

Let us pray for our priests and as they celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries.

**ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

**February**

02.02.2014: Fr Shiju Poomaram MSFS

**March**

14.03.1964: Fr Tony Hardiman OFM

**April**

06.04.1983: Fr Tom Tshabalala OFM

06.04.2002: Fr Gaspart Anaba SAC

24.04.1960: Fr Benen Fahy OFM

**BIRTHDAYS**

**February**

04.02.1980: Fr Marek Mlynarczyk

13.02.1978: Fr Marcel Kazadi CSSp

19.02.1976: Fr Zamva Mlangeni

**April**

12.04.1983: Fr Ikemera Azubuike

OSA

21.04.1973: Fr Andrew Moyo

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**Congratulations to William Albert Croucher and Ferdinand Niam Mukumu on their ordination to priesthood on Saturday 31st January 2015.**

They are pictured here outside Holy Rosary Cathedral Dundee, flanked by Bishop Xolelo Thaddeus Kumalo Bishop of Eshowe (longtime friend of Fr William) and Bishop Graham Rose who ordained both priests.



**Introduction to Pope Francis' Lenten Message**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
 Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a "time of grace" (2Cor 6:2). God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. "We love because he first has loved us" (1Jn 4:19). He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure... Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don't think about those less well off. The love of God breaks through that fatal withdrawal into ourselves which is indifference. The Church offers us this love of God by her teaching and especially by her witness. But we can only bear witness to what we ourselves have experienced.

Christians are those who let God clothe them with goodness and mercy, with Christ, so as to become, like Christ, servants of God and others. This is clearly seen in the liturgy of Holy Thursday, with its rite of the washing of feet. Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet, but he came to realize that Jesus does not wish to be just an example of how we should wash one another's feet. Only those who have first allowed Jesus to wash their own feet can then offer this service to others. Only they have "a part" with him (Jn 13:8) and thus can serve others. Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to one body, and in him we cannot be indifferent to one another. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor 12:26).

Inkathi yokuzila yisikhathi sokuvuseleleka kwebandla lonke, sawo wonke umphakathi knaye nekholwa. Ngaphezu kwakho konke "yisikhathi segrasiya" (2 Cor – 6:2). UNkulunkulu akasiceli lokho angasiphanga kona. "siyathanda ngoba naye esithanda" (1 Jn 4:19). Akaziqhelilasile nathi. Omunye nomunye wethu unendawo enhliziywebnu yakhe. Usazi ngamagama, uyasinakelala uyasifuna noma sidukile. Uthando lwakhe alumvumeli ukuba abe ngokuhlukile kokwenzeka kithi. Isikhathi esiningi uma ngabe siphila futhi sihleli kakhle, siyakhohlwa abanye (okuyinto uNkulunkulu angakaze ayenze): Asibi nandaba nezinkinga zabo, ukuhlupheka kwabo. Izinhliziyo zethu ziya ngokubanda. Uma nje kuphela ngiphilile futhi ngihleli kahle, angicabangi ngalabo abaswele. Uthando lukaNkulunkulu luvala nokhu kuzicabangela sodwa okusenza singahluki. IBandla lisinika uthando lukaNkulunkulu ngezimfundiso kanye nangofakazi. Kodwa singaba ofakazi balokho esikubonile thina uqobo. AmaKristo yilawo avumela uNkulunkulu abambathise ngobuhle, ngomusa kanye noKristo, ukuze sifane

