30-Mar-08
MGUDA, FR. LUBABALO	17-Apr-05
BUTTON, FR. TREVOR	27-Apr-06
BERRY C.O., FR. LEWIS	28-Apr-12
JONES FR. KEN	01-May-13
KAMANGU, FR. ROBERT	02-May-99
MADIKANE, FR. LUVUYO	02-May-05
KANNANAICKAL CMI, FR. VARGHESE	09-May-88
PULLOKKARAN CMI, FR. JOHN	11-May-81
OKEKE, FR JOSEPH ARINZE	21-May-16
EZENWANNE C.O., FR. HENRY	22-May-10
JAMES C.O., FR. GRANT	22-May-10
BROWNE, FR. JERRY	06-Jun-93
MNYAKA, FR MLULEKI	09-Jun-90
DEENIHAN, MSGR. BRENDAN	16-Jun-63
FINNEGAN, FR. GABRIEL	16-Jun-63
SLATTERY, FR. JOSEPH	19-Jun-66
WHITEHEAD, FR. PETER	02-Jul-83
BISHOP VINCENT MDUDUZI ZUNGU	08-Jul-95
NWOKORO, FR HENRY	13-Jul-13
THERON, FR MICHAEL	18-Jul-15
TYISO FR, VUSI	24-Jul-01
WILSON OFM, FR. PETER	25-Jul-87



# ST. MARTIN DE PORRES- GELVANDALE

*By Monica Naidoo*



We had 21 children who received their First Eucharist on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The Communicant made a beautiful entrance and participated in a spirit filled Mass. They were given a special message by Fr. Davis.

# ST. JAMES SCHAUDERVILLE

Outreach at St James Parish Schauderville. Our Mission Statement as Sisters of Nazareth is to aim to share the love of God through our ministries of care and education



and our openness to respond to the needs of the times. As Sisters of Nazareth, we were invited to help with the soup kitchen at St James Parish Schauderville a few years back and we find this in line with our ministry of reaching out to the poor, those who need us the most.

We do the soup kitchen every Tuesdays with the help of the SVP in that Parish and with the support of the Parish Priest. We normally provide samp and beans, soup, bread, food parcel, words of

encouragement etc. The age groups range from children aged 8 or sometimes younger, up to ages 70 or more. The sad part is that most of these people are unemployed, and some have no other choice than to live in the street. We are so grateful to the people that support us in so many ways, providing the little that they have, to help us feed these people, and please know that every little support goes a long way. Contact Sr Sekho on 0733220707 if you would like make a donation toward this.



# St Joseph, The Worker

*By Keagon Knock and Caleigh Koopman*

## As Iron Sharpens Iron

The youth and young adults of St Joseph the Worker had an exceptionally eventful year, all of which included taking the responsibility of deep-cleaning both our churches; St. Joseph's and St. Rita's, from the roof tops, light fittings, sacristies, to the ablutions, putting action to the words of Pope Francis that "our youth is the now of the Church". We have further endeavoured to lead our parish's annual Praise & Worship, empowering the spirit of unity within the parish.



And in the light of the Season of Creation observed by Holy Church, our youth ventured on a hike and planted 15 trees in the Grootkloof Environmental Education Centre, and, as a gesture of appreciation, have received three trees which has been planted in our own church yard, appropriately name Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego. As a closing event to celebrate our growth, as individuals and as a collective team, we

resolved to host a Stay Awake, devised and planned by the youth executive team.

The great success of this evening – as it has proven to be, did not come easy. It took extensive preparation and admirable dedication from all parties involved. The theme POWER IN UNITY, which was the central theme of the Stay Awake, came across greatly even before the actual event, as we hoped it would. With the executive team spending countless hours ensuring that social, educational and spiritual balance was maintained and that team work was exercised throughout the evening. The planning however, has not come without its challenges; some of these even included the uncertainty of whether continuing the event was the best option. Ultimately, we had to revisit what our aim was for the Stay Awake and what message we sought to bring across. We revisited the programs that were presented throughout the year, highlighting the growth of our youth in aspects of spiritually, and developing themselves as individuals and making the strength found in team work a necessity in our youth. We also wanted to use this closing event as an opportunity to thank our youth mentors for the support and dedication they have expressed in all humility and servitude despite all personal plights they may have been facing.

