



CATHOLIC NEWS BULLETIN

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ARCHBISHOP'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

It is a great honour and privilege to greet you in the New Year after we have been persecuted by the Covid-19 pandemic. We have seen so many people dying left, right and centre but God in his goodness and mercy has decided to spare us from this deadly virus. How can we repay the Lord for his goodness to us? Let us not fool ourselves into thinking that Covid-19 is now over. We are encouraged to take all the precautionary measures against this disease. We encourage all people to go for vaccination so that we protect our own lives and the lives of other people.

NEWS ITEMS:

Monsignor Neil Frank OMI

We heartily congratulate him on his appointment as Coadjutor Bishop of Mariannhill Diocese. We extend our congratulations to his family, Oblate family and the Diocese of Mariannhill, the latter being on the receiving end. His Episcopal ordination will take place at Mariannhill on 26 February 2022.

Sr Josephine Maseko

We congratulate her on her appointment as Provincial Superior of the Daughters of Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We wish her a successful term of office.

Professions and Jubilees at Montebello

On 8th January 2022 the Dominican Sisters of Montebello had the following celebrations:

Sr Assumpta Mosia OP	First Profession
Sr Gloria Hlongwa OP	Silver Jubilee (25)
Sr Amata Msomi OP	Golden Jubilee (50)
Sr Reginald Zuma OP	Golden Jubilee (50)
Sr Michael Mdluli OP	Diamond Jubilee (60)
Sr Alexia Nduli OP	Diamond Jubilee (60)
Sr Mattia Tenza OP	Diamond Jubilee (60)
Sr Hilda Mhlongo OP	Diamond Jubilee (60)

Sr Lawrentia Dlamini OP Diamond Jubilee (60)

We congratulate them and pray that the good Lord continues to bless them and grant them good health.

Archbishop Jwara's special days in February:

1st February Birthday (65)

2nd February Religious Profession (40)

14th February Priestly Ordination (35)

Please do say a short prayer for me on those days.

Maintenance of our Cathedral

I kindly appeal to everyone in the Archdiocese of Durban to support the project of maintaining the Cathedral. The Cathedral is not only our treasure but is the face of our Archdiocese. There is no sane person who would feel comfortable being in public with a disfigured face. Therefore, let us make every effort to keep our Cathedral in good condition. Remember that the Cathedral is the Mother Church of our local church. Please do support the initiatives of Fr Sabelo Mkhize and his parish team.

Pray for our sick priests

We pray that the good Lord may touch and heal the following brothers so that they may be well again: Fr Mthokozisi Mncwabe OMI and Fr Mhlengi Ngcobo

Condolences:

Our heartfelt condolences to Fr Allan Moss OMI and his family on the death of his sister. Please remember the family in your prayers.

+ **Siegfried Mandla Jwara CMM**
Archbishop of Durban

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

We have pleasure in announcing the following clergy appointments:

With effect from January 2022:

Fr Samuel Gitonga IMC	Woodlands, Pmb.	Parish Priest
Fr David Houbert	Maris Stella; St Benedict	Schools Chaplain
Fr Lindokuhle Miya	Holy Trinity, Berea	Acting Parish Priest (until 04.04.22)

With effect from February 2022:

Fr Gilbert Tatsi SCJ	Eastwood, Pmb.	Parish Priest
Fr Benno Singer MCCJ	St Joan of Arc, Pmb.	Parish Priest (until 01.02.2023)

We thank you for accepting these appointments and pray that the Lord may guide you in the exercise of your ministry and that his Spirit may be with you in the service that you render to the People of God.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OUR CATHEDRAL EYETHU

The Emmanuel Cathedral is the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Durban. It belongs to all of us: priests, religious brothers and sisters, the laity of the Archdiocese of Durban, present and past. We give thanks to God for it and we are always happy to gather in this magnificent Church as the Church of Durban for all significant celebrations e.g. ordinations, Chrism Masses, and other important celebrations and events that manifest the unity and life of the People of God in this part of the Church in Southern Africa.

