



November
2018

The Habit

Reaching out in the Community



Dear Habitual Friends

Here I am writing my last letter to you for the Habit. How time has flown as I spent the last seven years and 10 months serving the Lord with you at St Francis of Assisi.

Before I say more about that, I want to take a moment to reflect on the **Youth Service** on the last Sunday of September, the **Robing of the new MU members** on 21 October and our **LINKS SUNDAY Service** on 28 October. What special services those all were; the music was glorious and the sermons were memorable. I thank the Lord that I can leave the Parish with those memories.

A parishioner said a very kind thing to me a few days ago – something I had not thought of as I reflected over my years at St Francis. He said words to the effect that I had given the Parish a way of looking to the future. We were talking of some of the physical things we have been doing as part of the 2020 Vision, like the water tanks, the solar power system and the Prayer Garden. All along, God has been guiding us to a better future for the Parish.

Thinking about this, I hope that we have also been encouraging each other to look to growth and our spiritual future. Do we actively strive to grow as Christians, day by day, year by year, or do we just exist in a spiritual vacuum, playing church-church? Spiritual growth would require us to be well established and confident in Christ's love for us, constantly striving to grow in our love for and service to God and one another, seeing ourselves as partners with Jesus as we reach out to a broken world in his Name, and always allowing the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts and lives so that they reflect more and more accurately the nature and love of Jesus incarnate.

These two things are not separate: our worship environment and our style of worship and service will reflect our spiritual maturity and our spiritual health will be evident in our physical environment and acts.

So, as I say goodbye and express my gratitude to you and God for the privilege of serving you here in His Name, I also encourage you to keep your eyes on Jesus and continue to grow. May your vision of Jesus and his Kingdom be 2020 by the year 2020 and may your love for God and each other continue to grow under his guidance and at the hand of your new rector.

Blessings, *Reggie*



A decision was taken at our October Parish Council meeting that we will have only **one service on Sunday, 9 December 2018 at 09:00** with Fr Reggie and all parishioners are invited to a **bring and share lunch in the Parish Garden** afterwards.



Prayer Garden Development

Please watch the Sunday Pew Slip for dates on which we will have Graden Workpartys for all who are committed to a miniature garden. A decision was made at our last Council meeting to set aside every first Sunday of the month for Garden Maintenance. No hall or church hire wich interferes with that will be allowed on those days.

1. Garden of Eden

3. Jesus in the Desert

5. A Highway in the Desert

7. Labyrinth

2. Nativity

4. Samaritan Woman at the Well

6. The Empty Tomb

Please contact Alton [072 660 7663] or Beryl [083 388 4652] if you would like to be involved in any way with developing our Garden.

Please let us know if you would like to purchase one of our Prayer Garden benches, a water fountain, light post or a bird bath, and dedicate it to the memory of a loved one.



Ekuphileni Respite Care & Support Centre

Having identified a need for a respite centre in the Katlehong Archdeaconry. Mtr Lulama Ndebele established the Ekuphileni Respite Care & Support Centre in January 2014. The Centre is registered as an NPO and is approved to eventually accommodate 20 elderly persons. Anyone who is able to help should please contact Mtr Lulama at 127 Steenbok Avenue, Leondale , on e-mail: ekuphilenicsc@gmail.com, or on Cell number 072 631 4990.

From the Diocese of the Highveld



- **HABSR** would like to extend its thanks to everyone who supported the sale of raffle tickets as well as tickets for the Gala dinner. An amount of R70 400.00 was raised and an amount of R8 600.00 donated totalling R79 000.00.

Thanks also go to the members who served on the committee from the various guilds, and who made everything possible. Without this assistance and hard work, the amount raised would not have been realised.

The winners of the raffle are as follows:

Parish selling the most tickets:none; Guild selling the most tickets: **AWF**

Individual selling the most tickets: **Roseline Jozana**

Two Individual draws on the evening: **Mninawe Jokani and Philip Day.**

Winners of the children's art competition:

Jackie De Bruin, 9 yrs., from Bambanani little Angels in Dukathole.

Sidzaba Mbalenhle 12yrs from Siyanakekela Safe Park in Wattville.

Mpho Mafutha 14yrs, from Rebolokegile Safe Park in Tembisa

Sibusiso Nkosi 17yrs, from Siyanakekela Safe Park in Wattville.

The money raised from the auctioning of their art work will be handed directly to the children by Bishop.

Two pieces of art work that were donated and auctioned, were bought by Fr Elton Madupe and Mrs. Charlotte Miller

- **Fellowship of Vocations 2019:** Please note that the invitations must be in by the 15th December 2018.
- **Sunday School and Junior Worship Christmas party:** will be held on Saturday 8th December either at the Diocesan Office or at a local school. All Sunday School teachers need to plan for this day.
- **National Day of Prayer for South Africa :** 25 November 2018, FNB Stadium. More details to follow.

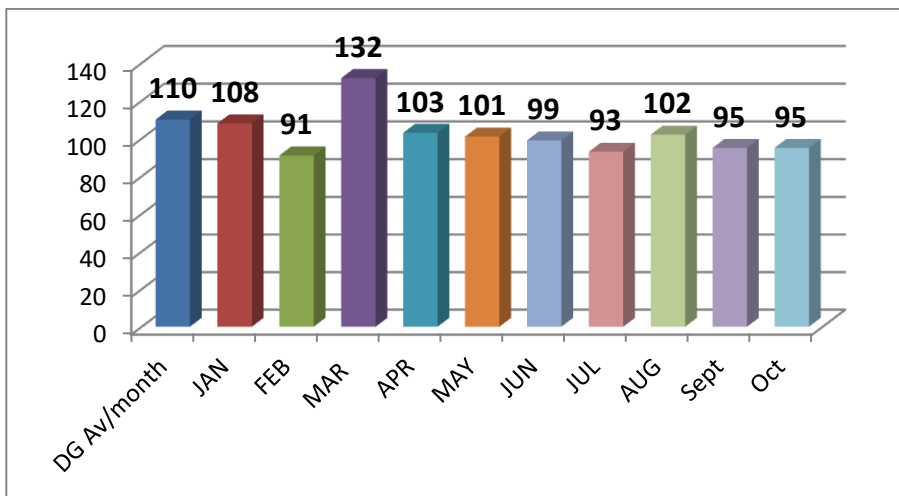


Parish Notices



- **SACRED PAUSES** is a 4 Day Individually Directed Advent Retreat Thursday, 29 November – Monday, 3 December St Benedict's House, Rosettenville
Cost: R1 935.00 per person. Please speak to Fr Reggie or Cherie if you would like to attend.
- **Gala Dinner:** 30 November – Tickets available from Parish Councillors (R360 / couple)
- **Farewell for Fr Reggie & Ann:** Bring and share lunch after the 09:00 service on 9 December 2018
- See weekly **Pew Slip** for regular meetings and services

Dedicated Giving – 2018



If for whatever reason you cannot meet your commitment this year, please let Patricia or Fr Reggie know via e-mail. This information will be kept confidential but assist us greatly in understanding if we will be able to meet our financial obligations each month and to 'cut our cloth' accordingly.

Dedicated Giving: R X 1000



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