The evening started off suitably with Holy Mass, solely facilitated by the youth, under the guidance of the mentors. Thereafter we relocated to St. Finbarr's Hall, where we spent most of the night. The official commencement of the night was introduced by guest speakers, sharing their personal testimonies and presenting a form of worship by dance. All through the night exciting games were played which focused on the theme of unity and team work, and is what seemed to keep us awake and functional, most of us at least. In addition, we received an insightful talk by our youth chairman, Germaine



Ludick, based on proverbs 27:17 – As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. The auspicious experience ended with a solemn gathering around a bon fire, illuminated with the break of dawn, as each of us shared our appreciations and gratitude, to each other, and to God.

We were all overwhelmed and tremendously grateful for all the support and donations we have received, from refreshments and meals to supplies, all of which contributed to the successful execution of our vision and making our evening an enjoyable one



for all. Though we may not gather as a sodality for the remainder of the year, we still undertake active service in all liturgical celebrations with joy, with hope that next year will be filled with an abundance of blessings and graces from God, and that any and every challenge we may be faced with will be openly accepted as a chance for growth for all of us

# Mater Dei

*By Natalia Adams*

## Stations of the Cross

Fr Ludwe initiated the Stations of the Cross walk every Saturday morning during Lent. Parishioners are invited to meet at 06h00 and then proceed to the identified trail for the morning.

Guinea fowl trail/stations of the  Cross was the first. Thank you to the parishioners who joined Fr. LUDWE on the 'Stations of the Cross ' walk.



Saturday 12th March was the 2nd Stations of the Cross walk at the Sacramento Trail in Schoenmakerskop. Please refer to the attached pictures - wonderful support from our parishioners in a stunning environment - God's beautiful canvas





### Renewal of Commitment

During Lent, Fr Ludwe led retreats for the various ministries within the parish. Following the day of the Retreat, those members were recommitted to serving in their ministries. Herewith a photo of the Eucharistic Ministers renewing their commitment



A Flower workshop was held at Mater Dei on Saturday morning, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks to Alan Haschick who shared his expertise and artistry to show us how to use foliage from the parish gardens to keep the cost of flowers for the Altar to a minimum. He made 7 bouquets with a total cost of R400.00! Thank you to the ladies for your support of this workshop.



### Youth/Teens

Our youth meet every Friday evening in the parish hall, after the 17h30 mass. Lots of fun and games are had. On Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, we went out to Van Stadens river for an outing - just for something different. The day was well spent with lots of fun and team building.

Thanks very much.  
Demont Murdock



### High School Catechesis

Our High School Catechesis group ended off the last Sunday of the term with some fun and games in the Parish Hall



## **MATER DEI – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Our Conference currently consists of 11 members. Due to Covid restrictions, most of our communication is done via WhatsApp. We meet occasionally to discuss upcoming events. We continue to support the needy albeit parishioners, the homeless/less fortunate people.

Our weekly (Saturday) soup kitchen is run and manned by four teams and Volunteers from the Parish. The soup and bread are generously supplied by the Parishioners and SVP Members.

We run a monthly food pantry where our Members get together the day before and prepare +/- 80 food parcels for handout the next day to the homeless/less fortunate on our register. We are also open to assisting those in need who arrive on the day.

We assist a few Parishioners, Quad House as well as 30 elderly people at the Buffelsfontein Retirement Village with food parcels.

Our funds are an accumulation of the monthly stipend that we receive from the Parish Council, cash, as well as food donations from our generous Parishioners and from Central Council.