noKristo, abasebenzela uNkulunkulu kanye nabanye. Lokhu kuyabonakala ezifundweni zangolweSine oluNgcwele, labo kuwashwa izinyawo. UPeter wayengafuni ukuthi uJesus amgeze izinyawo zakhe, kodwa washesha wabona ukuthi uJesus akafuni nje ukuba yisibonelo sokuthi sigezane kanjani izinyawo. Labo abavumile ukuba uJesus abageze izinyawo bangakwazi ukuthi bageze abanye. Yilabo abahlangene nayo abazokwazi ukusebenzela abanye. Inkathi yokuzila yisikhathi esithandekayo sokuthi uKristo asisebenzele khona sizofana naye. Lokhu kwenzeka njalo uma sizwa izwi likaNkulunkulu nalapho samukela amasakramente, ikakhulukazi umzimba kaKristo. Lapho siba yilokho esikukholwayo: uMzimba kaKristo. Kulomzimba ayikho indawo yokungahluki lokhu okugcwele ezinhliziyweni zethu. Ngoba yiloye naloye okaKristo, uyingxeny yomzimba, futhi kuye angeke singakwazi ukuzihlukanisa kuye. "uma ngabe ingxeny ihlupheka, nezinye izingxeny ziyahlupheka; uma ngabe ingxeny eyodwa ihlonishwa, nezinye izingxeny ziyabelana ekujabuleni kwayo.

**Preliminary History of Maria Ratchitz Mission Station**

Besides the Motherhouse of Mariannahill no other Mission Station of the Trappist monks had such an interesting preliminary history as Maria Ratschitz. I February 1887 Abbot Francis Pfanner and Br. Nivard undertook in their "Spider", (a spider-like wagon) a trip to the North of Natal to survey the area in search of suitable places for erecting new mission stations. Before reaching Ladysmith they stopped at Wasbank and were kindly accommodated in the hotel "Meran". The hotel-keeper praised his neighbour, Chief Ngwenya, known by his people as chief "Wilhelm Afrika", calling him the only true African Christian. He was the farm manager of 4000 acres of land.

This was good news for the two zealous missionaries, who had a long and dangerous journey behind them. The following day they set out to visit the chief's place. They were received very kindly by his daughter, but disappointed by the absence of the chief and his wife. Abbot Pfanner was very much impressed by their orderly kept homestead. He left with an invitation for Chief Afrika to visit Mariannahill Mission. Mr. Afrika, accepting the invitation, travelled from Escort train-station to Pietermaritzburg and further to Mariannahill. At his 5 day stay he was equally impressed, especially by the high-school education that was offered at the mission and made plans right away to send his elder sons to attend Mariannahill High School as soon as possible. Abbot Pfanner found the area around Ladysmith suitable for a new mission station. Hoping for Mr Afrika's assistance, which he gave for his own chief – area. Pfanner had great plans as a keen missionary but no competent helpers and no money. He set out with unlimited faith, trusting in



the power of intercessory prayer to St. Josef. His dream ideas were: a St. Joseph's home, St. Joseph's church, St. Joseph's school. He felt urged to send his only priest, the vicar general, Fr. Pius, to the new mission field. On the 16 November 1889 the first "St. Joseph's Home" opened. It was a rented house. The room could only accommodate 17 children. Up to 70 adults attended daily Holy Mass and received catechetical instructions. Receiving a donation of 100 pound from an American donor failed to be enough to build a new school and furnish it. In March 1890 the month of St. Joseph, a turning for the better came. The abbot announced joyfully that a benefactress from Europe, by the name Maria Diettrich, intended to donate 15000 gulden and more to establish a mission station, named Maria Ratchitz. She requested that the church would be dedicated to "Our Lady of Sorrows". He own hometown Leitmeritz in northern

Bohemia, had a pilgrimage place by that name. "Our Lady of Sorrows". On the 13 July 1890 the financial plan for the purchase of a farm was made. In the absence of Abbot Pfanner, Prior Fr. Notker reported that Mr. Thattan's farm would be available for 5000 pounds. For the purchase the bank would make 2000 pounds available so Br. Nivard reported. He visited the place to convene all the Africans and their chief negotiators. On 14 August 1890 the farm Thelaphi, which was close to Mr. Afrika's homestead, was bought for 5000 pounds. 2000 pounds had to be paid immediately, 3000 pounds could be held in mortgage. This proved to cause great problems between the government and the church later on. After financial help from a Trappist community in France the mortgage was accepted for purchase of the farm and the transfer and the occupation of the new mission Maria Ratschitz could begin.

