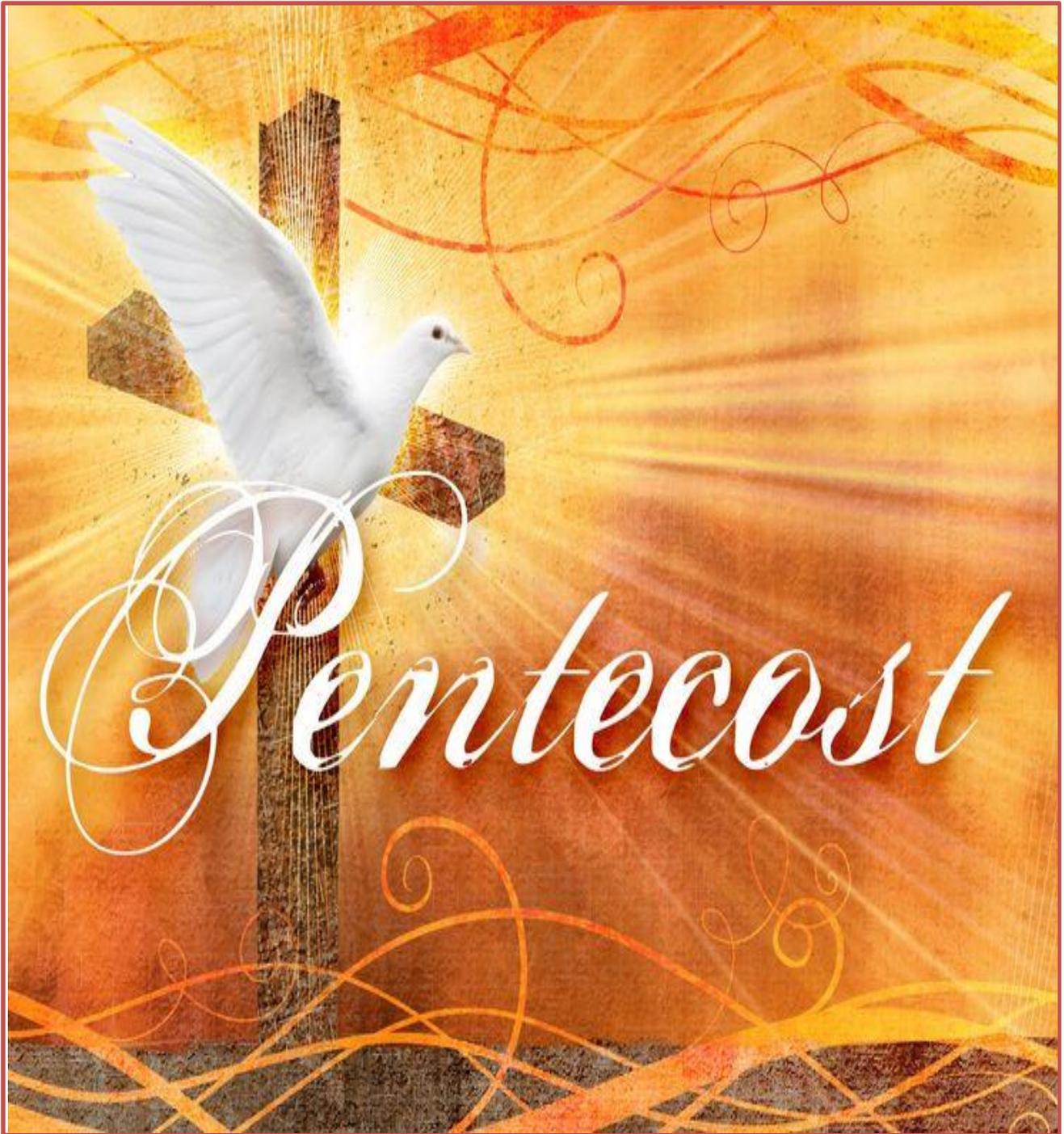


The Cathedral Visitor

*February, March, April, **May 2016** Edition*

The Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew & Saint Michael – Bloemfontein



May the Holy Spirit bless you and yours in seeking to know and do God's will in and through His Holy Church.

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Dear friends in Christ,



THE FEAST OF PENTECOST IS A CALL TO SERVICE

After the glorious **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ to heaven**, the apostles went back to Jerusalem and joined in continuous prayer as they waited for the Holy Spirit, the third persona of the triune God. This is what we have been doing during these days between the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. **Without the Spirit of God to guide and direct us, we simply cannot live the life of a Christian.** Jesus told his disciples **not** to start preaching the Gospel immediately, He told them to wait until they received power from above.

Why wait? It helped to bring home to them their utter need of the Spirit, while at the same time preparing them to receive His gifts. **Waiting gave them an experience of their powerlessness and their total reliance on Him.** Jesus said to His disciples that He wasn't being cruel to them, He was merely preparing them to receive the Holy Spirit. **Without the Spirit their work would have no value.**

The worst danger in our world today is the church depending on an alternative source of energy, and not the Spirit of God. Hence **from time to time we have to come up with ways of re-igniting the fire of God in the people of the church.** Pentecost is not only such a feast but an event in the life of the church and individuals.

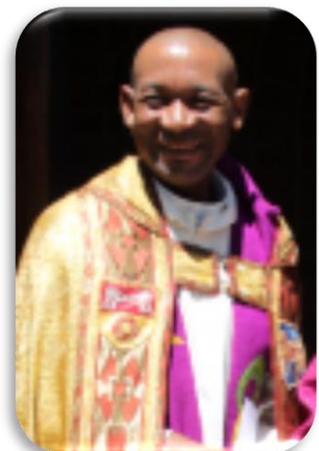
I feel blessed that we have spent time during Lent and after Easter doing the Alpha course. One of the topics **Fr Deon handled was the Holy Spirit and he explained who the Holy Spirit is.** Namely it is not a "thing" or a "ghost" or an "it". But God Himself.