**Alan Diesel**  
**PRESIDENT**

## **Catholic Women's League**

The pandemic impact has meant that numbers in all our Sodalities has dwindled. In an effort to encourage new members, our Parish Council came up with the idea to raise funds, encourage a social event and sign up new members "A SODALITY POTJIEKOS COMPETITION !! ". The CWL ladies opted to host a Sweat and Treat stall instead. The league raised a substantial amount for the Parish.

In a further effort to encourage new members, Our Parish Priest, Father Ludwe, gave each Sodality FIVE minutes at the end of all Sunday Masses to address the Congregation, explain our work and try to sign up new members. Our President gave a very good short talk, and we will continue our efforts for Charity, Work and Loyalty. We held our AGM and our committee remains unchanged, as this committee came into their seats during lockdown and therefore happy to lead the CWL for the next two years. As we entered into Lent, the first Friday – 11<sup>th</sup> March - the ladies of the Catholic Women's League led the Stations of the Cross.

On Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, the DCWL hosted a Morning of Reflection which was led by the Sisters of Mercy from Addo. All branches were requested to bring along clothing which was then donated to the Sisters - Mater Dei CWL contributed a substantial amount of clothing.

Our Monthly CWL Mass was held on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Fr. Xolani celebrated Mass with us.

CWL News Correspondent  
Teresa McLean

## Knights of Da Gama (Council 19)

2022 kicked off with a busy schedule of Knights of Da Gama (KDG) activities. Mater Dei has a large KDG footprint: there are currently 9 members from our parish. Hopefully more Catholic gentlemen will join.

On 28 January 2022 our monthly Rosary preceded a House Mass at the residence of Brother Isaac Adams. Mass was celebrated by Father Runaine Radine. Mass was followed by a delicious meal of chicken chow mein as prepared by Br Isaac Adams. Much fun and laughter were enjoyed by all in attendance.

Our monthly bootsale was held at Sacred Heart on 29 January 2022 which was a success.

On 15 February 2022 two fine Catholic gentlemen from Mater Dei, Dermont Murdock and Frankie Scholtz were initiated into the Order of the KDG.

On 19 February 2022 our annual St. John Bosco dinner was held at African Skies conference centre. There was a sound and solid Mater Dei presence at the Dinner.

February was rounded off with another successful Boot sale on 26 February 2022.

A huge shoutout to all our fellow Christians for their continued support in our efforts in alleviating poverty.

Fraternal Regards

Grand Knight Warren Mark Myburgh

Please refer to the attached, some photo's supplied:



House Mass with the Adams family. L – R Natalia Adams; Claudette Adams and Laura McKowen ready to serve Chicken Chow Mein to all guests



Post House Mass relaxation at Br Isaac Adams' residence



Knight Brothers selling Fish and Chips every Friday during Lent



Mater Dei Brothers at the St. John Bosco dinner L – R: BB Jade de Vega; Isaac Adams; Warren Myburgh and Dermont Murdock

# SACRED HEART, KABEGA PARK PE

*By Fr Runaine*



Following the "National Police Day" in January, the parish of Sacred Heart in Port Elizabeth honoured all those who work in the security cluster, thanking them for their service to the country, especially during the Nationwide Lockdown. Prayers were offered for their safety and the protection of all citizens.

As part of the ongoing Diamond Jubilee Year, Sacred Heart Parish celebrated the Diocesan Feast of Our Lady of the Flight into Egypt as "Sign-Up for Ministry Sunday" as well as "Parish Family Day". It was a wonderful celebration, after all the uncertainties of the last two years under pandemic conditions, and the weather allowed us to celebrate outdoors. The Diamond Jubilee Mass is set to take place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in June this year, giving thanks to God for the 60th anniversary of the dedication of our church.