**Sr Mary Konelma**

**Umlando wangaphambili weMission yase Maria Ratschitz**

Ngaphandle nje kwendlu enkulu yaseMariannahill ayikho enye iMission yama-Trappist Monks enomlando ojulile njengaloyo waseMaria Ratschitz. Ngomhla 1 February 1887 uAbbot Francis Pfanner kanye no Br. Nirvard basuka ngenqola yabo "iscabucabu", (yayifana nesicabucabu) bathatha uhambo olwaya eNyakatho Natal ukuyobheka umhlaba ongalungela ukwakha iMission entsha. Ngaphambi kokuthi bafike eMnambithi bama eWasbank lapho bamukelwa kahle ehotela ababezohlala kulo elalibizwa ngeMeran. Umgcini mafa watusa kakhulu umakhelwane wakhe iNkosi uNgwenya, owayaziwa ngabantu bakhe njengo "Wilhelm Afrika", Wayaziwa njengonguMkristo weqiniso kuphela kubantu bamaAfrika. Wayengumnikazi wepulazi elalithatha umhlaba ongu 4000 acre. Lokhu kwaba yizindaba ezimnandi kumaMissinary amabili, ababenhamba olude futhi oluyingozi. Ngosuku olwalandelabavakashela iNkosi. Bamukelwa ngobubele yindodakazi yeNkosi, kodwa baphoxeka ngokungafici iNkosi kanye noNkosikazi wayo. UAbbot Pfanner wahlathsha umxhwele yindlela umuzi wawuhleleke ngayo. Wabe eseshiya isimemo sokuba iNkosi izovakasha eMariannahill Mission. UMinuzane Afrika wamukela isimemo wabe esesukela esiteshini samaphoyisa Mitshezi waya ePietermaritzburg lapho abe esedulela eMariannahill. Ekuhlaleni kwakhe izinsuku ezinhlanu wahlabeka umxhwele, ikakhulukazi ngezinga lemfundo eyayinikwa emission, kwaba laphoke enza khona izinhlelo zokuthumela amadodana akhe amadala ukuba ayofunda eMariannahill High School masishane. U-Abbot Pfanner wathola indawo eseduze kwaseMnambithi eyayifanele ukuba yimission entsha. Ethembele ekusizweni nguMnumzane Afrika, owamnika indawo okungeyakhe yobukhosi. uPfanner wabe enezinhlelo ezinkulu, kodwa babengekho abamsizayo ngolwazi futhi nemali yayingekho. Waqhubeka kepha enokholo olungapheliyo, ethembele futhi enxusa ngemikhuleko kuSt Josef. Imibono eyayingamaphupho akhe

kwakungukwakha iSt Joseph home, iSt Joseph Church, kanye nest Joseph School. Wezwa ephoqeleka ukuba athumele umpriste wakhe wokugcina, owayengumsizi wakhe, uFr Pious ukuba ezosebenza kulemission entsha. Mhla 16 November 1889 kwavulwa ngokokuqala " iSt Joseph's Home". Kwaba yindlu eyayiqashiswa. Lendlu yayingahlalisa abantu abantwana abangu 17. Kwakuba ngabantu abangafinyelela emashumini ayisikhombisa ababethamela iMisa eliyincwele nsukuzonke, futhi ababefunda izifundo zekhathekesima. Ukwamukelwa komnikelo ongu 100 pounds okwakuvela kowaseMelika akuzange kwanele ukuba kwakhiwe isikole esisha nokusifaka izimpahla. NgoMarch 1890 okuyinyanga kaSt Joseph, isimo sashintsha saba ngcono. uAbbot wamemezela ngokujabula ukuthi khona owaseEurope ogama lakhe kungu Maria Diettrich, owayezimisele ngokunikela ngo 15 000 Gulden kanye nangokunye okuningi okwakuzosiza ekwkheni imission, eyayizobi ngeMaria Ratschitz. Wabe esecela ukuba isonto libhekiswe ku" Mame Wetu weziNsizi". Idolobha lakhe eLeitmeritz enyakatho neBohemia, kunohambo olungcwele olwanikezwa lelogama. Mhla 13 July 1890 uhlelo lwezimali yokuthengwa kwepulazi lwavezwa. Wathi engekho uAbbot Pfanner, uFr Notker wabika ukuthi ipulazi likaMnumzane Thattan lingathengwa ngo 5 000 pounds. Ukuze lithengwe ibhange lizokwenza ukuba u 2000 pounds utholakale kubika uBr Nivard. Wavakashela indawo ukuhlanganisa wonke amaAfrika kanye neNkosi ukuze kuxoxiswane. Mhla 14 August 1890 ipulazi lakwaThelaphi elalisondelene nomuzi kaMnumzane Afrika lathengwa ngo 5000 pounds. Kwadingeka ukuba u 2000 pounds ukhokhwe masishane, u 3000 wasetshenziselwa ukubolekisa. Lokhu kwakhombisa ukuba yinkinga phakathi kukaHulumeni kanye neBandla emva kweminyaka. Emva kokutholakala kosizo olwaluvela kumphakathi wamaTrappist eFrance imali yokbolekisa yamukelwa ukuba ithenge ipulazi kanye nokushintsha nokuhlala emission entsha yaseMariannahill kwaqala.