The foundation stone of this magnificent Church was laid on 1st January 1902 by Bishop Charles Jolivet OMI and the Church was completed by Christmas 1903. The Emmanuel Cathedral was officially dedicated on the 12th November 1904 under the leadership of Bishop Henri Delalle OMI, who succeeded Bishop Jolivet (who is buried at the head of the centre aisle, just outside the sanctuary, in September 1903). Bishop Delalle was succeeded by Archbishop Denis Hurley OMI, then Cardinal Wilfrid Napier OFM who has recently been succeeded by Archbishop Siegfried Jwara CMM.

Our Cathedral is almost 120 years old. Over the years, some major renovations have been done inside and outside the building. In the past such renovations were done once in a while; but of late it is becoming more and more necessary to have regular renovations, fixing and maintenance because of the age of the building but also because uninvited guests (thieves) have frequented the place and damaged some of its important parts.

For example, last year we realized that most of the asbestos gutters were breaking and falling away and this causes uncontrollable damage to the walls especially during days of heavy and unusual rains. A few weeks ago, we also discovered that some important copper sheets that seal the roof valleys have been stolen. We wondered how, but we have realized that some water downpipes along Cathedral Road are loose which means that these 'experienced thieves' use them to climb to the roof and steal the copper. Most of the tiles have been removed and/or broken in order to access the copper sealing. With the current rains, we have witnessed serious leaks inside the church and in the presbytery and these are causing very dangerous wetness on walls which weakens the firmness of the building. Once the roof is gone, we may as well be certain that the walls will follow!

For the stolen copper sheets, we may approach the insurance company, but for the normal maintenance and revamp which is due; this we have to do from our own resources... which we do not have. Recently the Bell Tower was renovated and the 1904 Pipe Organ is under serious renovations (but it is now playing beautifully), thanks to the insurance for covering some of the costs but more is still needed. The three new tombs for the Archbishops are being built because we have none vacant and, of course, we must have one or two vacant at all times. But the urgent issue now is the roof of the Cathedral and the Presbytery.

The Cathedral Committee under the guidance of the current Administrator (Fr Sabelo Mkhize), has established a Fundraising Project in order to have immediate repairs done but also to keep this fundraiser for the ongoing maintenance of the Cathedral. With the help and permission of the Archbishop and the Archdiocese, we have opened a special account to help meet these urgent needs of our Cathedral. We are hoping to gather 400 willing people (daughters and sons of the Archdiocese of Durban, friends of Emmanuel Cathedral and willing donors) to donate R2500.00 per year into this fund for the repairs and maintenance of the Cathedral. 400 X R2500.00 means 1million rand a year. We are praying that more than 400 people will respond to this plea and some may even be willing to offer more than R2500.00 per year. Please note that this sum may be paid in one amount but may also be paid off slowly provided that the Donor makes sure that within a year the total of R2500 has been paid.

Dear brothers and sisters, dear friends of Emmanuel Cathedral, should you wish to participate in the project (for the Renovation and Maintenance of our Cathedral), here are the following procedures:

Kindly respond to this invitation and request by sending an email to the Administrator of the Cathedral: Fr Sabelo Mkhize, administrator@emmanuelcathedral.org.za or finance@emmanuelcathedral.org.za. In that email please provide your name, email address and contact number. We are creating a list of people willing to contribute and we have started with our staff and committees here at the Cathedral and the Administrator is number one on the list! Your contact details will ensure that you get all necessary updates, for example, how far the fundraising project is going and what work is being done and details of how the funds are being administered and used.

Monthly Statements of the account will be sent to all Donors. Costs of necessary renovations and repairs (expenditure) will also be communicated to all Donors. Please join the project. Without us working together, our beautiful Cathedral and Presbytery will collapse. Please also invite any people you know who would welcome the idea of becoming donors for the upkeep of the Emmanuel Cathedral. This church is OURS – Emmanuel Cathedral EYETHU!