# Caritas Port Elizabeth

*By Denise Philander*

We would like to extend a heart felt thanks to all that has donated in any form toward Caritas. It is GREATLY appreciated. God Bless!



# A note on the celebration of the World Day of Consecrated Life

*By Fr Runaine*

The Month of the Holy Family: on 2nd of February, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple which took place 40 days after Christmas. This feast is also known as Candlemas because of the blessing of votive candles at Masses on this day. Candles will be blessed again at all weekend Masses for use during prayer time at home. It reminds us of the song of Simeon, in today's gospel, that Christ is the Light of the Nations (cf. Luke 2:2-20).



We were privileged to host the Mass for the World Day of Consecrated Life at Sacred Heart Parish. The religious (priests and sisters) who participated in this celebration, together with our Bishop Vincent Zungu and Msgr's Deenihan and Clarke and Fr Runaine, are pictured here. They hail from different religious congregations/societies of Apostolic Life, that serve in our diocese, in parishes, schools, clinics, soup kitchens, skills development centres, and other apostolates. They are:

Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (OFM Cap)

Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI)

Society of Divine Vocation (sdv)

Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer - Redemptorists (CSsr)

Oratorians of St Philip Neri (OC)

Missionary Sisters of the Assumption (MSA)

Poor Sisters of Nazareth (NS)

Order of Preachers - Dominican Sisters of Cabra (OP)

Mercy Sisters

We also have the King William's Town Dominican Sisters, Good Shepherd Sisters and the Order of Friars Minor (OFM) and Missionaries of Marianhill (CMM) in parts our diocese.



We give thanks to God for the gift of religious life and the different charisms they bring to the Lord's vineyard. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless our local church with many more priestly and religious vocations.





# PE Deanery – Stations of the Cross

*By Fr Runaine*

The PE Deanery Stations of the Cross: parishes from across the deanery participated in the annual Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage of the Way of the Cross, on Human Rights Day, at San Francesco Parish in Charlo. This was the first time in three years that the outdoor Stations could take place and so it was indeed a blessing for all those who took part. Penitential Services are also underway throughout the Lenten Season across the deanery, in preparation for the Easter Celebrations to come.





# Christians United for Life (International Pro-life Organisation)

*By Janine Laing*

\*Christians United for Life\* (an International Pro-life Organisation) listed on Priests for Life's international website <https://www.priestsforlife.org/plgroups/africa.aspx> as one of 5 Pro-life organisations in Africa together with \*Catholic Men of Christ from St. James Schauderville & St. Patricks Sydenham Port Elizabeth\* joined together to pray the Holy Rosary. \_Our Lady at Fatima requested that we make reparation for our sins and the sins of the World by praying the Holy Rosary in public. We pray for an end to abortion, the conversion of sinners, for the protection of traditional marriages (between a man & a woman), for the poor souls in Purgatory, for the conversion of those who do not believe in God, for the sanctification of the clergy, for vocations, world peace and an end to crime. The Public Square Rosary is prayed at various locations once a month on a Saturday at 12:00pm. On this occasion, 02nd April 2022, it was held in Malabar Port Elizabeth.



We plan to have a procession in public with Our Lady's statue as well. At the end of the year (December 2022) we will be going to the beachfront with our 5 banners with various religious images depicted on them e.g. The Sacred Heart of Jesus & Our Lady of Fatima, St. Michael the Archangel, The Holy Rosary, The Holy Family etc. These banners will be on display for evangelization purposes, and we will pray the Holy Rosary in public.

