

## DHC UPDATE: JUNE 2014



### WE'VE REACHED THE ROOF

With the structural steelwork completed this month the work now moves to completing the brickwork and finishes over the next four months. The builders are racing ahead to make up the rain delays and the DHC project team are in a race against time to secure the last R4.5M by the end of September. The project team led by Paddy are trying to ensure that at the end of each month we have sufficient money in the bank to pay the construction invoices. In addition to construction work, there is also a parallel exercise to outfit each of the rooms with furniture and equipment. By the time building is completed the various projects and committees expect to have raised sufficient funds for the most essential furniture and equipment so they can be operational immediately after the move from the temporary accommodation.

(Pic – Barker Sky Imaging)



Cardinal Napier blessing the foundation stone of the Denis Hurley Centre on 13 February 2014, 10th anniversary of Archbishop Hurley's death

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION

All parishes of the Durban Archdiocese are requested by Cardinal Napier to take a special collection for the Denis Hurley Centre at Masses over the weekend of 26 and 27 July. In his message to parish priests the Cardinal mentions that this is one of the biggest and most ambitious projects the Archdiocese has ever undertaken – to benefit the poorest and most vulnerable. He urges the parishes to make use of the various items available to motivate their congregations to give generously especially as we reach the completion of the building and have to make the final payments. Orders can be placed with Jean-Marie on 031 301-2240/ 072 549-0338 for donation envelopes, A4 leaflets & posters, prayer cards, homily notes, t-shirts, coffee mugs, and DVDs. Other churches and faiths are also most welcome to order and use these items.

(Pic – JM Ntamubano)



Auntie Ruth Minor (right) with other Nkosinathi volunteers Tracy Bolt (left) and Shelly Louw, prays with Fr Stephen before preparing the Sunday lunch for homeless and unemployed people.

### A REMARKABLE VOLUNTEER

In the May issue of "DHC Update" we highlighted the contribution of overseas volunteers. In this issue the spotlight is on the work of local volunteers through the story of Auntie Ruth Minor, a remarkable person who has just died at the age of 88. Ruth was a faithful volunteer for the Nkosinathi project from its inception 11 years' ago, after she had retired from a factory job, right up until February this year. She would arrive before anyone else at 8.00a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays to begin preparing food, and then help with cooking and serving. "Her passion was to serve the poorest of the poor" says Ishmael Chishanu, Coordinator, and Father Stephen Tully adds "When I think of Auntie Ruth I see her peeling potatoes – she always seemed to be peeling potatoes." Auntie Ruth's Requiem Mass took place at Emmanuel Cathedral on 7 June. May she rest in peace.

(Pic – Paul Fettes)



From left: George Muchna, Pat Fleuriot, Father Justin Stirton, Mbusi Dlamini and John Snook

### "RIGHT AND JUST"

This is the name of a very active group at the Pinetown Catholic Parish. Their task is to encourage the owners of companies, small and large, to donate their BEE (economic empowerment) contributions to the Denis Hurley Centre and its projects. According to their leader, George Muchna, the group chose to support the Denis Hurley Centre because it is a diocesan project which deserves the support of all parishes. They were impressed by the holistic approach of its outreach projects – not just providing hot meals, or clothing, or a clinic, or helping refugees and job seekers, but all of these combined. Their hope is to raise sufficient funds to help the centre become self-sustaining in the long term. "We believe it is the right thing to do – it is truly right and just!", says George who can be reached on (031) 765-1720, (084) 466- 8877 and at Email: acorn.express@absamail.co.za

(Pic - Supplied)

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