We invite all Cathedral parishioners, people who were baptized or got married in the Cathedral, families that belonged to the Cathedral even long time ago. This is the time to rebuild our beautiful Cathedral.

Finally, I would like to thank the former administrators of the Cathedral. It is not easy to keep this place up to standard. A lot of energy and preparedness are some of the requirements for the administrator! The face of the Cathedral community has changed. There are more less-advantaged people and one cannot expect them to fund every maintenance project, as willing as many are, thank God, but a more combined effort will make a huge difference. The Cathedral belongs to everyone and to every Parish of the Archdiocese of Durban. Please extend this invitation to parishioners in all parishes of our Archdiocese and people and friends you know who will support the project. Next year we are hoping to have few fundraising events as well,

praying Covid-19 will subside and give us a chance to rebuild this house of God. With your help, this will be possible.

Once you receive a response from the Administrator acknowledging receipt of your offer or willingness to participate in the project, please deposit the money into this account:

Name: Archdiocese of Durban – Our Cathedral Eyethu

Bank: Nedbank

Account Number: 9022431209

Type: Savings

Branch Code: 198765

Sincerely yours in Christ and our Patroness, Immaculate Mary

Fr Sabelo Mkhize, Administrator

INCWADI EPHUMA EHOVISI LIKA ADMINISTRATOR OUR CATHEDRAL EYETHU

I Emmanuel Khathedrali inguMame kwiSifundabhishobhi esikhulu saseThekwini. Ingeyethu sonke; abapriste, amakholwa onke, nabangabasizi kwiSifundabhishobhi esikhulu saseThekwini, kwabasaphila nabangasekho. Simnika udumo uNkulunkulu ngalokhu futhi siyajabula ngokuhlanganyela ndawonye kuleliSonto elihle kangaka eliseThekwini, eliyinxenye yeBandla eNingizimu Afrika okwenzelwa kulona imikhosi njenge; imigcobo, iMisa lamafutha, neminye imigubho ebalulekile kanye nemicimbi ebonakalisa ubunye nempilo yabantu bakaNkulunkulu.

Itshe eliyisisekelo saleliSonto elibaluleke kangaka labekwa nguMbhishobhi Charles Jolovet (OMI) ngomhlaka 1 Januwari 1902 laqedwa ukwakhiwa ngoKhisimusi ka 1903. I Emmanuel Khathedrali yanikezelwa ngokusemthethweni ngomhlaka 12 Novemba 1904 ngaphansi kobuholi bukaMbhishobhi Henri Delalle (OMI), owayelandelwa uMbhishobhi Omkhulu Denis Hurley (OMI), kwalandela uKhadinali Wilfrid Napier (OFM) osanda kulandelwa uMbhishobhi Omkhulu Siegfried Mandla Jwara (CMM).

I Khathedrali cishukuba isineminyaka engu 120 ubudala. Isilungiswe kakhulu ngaphakathi nangaphandle eminyakeni edlule. Ibilokhu ilungiswa ngezikhathi ezithile; muva nje isifuna ukulokhu ilungiswa, iqiniswe futhi igcinwe isesimweni esikahle ngenxa yobudala besakhiwo nangenxa yezivakashi ezingamenywa (izigebengu) esezivame ukulimaza izingxenye ezibalulekile zesakhiwo.

Nazi izibonelo; Ngonyaka odlule siqaphele ukuthi ama gutters ayaphuka futhi ayawa bese kulimaza udonga ngokungalawuleki kwamanzi ikakhulukazi uma kunesiphapho nezimvula ezinkulu. Emasontweni edlule sithole ukuthi ezinye zezingxenye zama copper sheets anamathelisa uphahla zintshontshiwe. Sazibuza ukuthi kanjani, saqaphela nokuthi namapayipi

okwehlisa amanzi ngaku Cathedral Road ase yaxega okusho ukuthi 'izigebengu ezinobuchwepheshe' zisebenzisa wona ukufinyelela ophahleni zintshontshe i copper. Ama tiles amaningi asusiwe futhi/ noma aphuliwe ukuze bafinyelele kwi copper. Kulezimvula ebezinetha sibone ukuvuza okunzimangaphakathi esontweni nasesakhiweni sendlu yoMpriste, lokhu kuyingozi enkulu ebanga ukumata kodonga lwesakhiwo bese luntenga. Uma kungaphephuka uphahla noma kanjani nezindonga ziyalandela!