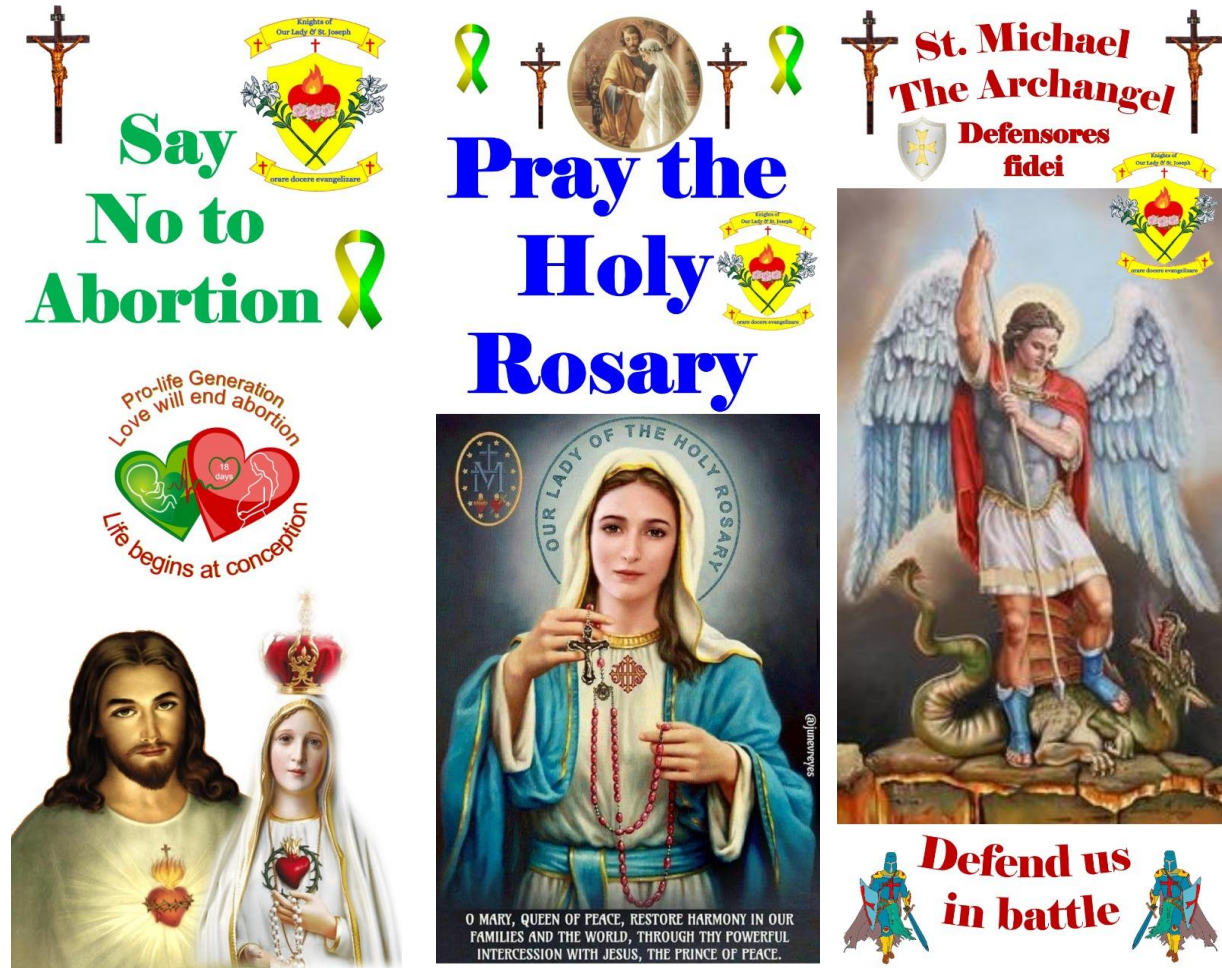
Parishioners will be invited to come along and join us for a bring & share picnic & to pray. This will give parishioners from different parishes the opportunity to pray together & to socialise thereafter. Further details to follow.

The next Public Square Rosary Rally will take place on the \*14th May 2022 (Saturday) at 12pm to coincide with the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (13th May 2022).\* Please keep us in prayer.

\*Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us\*

\*Christians United for Life & Catholic Men of Christ\*  
<https://christiansunitedforlife.com/>

These are the banners which will be on display at the end of the year...