I hope all of us have been actively waiting for the Holy Spirit of God to help us to become true witnesses and the ambassadors of Christ in our dark world. I recognise there are many spirits but my prayer is **that the true Spirit of God may lead us into all truth.**

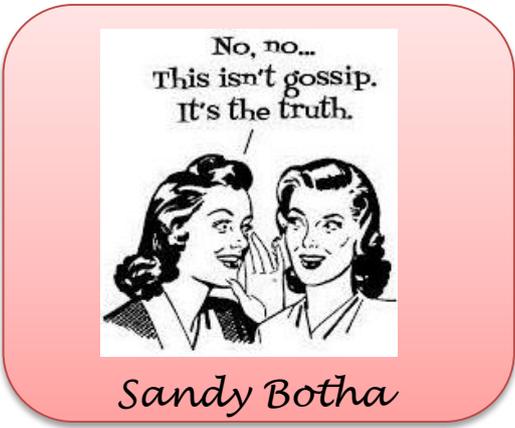
Talking about the Holy Spirit, reminds me of one sermon preached by Bishop Charles Albertyn at the St Patrick's Church, Bloemfontein in 1991. "There are so many priests who are so good in chanting the Gospel and the Eucharist, but they do not have the Spirit of God and that is the worst tragedy of our time". After 20 years, I can still hear those words echoing in my ears.

The feast of Pentecost acts as a call to service to us all. It reminds Christians the world over that they must re-commit themselves to their confirmation promises. For some Christians this could be a calling to a high-profile service. It could mean preaching the gospel publicly and being intentional about Christian discipleship.

I hope this will be our prayer for Pentecost and beyond:
Faithful God, Who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: Open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Yours in Christ,
Dean Lazarus Mohapi



Congratulations to **Keenan Jacobs**, son of **Karin (Warden) and Fabris Jacobs** – he passed a B Accounting Honours degree and graduated on 14th April. Keenan was a server at the Cathedral for 10 years and Head server for 4.

What a proud moment for loyalty to studies and the Cathedral!



← **Skye du Toit** (granddaughter of **Carol Keep**) obtained six A's and **Ciara-Clare Rafferty** (granddaughter of **Willie and Phyllis Olivier**) obtained five A's in the Matric exams.



Dr Wayne Marais, younger son of **Sam and Rosemary Marais**, has become a Professor in Ophthalmology and already has been to the United States for Congresses.



Dipiloane Phutsisi, principal of Motheo TVET College, was awarded the “**Chair Academy’s 2016 Idahlynn Karre International Exemplary Leadership Award, for advancing Academic and Administrative Leadership at the College.**” The award ceremony was held in Texas in the USA on 24th March. This award follows two other awards won by the College in the past two years, including the PMR Platinum Award for Best Educational Institution in the Free State for 2015. Dipiloane is the head Lay Minister at the Cathedral.



Brilliance seems to run in the **Phutsisi family** as their daughter, **Palesa**, was sworn in as a medical Doctor at the end of January.

Late news: Palesa got married recently.



Another brilliant mind is that of **Maudie Loffstadt**, granddaughter of **Sonja** and the late **Louis Loffstadt**, who obtained 6 distinctions in the Matric exams, with an average of 89%.

The choir of St Michael's School returned in December from a very successful overseas tour where they were awarded second place in the 16th International Festival of Advent and Christmas music held in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The choir consists of 23 members and is led by Marilise van Rooyen. Our **Maretha Krige** was the accompanist.



The tour visited the St Stephen's Basilica in Budapest, Hungary, as well, where they competed in the annual Christmas Choir festival. Choirs from Norway, Finland and Italy also competed. The St Michael's choir performed in the St Anna Church on the banks of the Danube River. After Budapest the choir travelled to Vienna, Austria and the Czech Republic, concluding with a concert in Prague where all the winning choirs and dance teams performed.



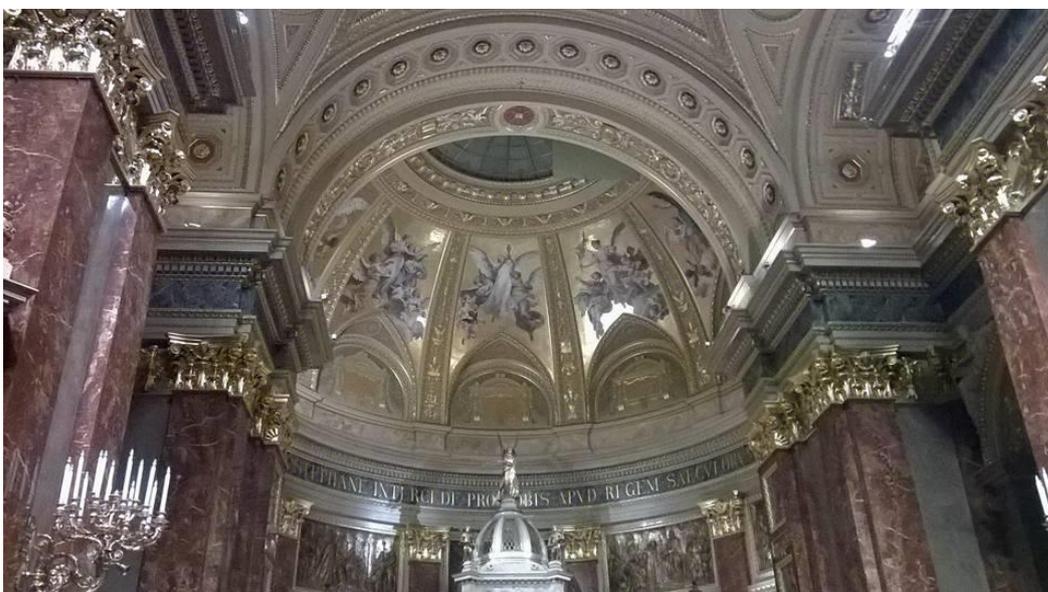
THREE CHOIR TEACHERS



JOHAN CROMHOUT

TRIXIE EAGAR

MARETHA KRIGE



ST STEPHEN'S
BASILICA IN
BUDAPEST

More sadness hit **Nthabiseng Masooa-Motsumi** and her family when the father of **Palesa and KG** was murdered in December. Hopefully that is the last of the tragedies.