Singakhuluma nenkampani yomshwalense ngokwebiwa kwe copper, kodwa ngokugcinwa kahle nokuvuselelwa okufanele kwesakhiwo, lokhu kumele kwenzeke ngokwamandla ethu...esingenawo.

Muva nje umbhoshongo wensimbi ulungisiwe kanti nogubhu (organ) lwekhetelo luka 1904 lilungiswe kanzima (seludlala kahle kakhulu), Siyabonga kumshwalense ngokukhokhela ezinye zezindleko ,yize kusakuningi okudingekayo. Amathuna amathathu abaBhishobhi ayakhiwa njengoba singasekho isikhala, ngoba kumele libekhona elilodwa noma amabili. Kodwa udaba olubalulekile ngolophahla lweKhathedrali nendlu yoMpriste.

Ikomidi laseKhathedrali ngaphansi koMphathi okhona (Fr Sabelo Mkhize), lisungule isikhwama saloluhlelo ukuze kube nokuzolungiswa ngokushesha nokuthi lesikhwama sigcinelwe ukulungiswa okuqhubekayo eKhathedrali. Ngemvume nangosizo lukaMbhishobhi Omkhulu kanye neSifundabhishobhi, sivule i-account eyisipesheli yokusiza ukuhlangabezana nezidingo eziphuthumayo zeKhathedrali. Sifisa ukuba nesibalo sabantu abangu 400 (amadodana namadodakazi eSifundabhishobhi saseThekwini, abangani be-Emmanueli Khathedrali, abafisa ukunikela), abanganikela isamba sikaR2500 ngonyaka, kulesikhwama sokulungisa nokunakekela iKhathedrali. $400 \times R2500 = R1m$ ngonyaka.

Sikhulekela ukuthi isibalo sabazonikela singaba ngaphezulu kuka 400 nokuthi abanye banikele ngokungaphezulu kwalokhu ngonyaka. Qaphela ukuthi lesamba singakhokhwa kube kanye ngonyaka noma kancane kancane kodwa ozokhokha aqiniseke ukuthi kuzophela unyaka isihlangene imali engu R2500.

Bafowethu nodadewethu abathandekayo, bangani baseKhathedrali kwabafisa ukubamba iqhaza kuloluhlelo lokulungiswa nokunakekelwa kweKhathedrali yethu, kuzomele balandele loluhlelo;

Nicelwa ukuba niphendule kulesimemo ngokuthumela ubhalonyazi (email) kuMphathi weKhathedrali: Fr Sabelo Mkhize, administrator@emmanuelcathedral.org.za noma finance@emmanuelcathedral.org.za, ubhale igama nesibongo neminingwane okungaxhunyanwa ngayo nawe. Sisungule ikhasi oluzoba nohlu lwabafisa ukunikela, kuloluhlu siqale ngokubhalisa abasebenzi bethu kanye nekomidi lalapha eKhathedrali, kanti uMphathi usekuqaleni kuloluhlu! Ungafika futhi ehovisi ucele ukubona uFata.

Imininingwane yakho iyona ezoqinisekisa ukuthi uhlale unolwazi ngokwenzekayo njengokuthi; seluhambe lwafinyelela kuphi loluhlelo nokuthi ukusebenza kuhamba kanjani nezimali ziphethwe futhi zisebenza kanjani.

Kuzothunyelwa izitatimende kubobonke abanikelayo. Inani elisebenzile, okulungisiwe kanye nezindleko kokwaziswa abanikelayo.