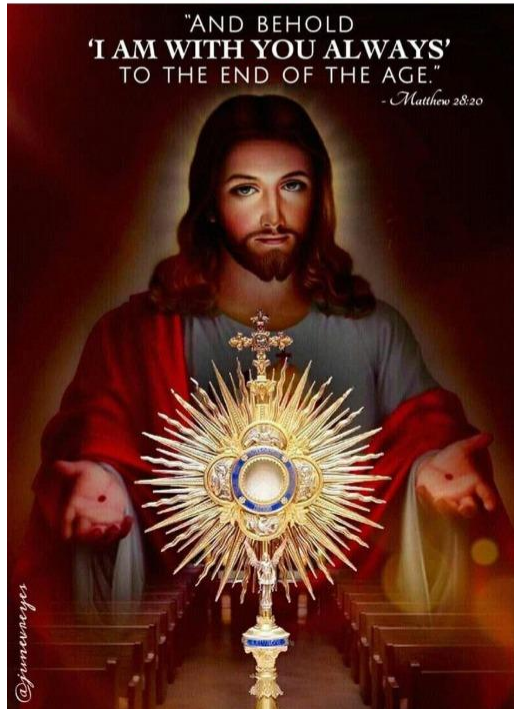
**My Lord  
&  
My God**



**My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.**

**Amen**

**The Real  
Presence**



**The Holy Family  
of Nazareth**

**Disciples of Life**

**Gold - God**

**Green - Life**

**God is the Author of Life**



**Protect the  
Sacrament of Matrimony**



# At Dominic's School

*By Laura Croft*

## 2021 ended on the right note!

St Dominic's Priory School music pupils were entered into the Trinity College of London and ABRSM digital music examinations last year, 2021, ending a busy year on the right note.

The following pupils achieved distinctions:

Ava-Mae Bennett - Grade 1 saxophone

Chulumanco Qusheka - Grade 1 violin

Shamiso Arnolds - Grade 3 Clarinet

Lynette Johnson - Grade 3 Guitar

Milan Prahaladh - Grade 3 Guitar

Lesedi Semenye- Grade 3 ABRSM piano

The following achieved results above 90% and were listed on Trinity's top Achievers in the Eastern Cape.

Lucio O'Reilly- Grade 1 violin

Keata Light Schroer-Grade 1 Piano

Ethan Fang-Grade 2 Piano

Erin Brinkman- Grade 2 piano

Enrique Kotzé- Grade 2 Guitar

Mia Rautenbach-Grade 2 Alto Saxophone

Connor Roberts- Gr 3 Flute

Emma Puffett-Grade 4 Alto Saxophone

Jenna Milligan-Grade 4 Alto Saxophone (2 years in a row)



Well done to all our musicians for all their hard work in 2021. Here's to 2022!



## Out-of-the-box learning at St Dominic's Priory School



The end of the 2021 was a hive of activity at St Dominic's Priory School. While our Grade 6-12 learners began their final exams for the year, it did not mean that fun went out the window.

While the Grade 4s learnt about the phases of the moons in Natural Science using Oreos, the Grade 5s explored the wheel and axle system creating some magnificent vehicles!

Our Grade 6s combined maths skills, creativity and some recycling to create models to demonstrate Lunar and Solar Eclipses in their NS Practical exam, while earlier in Technology, the Grade 7s designed and created pulley and crank systems and the Grade 9s designed and made hats.

The Grade 8s were not forgotten as they discovered the parts of a car and how to change a tyre as well as how to make a chicken stir fry in CELL (Coding, Ethics, and Life Skills Learning).

We look forward to what 2022 has in store for us.



Back in the swing of things, 1st Team Cricket take the win!

As our 1st Team Cricket Boys took to the field for the first time in 2 years due to the pandemic, they played against VP, taking their first win of the year. Well done, boys!