One piece of joy is that Palesa (28) has obtained a five year visa for the Netherlands. She had lived and studied Communications there from 2012-2013 and then returned to Johannesburg. Now she has the opportunity to complete the one course needed to graduate, and an added bonus is that she can have her old job back as well! She is very excited!



Kathy de Wit has been to the UK to visit her mother and **Kevin Corrigan** has accompanied her on business.

While she was over there she wrote this note to her son JJ de Wit when she was told that he had done so well in his Exams. He was also the Head Boy in 2012 at St Andrew's School in Bloemfontein.

[Kathy De Wit Muir with JJ De Wit.](#)

April 14 at 4:01pm ·

I cannot begin to tell you how very proud we are of you JJ. wow a degree with distinction, that is from hard work and dedication. Little sleep and not much social life 😊 so sorry we could not be there at your graduation but thanks to the varsity for the live link. The wave made it 😊! Love you to the moon and back. Xxxx



Chris and Carol Ashman have gone to London to be with their son Neil and his children.

A beautiful day in Hackney



News from Pretoria is that **Clive and June Househam** are enjoying their retirement there. They live in a very secure complex and have a beautiful small garden. They also attend St Martins-in-the-Field's Wednesday service (like our Thursday morning services).

News from **Val Musgrave** is that her brother Michael Lockwood-Hall of Perth, Australia, passed away on 21st March. Her son's (Castell) eldest daughter, Erica, qualified as a teacher this year and she married a teacher on 19th March.

Liola and Eldrid Boraine became grandparents for the second time when Jacqui, Eldrid's daughter, gave birth to a girl, Quinn, in Cape Town on 2nd January 2016. A sister for Zach, who has just turned 4 years old.

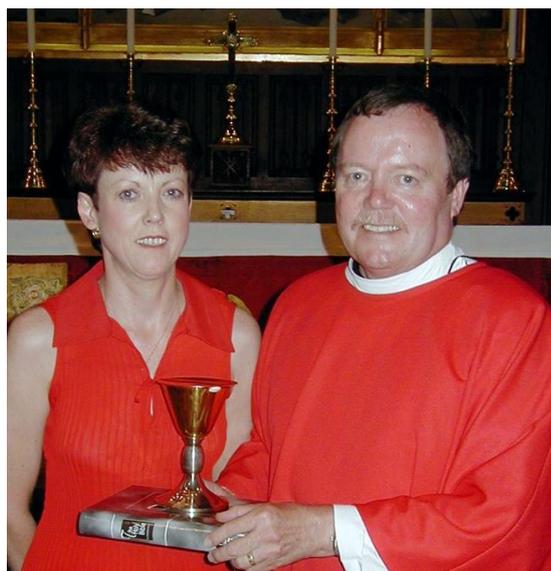
The Cathedral received quite a shock when at the end of January

Nicol and Martina Viljoen announced that the 31st January would be their last service with Nicol playing the organ. He has accumulated over 500 days leave and planned to retire the following year, so he needed to take some of those days before losing them. He also plans to assist a friend at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bloemfontein with the music there.



Maretha Krige replaced Nicol seamlessly as organist, and now, Nicol will stand in for Maretha when she is unavailable to play. Thank you, Maretha, for considering to return to the Cathedral, and thank you also to Nicol and Martina for their 25 years of wonderful music here at the Cathedral! It is also great to welcome **Petrus**, Maretha's husband, back to the Cathedral with his special music talent.

Duncan Murray, youngest son of **Pam Murray**, announced his engagement on 6th February. We are pleased to tell you that Pam is much better after chemo treatment.



Doreen Jones is very proud of **Fr Gareth Jones**, her son, who is now based in King William's Town. He is an Archdeacon (Cluster leader) and often visits us at the Cathedral where he was trained and ordained. **Mariana**, his wife, works at KHS Kingsridge High School for girls there.

Doreen's leg is much better – she had a nasty sore on it That wouldn't heal. After a year of treatment it has finally healed! Sometimes her foot swells, but she had excellent treatment at Cairnhall.



Another piece of good news is that **Fr Michael Bands** who was Dean here from 1994 -2002, is much better after a spell in hospital. He had also had a bout of shingles. He writes that he enjoys the Cathedral Visitor very much and looks forward to each edition.

Everitt's and Bands's in Blackburn.



While on the subject of former staff members from the cathedral, **Ruth Everitt**, daughter of **Fr Michael and Ruth Everitt** has been appointed head-girl of St Michael's School in Chorley, England! Fr Michael is now the Archdeacon of Lancaster.



You might remember that **Fr Tim and Lisa Horobin** visited the Cathedral from Blackburn recently. Sad news is that Fr Tim's father died on 29th April. Our sympathy goes out to you both.



Abraham Mohapi, brother of **Fr Lazarus Mohapi**, is much better now. He had been on dialysis. (a) **Elaine Hickling** has been in and out of hospital and is not feeling well. (b) **Valerie Melamu** has had 2 operations on her shoulder. **Rachel van der Merwe** was also in hospital for a knee problem. **Elaine Webber** lost her husband, **Vernon** on 25th December. She has been struggling through 3 back operations and 2 hip replacements. She is living with their daughter Angela. (c) **Sr Joan** fell and bruised her face quite badly. (d) **Dot Thompson** fell and has since been hospitalized and a brain operation was necessary. We wish all of you who are ill, that God will continue to hold His healing hand over you.