**Simukela uBaba Buhlebenkosi Mngwengwe eMhlumayo Parish**

Ngasebenza unyaka owodwa ngelekelela e-Our Lady of Good Help-Verulam- Archdiocese of Durban. Ngase ngisebenza e- Oetting Mission -Hlokozi- Diocese of Mariannahill unyaka owodwa ngelekelela nengu-8 ngingu-Parish Priest. Ngadlula e- St. Joseph's- Mbongolwane- Diocese of Eshowe okwesikhashana lapho ngabamba izinyanga ezimbili ). Rev. Fr. Buhlebenkosi Johannes Mngwengwe, T.O.R.



## Intsha yePerishi yaseZakheni ibe (2014) nonyaka omangalisayo ... nakhu okwakwenzeka ..



Yintsha yaseZakheni ePark yakwa -A section lapho yayibambe igathering ngonyaka odlule 2014

Siyikomidi leperish lenhlangano yabantu abasha ngaphansi kwe-Ezakheni Perish sifisa ukugquzela emagatsheni ethu wonke ukubambisana okuhle. ukuze sizokwazi ukuthuthukisa i-Perish

yethu ngendlela esifisa ngayo ezoba impumelelo. Siyikomidi sifisa ukuzibophezela ekutheni okufiswa i-Perish yethu kwenzeka konke kube impumelelo futhi kube ikona okuzo kwenza abantu abasha kwiPerish

yethu babe ngamaKatholika akwaziyo ukusiza abanye abantu. Esikucela kakhulu ukuba amagatsha ethu asebenze ngokukhulu ukuzinikela ukuze sizoba namagatsha aqinile futhi nazokhanda

iPerish eqinile. Sicela kakhulu emakomidini amagatsha ukusebenzisana okuhle futhi okuhloniphekile. Ukusebenza nabantu abasha akuyona into elula kodwa kuzoba into ezosicija ukuze sikwazi ukubhekana nempilo ngaphandle noma emsebenzini. Sicela kakhulu emalangen abantu abasha kwi Perish yethu ukusebenzisana, ukubekezelelana, ukuhloniphana futhi sibe munye enkosini kwiPerish yethu. Ngithanda ukubonga wonke amagatsha ethu onyakeni ka 2014 ngendlela asebenze ngayo ngoba akwazile ukwenza lokhu ayekuthembisile kuma year plan awo. Sifisa ukubonga kakhulu nama Animators ethu akwazile ukusilekela sagcina sikwazile ukuthuthukisa amagatsha ethu. Sisazimisele futhi ukusebenza Kanye nawo. Sibonga futhi no Fr Benen Fahy ongu baba wethu okwaziyo kusilalela njalo uma kukhona esifisa ukukwenza emagatsheni ethu. Sithi nje kuwe baba wethu unwele ulude. Sibonge kakhulu nabazali bethu ngendima abayidlalayo enhlanganweni yabantu