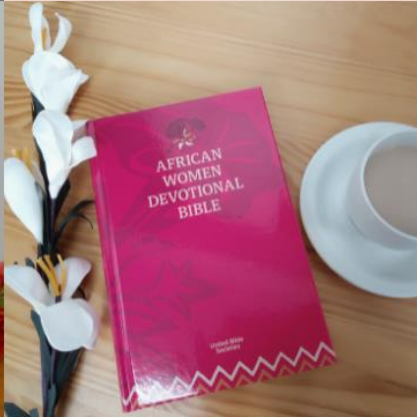
Attached are photos from our "Rock your Socks" day. As part of our Outreach, we held a Rock your Socks day on Friday. Our pupils paid R10 to wear "funky" socks with their uniforms. Money was raised for our Outreach and PEDSA.





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## St Luke's is back from Retreat

*By Eva Warzecha*

COVID-19 has affected everyone in some way. St Luke's Retreat and Conference Centre in Central, Gqeberha has been no exception and had to close in March of 2021. But where there is God's will, there is a way. Under new management, partly repurposed and rebranded, the St Luke's Catholic Centre will re-open on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, on the feast day of our Lady of Fatima. Bishop Vincent Zungu will be opening the new Centre with a blessing of the building.

St Luke's has undergone renovations since January 2022. Carpets have been lifted and the wooden floors were restored to bring out the former glory of the building that has been in existence since 1892 when it was built by the Nazareth Sisters. In areas where carpets covered concrete, long-lasting vinyl flooring has been installed. A new coat of paint on walls and ceilings has been applied and Bathrooms are still in the process of being modernized with new fixtures. New lights have been installed in various areas with automated sensors to increase visibility for overnight guests. The main conferencing room is still to receive a video conferencing system to allow for online meetings. Roof leaks

have been patched and the laundry areas are being centralized. What was once a children's home and was built for the purpose of serving the aged, the poor and the orphans will strive to offer a peaceful, prayerful, spiritual experience to guests under the patronage of St Luke.

The 2nd Floor will now offer two sections for accommodation with one-year leases: one section which offers accommodation and spiritual care for catholic female students and a young professional's section which offers accommodation and communal living for Catholic young professionals.

The 1st Floor and Ground Floor will still house the Retreat and Conference Centre which will now also offer guided retreats which will include Healing retreats (from grief, abuse, divorce), Retreats with Spiritual Direction, Silent Retreats, Serenity retreats, Hiking Retreats, Vocational Retreats, Ignatian Spirituality, Theology of the Body and more.

Further to this, the Catholic Library will move from the Catholic Resource Centre into the Retreat Centre section and will be available online in the future as well.

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For more information contact us on 041-373-0039 or 074-376-5833. Reservations via email to [retreat@pe-catholic.org.za](mailto:retreat@pe-catholic.org.za) Our new website is under construction and will be launched soon.

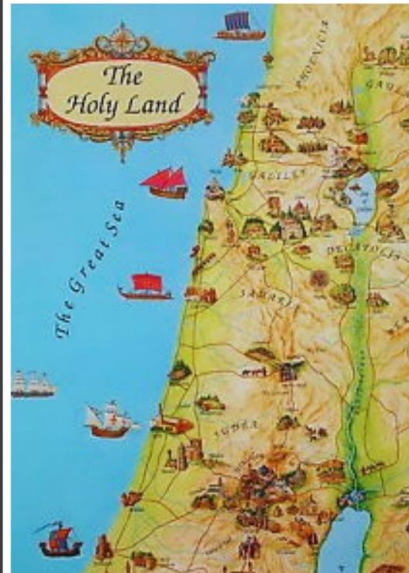


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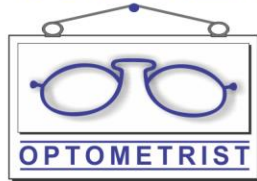
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