(a) Elaine Hickling



(b) Valerie Melamu



(c) Sr Joan



(d) Dot Thompson

Mpho and Mary Mokoena are celebrating becoming grandparents when their first grandchild, Nana, a girl, was born in Johannesburg early in March.

The Christian Bikers (of whom **Jeneen Grimsley** is a member) took Easter eggs to the Free State Psychiatric Complex (Oranje Hospital) with Fr Lazarus on Good Friday morning. The patients appreciated them very much!



They also on Saturday 7.5.2016 shaved and shampoo'ed the people of the soup kitchen, and gave out toiletries and gave them some soup and bread!



Harold Elsmere, husband of **Deirdré**, passed away on 31st January. She and daughter, **Catherine**, have been through so much in the last 2 years. But some good news is that Catherine announced her engagement to Shaun Timm on 5th April!

Mzamane Mbongo's mother died in Qwa Qwa a while back. **Rainee Motlohi's** aunt also passed away on 7th March. Her funeral took place at St Patrick's on 12th March.

Prof Derek Ochse, renowned violinist, passed away on 4th March. He leaves his wife, **Anne**, Monica, the late Karen and Anton. The music world is sadder without his sweet music. Condolences to all those who had loved ones die in the past few months. Both Monica and Anton are to have major operations in the near future, so please keep them all in your prayers.

On 1st May there was a concert at the Odeion theatre in memory of Derek given by his colleagues on the University campus. It was conducted by Paul Loeb van Zuilenburg.



Carol Ashman's younger sister Nola Joy Egersdorfer, passed away in Durban on 17th January.



Brian Cooper whose daughter is commemorated in Ashley's Chapel, also passed away on 25th February.

Grace Kabane, mother of **Sipho and Spa Kabane**, died and was buried from St Hilda's Church in Soweto, on 9th January 2016. Our condolences go out to all these families.



Teboho Phutsisi's father, Peter, passed away recently. The funeral was on Saturday 14th May in Johannesburg. Our condolences to the family.



Paul Lange, the beloved husband of Baby Lange, passed away suddenly on 24th April after a massive heart attack on the bowling green. He will be sorely missed by the whole closely-knit Lange/Nel families. Paul together with Baby had been lay ministers for more than 20 years here at the Cathedral and he helped her in many ways in her ministry to the poor and marginalized here in Bloemfontein.

Once a month he together with Baby, would take his bakkie with groceries for the people on the Estoire plots. His ashes will be interred at Grey College on 5th June.



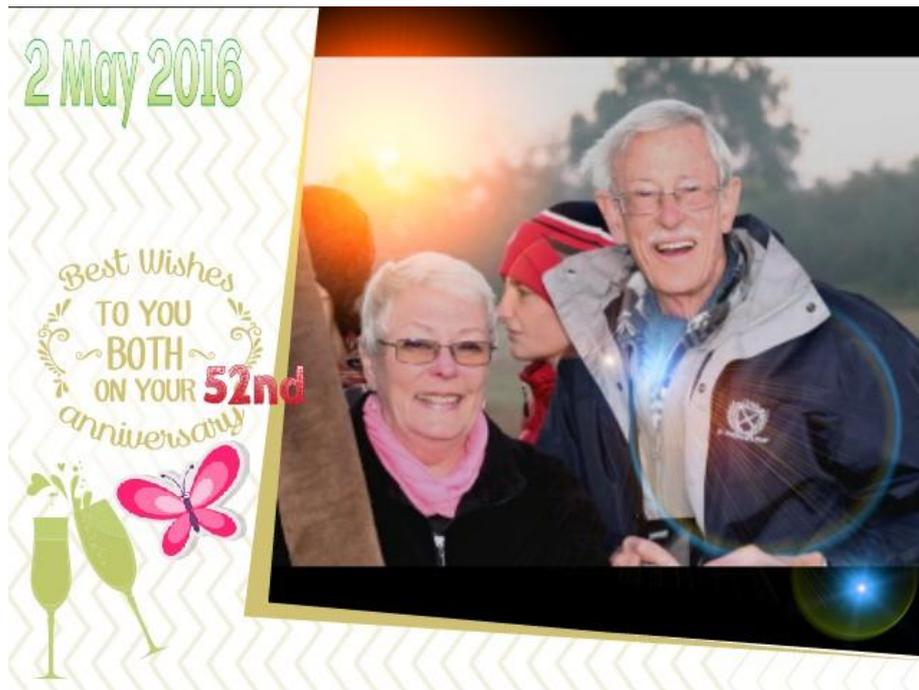
Some good news again – **Alice Butterworth** phoned to say how much she enjoys the Cathedral Visitor. She is going with daughter **Mary and Jan** to son **Michael and Cass** in America from 14th June till 15th July. They will visit New York, Orlando Disney World (The late **Fr Rob Butterworth** had always promised that he would take his children there!) as well as Niagara Falls and of course Pittsburgh where Michael still does research. Alice will stay on afterwards to look after the two children, a girl and a boy! She enjoys that, so she often spends six months of the year there, and the other six months in Cape Town. Gran (Mabel Wallace (93)) lives with Mary and Jan, and will visit her daughter while the Butterworths visit America.

Latiefie Khouri's niece, **Leila Steinmann**, has been made a finalist for Miss Free State 2016! Both Latiefie and mom **Helen** are very proud of her achievements.



Sonja Loffstadt was robbed of R3 000 at an ATM on Sunday 14th February. Fortunately she wasn't hurt.

Fr David Tanton corrected me with information on **Fr John Davis**: he does not have a pacemaker. In Cape Town he had a nerve severed that was interfering with the rhythm of his heart. Now he is fine and back to playing bowls and enjoying his retirement.



News of the Tantons is that they have settled down well in Johannesburg, and are very involved in both the Village, where they stay, and the Parish. **Ann-Louise** has become a Team Leader helping to entertain the older members at the Village. Of course she has arranged a Candle Theatre, Sing-Alongs and Quizzes. She also helps out with the finance in the Church office on Mondays. **Fr David** has been licensed by the Bishop at last to be active in a Senior's ministry in the Village.