abasha sithi kubo bengapheli amandla ngathi. Kuningi esikubheke emagatsheni ethu ngonyaka ka 2015 and wonke lamagatsha kumele akwazi ukuzimela futhi akwazi ukuzithuthukisa njenge nhlangano. Kunamagatsha okumele aqinise kakhulu 2015 futhi anghalali kakhulu ezinkingeni kodwa ahlale kakhulu ekuthuthukiseni ibandla Elikhatholika kwi Perish yethu. Kwi Perish yethu sinamagatsh amahlanu St Maria Magdalena, Maria Sangolezulu, Kwa Nina Womsindisi, St Francis Kanye no St Martin Ocwebileyo. 2015 sifisa ukuthuthukisa iPerish yethu ikwazi nayo ukuba sezingeni njengamanye amaperish. Sifisa ukuthi kubantu abasha asimthembe unkulunkulu kuzo zonke izingqinamba esibhekana nazo asibekeni yena phambili umdali wethu. Konke kusebenzelane ukube ngokuhle kwabamthandayo. Romans 8:28. Ngokukhulu ukuzithoba sinifisela IPHASIKA elihle nelibusisekile. SIMUNYE ENKOSINI..... JOE MABASO



**Bekuheleza umoya wenjabulo nentokoze eDrifontein Perish, egatsheni laseMbambabantu mhlaka 11 Jan 2015**, lapho uFr. Ndumiso Khumalo OFM enze khona imisa lokubonga kulandela ukugcotshwa kwakhe ePretoria mhlaka 03 Jan 2015. Lolusuku beluluhle ludelile, kunezihambeli ezivela ezindaweni ezihlukahlukwe, nezindela, kanti noMndeni wakwaKhumalo ubuphume ngobuningi bawo ukuzothokoza nendodana yawo. Bekukhona nezimenywa zasebuKhosini bakwaKhumalo kwazise iPerish yase Driefontein yakhe khona endaweni yesizwe saBentungwa-Kholwa Tribal Authority. Intshumayelo yethulwe uFr. Tom Shabalala OFM, nobonakalise ukuziqgaja okukhulu ngenani

labapriste abakhiqizwe I Denary yase Mnambithi, nathe uNdumiso kumele anyathele ezithendeni zabapriste "abangogalagala", abalandela abanye "ogalagala" babapriste abakulesiFunda-Bhishobhi sase Dundee. uFr. Moyo ongumpriste we Driefontein Perish udlulise amazwi okukhuthaza uFr. Ndumiso ngohambo nezimo asozohlangabezana nazo ohambeni lwakhe lobuPriste, wamhalalisela ngempumelelo yakhe nangokuzinikela. uFr Ndumiso uzwakalise injabulo enkulu ngendlela ibandla elimamukele ngayo nendlela umcimbi obuhleleke ngayo. Ube esedlulisa amazwi okubonga ebandleni ikakhulukazi eMbambabantu kanye nakothisha bakhe bekhathekizima

ngokumkhulisa ngokokholo aze afike kulelizinga aseculo. Uphinde wabonga iperish, yase Blessed Josephe Nardini, e Ndlangubo ngaseMpangeni ngokumnika ithuba njengoba enza khona internship yezinyanga eziyisithupha ethwasela ukuba umpriste. Ube esebonga namapherishi ngokumsekela, ikakhulukazi i Besters Parish lapho enza khona i novitiate. Waphinde wabonga uFr Bheki Ntombela owaqguquzela ibizelo lakhelo bupriste. Emva kweMisa, ibandla nezinhlangano ziphe u Fr Ndumiso izipho emva kwalokho izihambeli namalungu ebandla bezihlelelwe okuya ngasethunjini, bekusindwe ngobethole, kufinywa ngendololwane.