He also often takes services for the members of the Care Centre and manages to squeeze in some time to also serve on the Village Committee with the portfolio of "Communications". He thus is responsible for the quarterly Village Newsletter. Believe it or not, they are also very involved in their families' lives: being able to babysit or play "taxi"! The Tantons recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary – medals all round!



Sandy Botha is also smiling broadly: her younger daughter, **Michelle Cage**, who lives in Brisbane, Australia, is pregnant!

She and **Ashley** her husband, are expecting a baby boy in October, so guess where Sandy will be at the end of October!

Yes! In Brisbane again!

Michelle came out to South Africa for a quick visit and it was lovely for them to have time together as a family,

Rene
Sandy
Chris
Michelle
Adam and Lauren grandchildren



Gertie van der Sijde will turn 101 years young on 14th May. **Joan Marston**, who helps her so much, will not be in South Africa that day and she asks anyone with some time to spare to pop in to see Gertie at Siesta that day to make it special for her. *Thank you.*

**Joan Marston, Marlien Onderstall
Gertie van der Sijde**



Richard Marston, Joan's husband, will also be overseas spending two weeks with their son, **Garth**, and his family in Jersey. They have a restaurant there and are doing well. Richard and Joan celebrated their 45th anniversary on 1st May while with the family.

Mike and Charlotte Kettle celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday 6th March
and



Mpho and Gauta Malekele celebrated their 39th anniversary on 18th March.



Regent's University in London recently conferred Honorary Senior Fellowships on our beloved **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** and his daughter **The Revd Canon Mpho Tutu van Furth**.

Towers of Hope at the Tweetoring Church (under the guidance of De la Harpe le Roux) has a project to help as many people in need as they can. They are collecting "Care Bags" containing toothpaste, a toothbrush, soap, a facecloth, R10 in an envelope, winter gloves and a scarf or beanie. If you would like to help please contact christel@mahareng.co.za. They also serve meals daily, while food parcels are distributed among those trying to take responsibility for their lives.

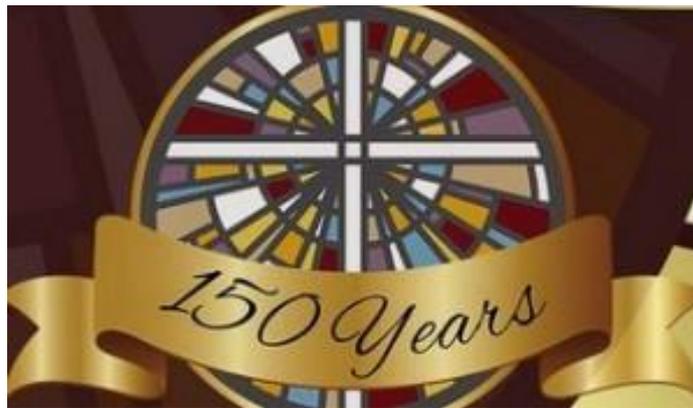
Sindiswa (Sindy) Marogoa has been Blessed with a new Grandchild.





Marleen Webber has left Bloemfontein leaving a dent at the Cathedral. She had been a very capable reader for many years, as well as arranging flowers in a way that only she could! She and her late husband Robert, had lived in the same house in Whites Road for more than 40 years, so one can understand that she might feel uprooted. Her postal address is: PO Box 851 Betty's Bay.

Cheryl and Basil's daughter, Donae, and her husband Etienne, have bought Marleen's house and are looking forward to living there for many, many years to come. Such a lovely old stately home, with a massive garden.



The Cathedral is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its inception in 2016. We plan a full programme over and above the usual fund raising activities that we hold. The concept of the events for the 150th is that they are NOT fund raising, and should include the whole parish.

The functions planned are:

12th June – Parish Bring and Share Lunch in the Hall or gardens.

31st July – Tour through the Cathedral and Photo Exhibition in the Hall of the life of the Cathedral through the ages. There will be a Tea Garden in the Foyer as well.

3rd September – High Tea with a speaker.

2nd October – Formal Lunch. The Cathedral celebrates its Patronal Festival. The Bishop of Blackburn and hopefully the Mayor of Bloemfontein, will be honoured guests.

19th November- Debutante's Ball in the Hall.

We also plan to sell items with the Cathedral's logo on it as keepsakes. This will be ongoing.

Were you a server or lay minister or even just a parishioner here at the Cathedral a long time (or even not so long!) ago? If anyone has any photos in their albums that are gathering dust, please dust them off and look to see if you have any that would be nice to look at and remember and ask: "who was that again? I remember the face...."

This would be for the photo exhibition on 31st July. You could scan them in and then email them to me (Sandy) please: info@bloemcathedral.co.za

If you lend me photos I promise to see that you get them back.



2016 CALENDAR

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Sunday			15 DAY OF PENTECOST 07h30 – Holy Eucharist PARISH BREAKFAST 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	22 TRINITY SUNDAY 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	29 NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – CORPUS CHRISTI 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist Bopanang group
Monday			16 17h30 - Holy Eucharist	23 17h30 – Holy Eucharist	30 17h30 – Holy Eucharist
Tuesday			17 08h00 – Holy Eucharist 08h30 – Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta 17h30 – Council meeting	24 08h00 - Holy Eucharist 08h30 – Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta 15h30 – Bible Study – 15 Dickie Clarke Street	31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 08h00 - Holy Eucharist 08h30 – Staff meeting 09h30 – Knit & Knatter at Siesta
Wednesday			18 Ember Day 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	25 The Venerable Bede – AFRICA DAY 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	
Thursday			19 Dunstan 09h30 - Holy Eucharist	26 CORPUS CHRISTI 09h30 – Holy Eucharist	
Friday			20 Ember Day 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	27 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	
Saturday			21 Helena 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	28 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	

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Sunday		5 TENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	12 ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist 12h00 for 12h30 - PARISH LUNCHEON	19 TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 07h30 – Holy Eucharist PARISH BREAKFAST 09h00 – Sung Eucharist	26 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 07h30 – Holy Eucharist 09h00 – Sung Eucharist Bopanang Group
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Thursday	2 The Martyrs of Lyons 09h30 - Holy Eucharist 18h00 - AWF	9 Columba of Iona 09h30 - Holy Eucharist	16 PUBLIC HOLIDAY 08h00 – NO SERVICE	23 09h30 - Holy Eucharist	30 09h30 - Holy Eucharist
Friday	3 The Martyrs of Uganda 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	10 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	17 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	24 THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	 JOHN THE BAPTIST <i>Matthew 3:3, Mark 1:3, Luke 3:4</i>
Saturday	4 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	11 ST BARNABAS 08h00 – Holy Eucharist	18 Bernard Mizeki 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	25 08h00 - Holy Eucharist	

CHURCH WARDEN REPORT MAY 2016



We have celebrated the Epiphany on 6 January, and commenced Lent earlier this year with a good crowd on Ash Wednesday, so many people are at the Good Friday service, yet we find fewer people at the Easter services, are we “trapped” in the Crucifixion? We are the Ester people and should be joyously celebrating the risen Lord.

Matthew tells us "...the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...",(Mt.27:51).This tearing of the curtain is a sign that God gave to the people showing just what was taking place on Calvary. The tearing of the curtain substantiated every claim Jesus ever made about Himself, as did every miracle he performed. But further, it substantiated every miracle Jesus ever worked. It substantiated every healing and every resurrection He ever commanded. In all, it proves Jesus was who he claimed to be, the very Son of God, the Creator.

The tearing of this curtain would be quiet difficult as it was very thick. Note that not only was the curtain torn, but that it was torn **"from top to bottom"**. This shows us who it was that did the tearing, God! Not only could this not have been done by mere human strength, but it was done as if the curtain tore itself, beginning at the top, out of man’s reach, and ending at the bottom. The tear began at the top signifying God as the one who tore the curtain. Jesus paid this debt for us. He purchased salvation and gave it to those He loved. We have been redeemed! Our debt has been paid and cancelled by Christ Jesus and we receive it as a gift of God’s wonderful grace.

The story, however, does not end here. We cannot leave Christ on the cross, for a religion that does is a fruitless religion. **Christ resurrected is our centre piece. The One who rose is our strength, our power. The resurrection is that in which we glory!**



What is our response to God’s calling – we should endeavour to serve at any level to ensure that the Will of God is spread by his people- we the “Christians” who should soldier on to Victory!!!!

The Cathedral of St Andrew and St Michael is celebrating 150 years, please be a part of this important part of the Historical event.

An appeal to all our member’s to give of your talents as the Church cannot continue without your promise/contribution, our Diocese is bleeding and needs every cent to rebuild the Church in this Province.

Celebrating International Preemie Month – November 2015

In celebrating International Preemie Month - November 2015, and by being blessed to celebrate our little **Marjorie Ann Refilwe's Holy Baptism on the 1st of November**, I felt compelled to share our experience as first time parents who were unexpectedly thrown into the astonishing and terrifying Preemie world which comprise little angels fallen just a little too early, fighting for their lives, their terrified parents and strong and wise caregivers.

After praying for the blessing of a child for over 4 years, our princess was born on the **16th May at 36 weeks weighing 3.15**. Her weight was the average weight of any new born but her lungs took strain with being born a whole month early and she needed help. I will never forget lying helplessly and hearing Marjorie whimper for the first time and desperately trying to see her. Our Paediatrician quickly flashed a rather purple looking bundle in front of us, congratulated us, but without pausing and in the same sentence said he had to remove her and take her to ICU immediately as she needed his help. My husband trotted after them with a huge smile on his new proud daddy face and disappeared. It was 4 hours later that I actually got to meet our daughter for the first time. Not hold her. Not Nurse her. Just to look at her through a glass façade. This is when I started to pray and the more I looked around the longer and deeper my prayers became. Neonatal ICU changed our lives.

We spent 14 days in NICU with Pneumonia and a slight bit of Jaundice caused by major drinking, sucking and swallowing problems. This reflex develops naturally in the womb in the 36th week, so she had to learn how to drink and swallow. I spent every day from 06:00 to 22:00 praying for all the little miracle babies around me and thanking God that Marjorie had no serious complications or needed major surgery to survive. NICU taught my husband and I the real value and gift of life and how fragile it is. We were totally humbled and it has strengthened our faith tenfold!

I salute all the nurses and sisters who have answered their calling to care and love all the preemie miracles out there. You are real live guardian angels. And to all the Paediatricians who have to save tiny lives and deal with confused, panic stricken parents, thank you – seems so inadequate. It takes a very special kind of person to care and understand like you all do. I will always add a little prayer for all the preemies, their worried parents and their caregivers in the world, to my day.

Marjorie was given her Sotho name on the 27th May, the day we brought her home. **Her Sotho name is Refilwe which means “Given by God”** This name will ring true throughout her life, and thus we included it in her Baptism. **“God has blessed us with an angel from above, our precious little Marjorie, a gift of His love”.**



Marjorie Ann – 5 hours old.



Marjorie Ann Refilwe – being Baptised by Fr Lazarus Mohapi on the 1st November 2015



This article was written by: Proud Mommy, Samantha Zwiegers.
Daddy is van Eck and proud grandparents are Bruce and Trudy Harrison.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

The Editor would like to add:



April 17 at 8:32pm ·

We are delighted to officially announce that Margie is going to be a big sister in September 2016. Our second precious little girl is 18 weeks and doing great.

Congratulations from us all !!!!

Questioning modern living

So strange.....