**Sr Bongekile Madikizela made her final vows** as a Franciscan Missionary of Mary on 28th December 2014 at Dutyini, Bizana. Her vows were received by Sr Judith Lynch FMM, provincial superior, during a joyful celebration of the Mass. The main celebrant was Bishop Zolile Mpambani SCJ, and among the priests gathered were Frs Piotr and Marek, who'd been in the parish at Mpuluzi at the time Sr Bongekile was there as a young religious. Franciscan Missionaries of Mary came from afar communities to join Sr Bongekile's family and home parish for the celebration.



**Pope Francis speaks to families in the Philippines (and to our families as well)**

"Dear families, dear friends in Christ, "The Scriptures seldom speak of St. Joseph, but when they do, we often find him resting, as an angel reveals God's will to him in his dreams. I would like to rest in the Lord with all of you, and to reflect with you on the gift of the family. "Joseph's rest revealed God's will to him. In this moment of rest in the Lord, as we pause from our many daily obligations and activities, God is also speaking to us. He speaks to us in the reading we have just heard, in our prayer and witness, and in the quiet of our hearts. Let us reflect on what the Lord is saying to us. "Resting in the Lord. Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the many demands placed on us. But rest is also essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God's voice and understand what he asks of us. Joseph was chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. As Christians, you too are called, like Joseph, to make a home for Jesus. You make a home for him in your hearts, your families, your parishes and your communities. "To hear and accept God's call, to make a home for Jesus, you must be able to rest in the Lord. You must make time each day for prayer. But you may say to me: Holy Father, I want to pray, but there is so much work to do! I must care for my children; I have chores in the home; I am too tired even to sleep well. This may be true, but if we do not pray, we will not know the most important thing of all: God's will for us. And for all our activity, our busy-ness, without prayer we will accomplish very little. "Resting in prayer is especially important for

families. It is in the family that we first learn how to pray. There we come to know God, to grow into men and women of faith, to see ourselves as members of God's greater family, the Church. In the family we learn how to love, to forgive, to be generous and open, not closed and selfish. We learn to move beyond our own needs, to encounter others and share our lives with them. That is why it is so important to pray as a family! That is why families are so important in God's plan for the Church! Those precious moments of repose, of resting with the Lord in prayer, are moments we might wish to prolong. But like St. Joseph, once we have heard God's voice, we must rise from our slumber; we must get up and act. Faith does not remove us from the world, but draws us more deeply into it. Each of us, in fact, has a special role in preparing for the coming of God's kingdom in our world. "Just as the gift of the Holy Family was entrusted to Saint Joseph, so the gift of the family and its place in God's plan is entrusted to us. The angel of the Lord revealed to Joseph the dangers which threatened Jesus and Mary, forcing them to flee to Egypt and then to settle in Nazareth. So too, in our time, God calls upon us to recognize the dangers threatening our own families and to protect them from harm. "The pressures on family life today are many. While all too many people live in dire poverty, others are caught up in materialism and lifestyles which are destructive of family life and the most basic demands of Christian morality. The family is also threatened by growing efforts on the part of some to redefine the very institution of marriage, by relativism, by the culture of the ephemeral, by a

lack of openness to life. Every threat to the family is a threat to society itself. The future of humanity, as St. John Paul II often said, passes through the family. So protect your families! See in them your country's greatest treasure and nourish them always by prayer and the grace of the sacraments. Families will always have their trials, but may you never add to them! Instead, be living examples of love, forgiveness and care. Be sanctuaries of respect for life, proclaiming the sacredness of every human life from conception to natural death. What a gift this would be to society, if every Christian family lived fully its noble vocation! So rise with Jesus and Mary, and set out on the path the Lord traces for each of you. Joseph listened to the angel of the Lord and responded to God's call to care for Jesus and Mary. In this way he played his part in God's plan, and became a blessing not only for the Holy Family, but a blessing for all of humanity. With Mary, Joseph served as a model for the boy Jesus as he grew in wisdom, age and grace. When families bring children into the world, train them in faith and sound values, and teach them to contribute to society, they become a blessing in our world. God's love becomes present and active by the way we love and by the good works that we do. We extend Christ's kingdom in this world. And in doing this, we prove faithful to the prophetic mission which we have received in baptism. I would ask you, as families, to be especially mindful of our call to be missionary disciples of Jesus. This means being ready to go beyond your homes and to care for our brothers and sisters who are most in need. I ask you especially to show concern for those who do not have a family of their own, in particular those who are elderly and children without parents. Never let them feel isolated, alone and abandoned, but help them to know that God has not forgotten them. You may be poor yourselves in material ways, but you have an abundance of gifts to offer when you offer Christ and the community of his Church. Do not hide your faith; do not hide Jesus, but carry him into the world and offer the witness of your family life!