R50 looks so big amount when you give to a poor
But looks small when you give it as a tip in a HOTEL

Praying to God for 3 min looks hard.....
But 3 hours of a movie is ok for us

After whole days of hardwork, we have no problem of going to the gym.....

But to do house work and help mom/wife; we feel tired

We wait for 1 full year for Valentines day, and we know it.....

But when mother's day comes, We never know.....

One couldn't give a piece of bread to the child in the picture above

But this painting was sold for R100,000..

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1 John 3:18

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but in deed and in truth.*

Manche Masemola



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The story is told against the background of the arrival of English and German missionaries in Sekhukhuneland. In the tense atmosphere generated by clashes between adherents of the Christian faith and traditional sePedi African religion. **Manche Masemola** became attracted to the new religion. Her parents warned her against it. She defied them and was beaten for it.

The church gave her clothes to prepare for her baptism. Her parents burnt the clothes but the girl continued her church-going regardless of the floggings. She vowed to be baptised one day, even if "it's in her own blood", she said.

Her parents took her to an isolated space in the bushes, one day, where they hacked her to death with a machete and buried her under a small mound of earth. Her prophecy had been fulfilled.

Four years later, the Church declared her burial place a pilgrimage site. And it still is today.

Ten years later, she was declared a martyr by the Anglican church of the Province of Southern Africa before being immortalised in a statue at Westminster Abbey.

Forty years later, her mother was herself baptised into the Anglican Church



Shared by: Fr Vic Spencer

(he shared this with the 09.30 Thursday Church Service ladies and gents on the 4 February, 2016 – which they thought was very interesting)

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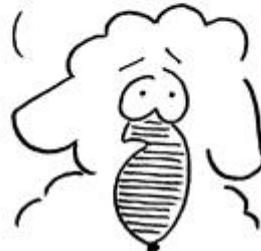
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I'LL SAY—WHENEVER I HAVE A COCKTAIL, I END UP IN A CORNER TALKING TO MYSELF.



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The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building.

Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently.

"But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."



At that moment, the substitute organist played "Stand up for Jesus."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

==== Submitted by: Eldrid Borraine =====

The *Will of God*
will never
take you where the
Grace of God will not
protect you.

Christian One-Liners

Shared by: Gwyneth Ellis



THE TASK AHEAD OF US
IS NEVER AS GREAT AS
THE POWER BEHIND US

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like concrete,
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SOMETHING FOR YOU TO KNOW



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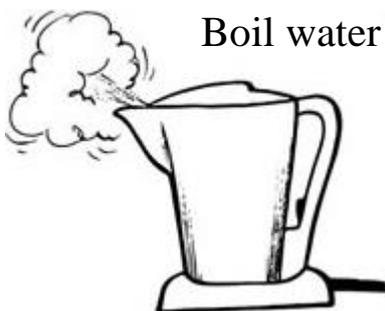
Ants hate cucumbers.



Keep the skin of cucumbers
 near the place or ant hole.

Clean Ice:

To get pure and clean ice:
 Boil water first before freezing.



AT HOME ON A CRUISE LINER – 24 DAYS FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO AUSTRALIA JAN- FEB 2016.



At the very last minute my sister-in-law and I received our visas for Australia – this may have been to the fact that we are both over 75 years old! My brother Ron and my travelling companion, Margaret, had theirs long before us.

On Sat 30th January 2016 at about 11h00 we went aboard **the Queen Elizabeth of the Cunard Line**. The ship is huge: length 964.5ft(294m) width 106ft (32.3m) height 179ft (54.6m) draft 259ft (79m) tonnage 90 9000 GRT guest accommodation 2081 passengers and 1005 crew. The boat was controlled by a GPS.

We ate our first meal in the **Britannia Restaurant** that lunch time, (cold meats and salads, pudding and fruit). After this we went to the 3rd level deck to watch preparations for departure from Port Elizabeth harbour. Many of the passengers had gone ashore on a free shuttle bus service and took tours of Addo Elephant Park or to see other sights around PE. After that we met in one of the lounges to hear about “sailing safety” with life jackets etc and warnings about safety at sea.



That evening we were in the **Britannia Restaurant** again, for a wonderful four course dinner and then we made our way to the **theatre, which held about 600 people, to enjoy an evening recital by a pianist performing light classics**. Then it was to bed for us – a long eventful day! So began our trip of a life time.

To describe the liner in more detail I must start at the 2nd level (there were actually 11!) which, together with the 9th were the decks we visited most often. Our sleeping quarters were on level 5. The Britannia restaurant was large – it could hold most of the passengers for a meal, but there were 2 sessions for dinner. It had a glorious staircase from the 3rd to the 2nd levels, and many tables of 8. We had at our table two couples from Johannesburg who had been friends for many years. On the 2nd level there is a casino, the Queen Elizabeth Room, with several pictures of her, the library and a coffee shop, pubs and at opposite end to the theatre, there were some shops, as well as more shops on level 3, another library, a photo gallery and a staircase as mentioned. On level 9 there was a spa – health centre -there all physical treatments took place. There was a gym, a hairdresser, massages etc and acupuncture were also on offer. The swimming pools were also on level 9, a garden room for people to sit and enjoy looking out at the sea and then the Lido which was a self-service

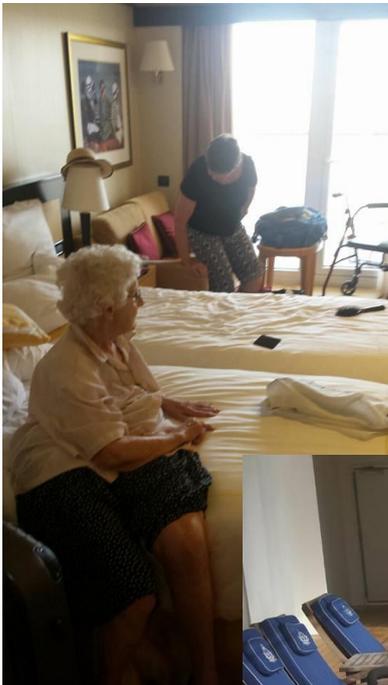


restaurant with plenty of choice from early till late. The tables were placed on the windows side so you could enjoy your meal and watch the sea view at the same time. **On the pool deck** there were loungers for the patrons, and towels were provided for those who needed. Each evening as we went to supper, the steward would prepare our cabin for bed and would leave the next day's programme, a newspaper and 2 chocolates!