**Umlando kaReverend Fr Dumisani Gugulethu Mhlongo**



U Reverend Father Dumsani Gugulethu Mhlongo uzalwe ngo 19 May 1970, eSwazini ezalwa nguSamuel Mbongwa Mhlongo beno Amy Nomantaliyane Dlamini. Bebeyisithupha kwabo abafana ababili namantombazane amane. Ufunde amabanga aphantsi eSwazini, Peak Piggs Nazarene (grade 1 and 2), St Francis Primary School (Standard 1), Springvale Combined School (Standard 2- Standard 5), Siyakhula Secondary School (Form 1 - Form 3), Mqhakama High School (Form 4 - Form 5). Ngenxa yempilo ubuye waya eSt Mary's Seminary, eXopo ukuyqedela khona. Ngonyaka ka 1995 uqale izifundo zakhe zobuPriste eSt Francis Xavier Seminary, eCape Town. Ube eseqala iPhilosophy Programme eSt Peter's Seminary ngonyaka 1996-1997, ePitoli. Uqale izifundo

zeTheology ngo 1998-2002, St John Vianney Seminary, ePitoli. Ugcotshelwe ubuDikoni ngo 7 July 2002, eKevealar Mission. Ngo July ka 2002 ube umsizi womPriste eKevealar Mission, njengoMdikoni. Ubese esegcotshwelwa ubuPriste ngo 16 December 2002, eSt Joseph's Cathedral. Ngonyaka ka 2003 usebenze njengomisizi woMpriste eMhlabashana Mission. Ngawo futhi lowonyaka ka 2003 ukhethelwe ukuba abe uMelukeki we Legion of Mary. Uphinde wakhethwa waba iRepresentative yeSchool Governing Body eButhathubunye School eMhlabashana. Ngonyaka ka 2004 kuya ku-2010 usebenze njengeParish Priest eSt Catherine's Mission, eBulwer. Ngo 2010 kuya ku-2011 usebenze njengeParish Priest eLotheni, eStepmore Ngonyaka ka-2011 uthunyelwe ukuba ayosebenza kuSifundabhisobhi saseDundee. Usebenze oPhongolo Parish kusuka ku-2011 kuya ku-2013 njengoMpriste ophethe. Ngonyaka ka 2013 kuya ku-2014 usebenze eDannhauser eSt Paul Parish. Udlude emhlabeni emva kokugula isikhashana esincane mhla zingu 10 December 2014. Ushiye emhlabeni unina Nomantaliyane Dlamini no Samuel Mbongwa Mhlongo, nodadewabo abathathu nomfowabo oyedwa.



**Bishop's Calender**

**February**

- 07 Pomeroy – Augustinian Sisters Superior General visit
- 11/12 Maria Ratschitz – re Development of Pilgrimage
- 14 Newcastle – Year of Consecrated Life
- 16 Volksrust – Diocesan Priests
- 17 Newcastle - Arrival of Tyburn Nuns
- 19 Johannesburg – Little Eden Foundation
- 25 Dundee – MSFS Superior General Visit

**March**

- 03 Newcastle – Consultants
- 07 Newcastle – Catechments Fr Rocco
- 11 Newcastle – Sisizakele Blessing of School Hall
- 12 Pietermaritzburg – RC/Anglicans ARCIC
- 19 Vryheid – Catholic Schools Office
- 26 -27 Johannesburg – Wedding

**April**

- 14 Durban – Glenmore Metropolitan Bishops
- 19 Kriel – Confirmation
- 27 Pretoria – Archbishop George Daniel Celebration