The stewards were mostly of Indonesian origin while the restaurant staff differed from German, French and even South African. The 38 chefs were specialists in their fields.

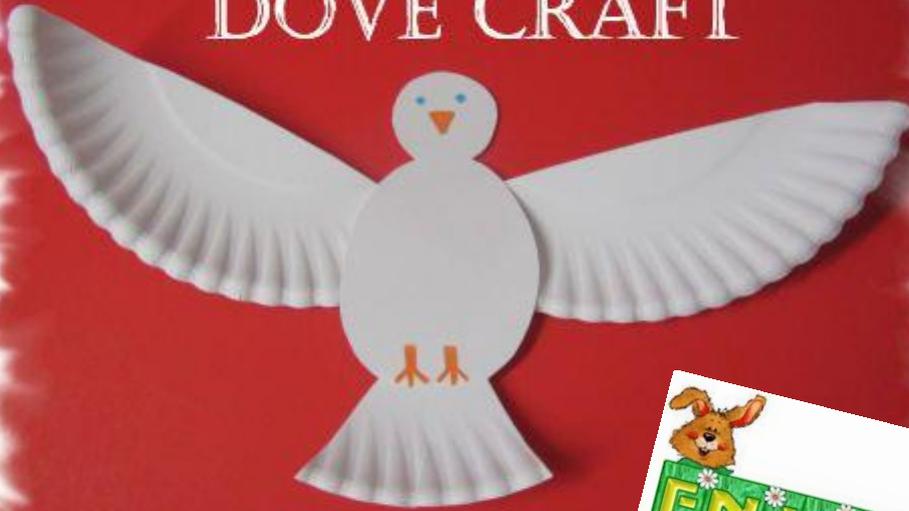
There was always too much to do! Many lectures, film shows, talks on a great variety of topics all day long. At the spa there were also talks and courses on health problems. Every evening at 20h30 they would put on performance in the theatre: singers, dancers, impersonations, pianists, jazz bands – the range was endless! Then there were crosswords and quizzes daily at the library. There was a book club where we had a book to read and comment on! Every Sunday the Captain (a Danish lady) would have a church service in the theatre.

Written by: Delysia Hoehne



Queen Elizabeth Luxury Liner

HOLY SPIRIT DOVE CRAFT



What if today, we were just grateful for everything?



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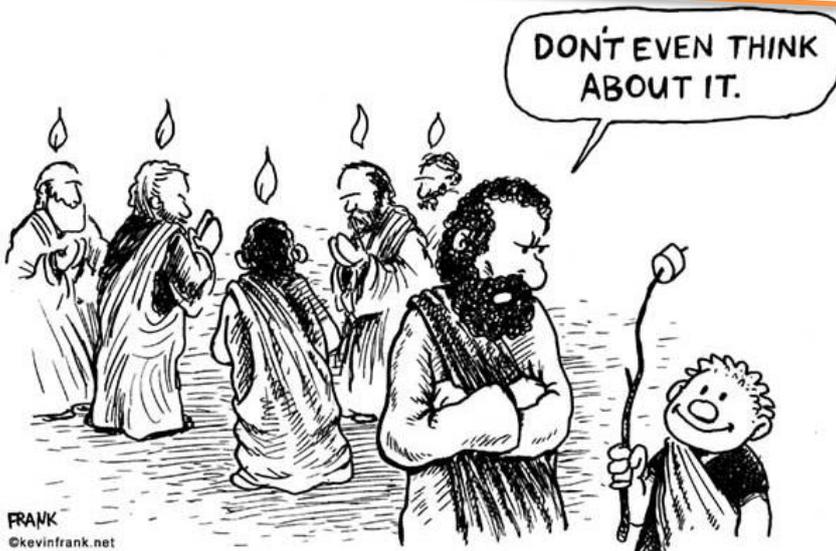
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The Prayer for Africa.

For some weeks now Fr. Lazarus has been leading us in saying the Prayer for Africa at the end of the 9am Mass.

**God bless Africa.
Guard her children,
Guide her leaders,
And give her peace,
For Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.**

I am sure we are all quite familiar with those words, but does anyone know this longer version which I recently came across but can't remember where. Perhaps someone knows where it came from.

**God bless Africa,
Protect her children,
Transform her leaders,
Heal her communities,
Restore her dignity,
And give her peace,
For Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.**

Submitted by: Charlotte Kettle



For those of my generation who do not and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists:

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passersbys what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook. **I already have four people following me:** two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

Submitted by: Les van Heusden

From the Editor: *Cheryl Schroeter*



Live a Life that Matters

Is my life's theme this year, and enjoy the things of the earth given to us by **Our Father, God, to enjoy and to glorify Him.** In the process I will take heed of **Colossians 3:2** "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

Thank you to all of you who contribute to all the information in the book, without your input there wouldn't be a magazine – all the SNIPPETS you share are so deeply appreciated and enjoyed by all.

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Monday	17:30
Tuesday	8:00
Wednesday	8:00
Thursday	9:30
Friday	8:00
Saturday	8:00



I humbly request that whenever you are available, do attend these services. After the service on a Thursday everyone meets for tea and biscuits in the foyer, a lovely time of fellowship. Tea is also served in the Hall after the 09h00 service – join us!

As Anglicans we also pray at 12:00 midday and you are encouraged to do likewise.
At 12h00 every day the bell at the tower gets rung and the Angelus is said:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

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