Sicela uzibandakanye naloluhlelo. Uma singasebenzi ngokubambisana iKhathedrali yethu enhle kanye nendlu yoMpriste kuzobhidlika. Sicela nimeme bonke enibaziyo abangathanda lombono wokugcinwa kwe Emmanueli Khathedrali isesimweni esihle. LeliSonto ELETHU – Emmanueli Khathedrali – EYETHU! Simema wonke amakholwa aseKhathedrali, ababhabhadiswe nabashadela khona, imindeni okwakungeyakhona. Lesi sikhathi sokwakha kabusha iKhathedrali yethu.

Elokugcina, ngithanda ukubonga abaphathi baphambilini beKhathedrali. Akulula ukugcina lendawo ngokufanele. UMphathi kumele alungele ukufaka umfutho omkhulu. Isimo somphakathi waseKhathedrali sesishintshile. Sebebaningi okungeke kubelula ukubalindela ukuba banikelele konke okudinga ukulungiswa yize befisa, kanti uma kuzanywa ngokuhlanganyela kungenza umehluko omkhulu. I-Khathedrali ekawonkewonke futhi eyamapherishi wonke eSifundabhishobhi esikhulu saseThekwini. Sicela nisabalalise lesimemo emakholweni asemapherishini onke aleSifundabhishobhi esikhulu, kubantu nakubangani enaziyo ukuthi bangalweseka loluhlelo. Siyethemba ngonyaka ozayo sizoba nezinhlalo zemicimbi yokuqoqwa kwezimali. Sikhulekela ukuthi iCovid 19 ingabohla sithole ithuba lokwakha lendlu kaNkulunkulu. Lokhu kungenzeka ngosizo lwenu.

Umnikelo ungafakwa kule account:

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Owenu kuKristo, nakuMnxuseli wethu uMaria iVirigo elingenasici.

Fr Sabelo Mkhize, Administrator

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER (CEE)

Below is a message from the outgoing CEE coordinator to all parish priests:

I would like to update you on the current status regarding Catholic Engaged Encounter in KZN. As you know, we have not been conducting in-person weekends due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the interim, our JHB CEE team has been running Zoom weekends and KZN couples have been invited to attend one of these weekends. These Zoom weekends are continuing for now and there is a weekend planned every month excluding April and December. The cost for the Zoom weekend is currently R600 per couple.

The upcoming weekend dates are as follows:

26 - 27 February 2022

26 - 27 March 2022

28 - 29 May 2022

Couples use the following link to book online if they wish to attend a Zoom weekend:

<https://engaged-encounter.herokuapp.com>.

The Durban CEE team are hoping to commence in-person weekends in the near future, we will advise the proposed dates as soon as possible.

I would also like to advise that after many years of handling the bookings and enquiries I am handing over the Bookings portfolio to one of our team members, Jacinta Lambert. Jacinta will take over the bookings and enquiries with immediate effect and will take over the Durban CEE booking email address - dbnbookings@engagedencounter.co.za, shortly. Her personal email address is Jacintalambert41@gmail.com but I would suggest that you use the bookings email address for CEE enquiries and bookings.

I would like to thank you for the ongoing support you have given to this very special ministry. I have enjoyed our many interactions over the years and wish you all well for 2022. I hope you and your families have a blessed, happy and healthy year. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards
Lauren Confait
Tel: +27 733049160

SCHOOL NEWS



(Archbishop Jwara and Maris Stella Pupils – Opening Academic Mass, 26 January 2022)

The Archdiocese would like to warmly congratulate the following Catholic Schools on their outstanding Matric Results for the last year (2021).

- Maris Stella School – 100% Bachelor’s Degree Pass Rate
- Our Lady of Fatima Convent School – 100% Bachelor’s Degree Pass Rate
- St. Henry’s Marist College – 100% Pass Rate
- Holy Family College – 100% Pass Rate
- St Benedict School – 96% Pass Rate

To all the staff and students at these schools, as well as all our catholic educational institutions around the Archdiocese, we wish a most blessed and fruitful 2022.

DIOCESAN DIARY

February 2022

1	Archbishop’s 65 th Birthday celebrations	
2	Archbishop’s 40 th anniversary of Religious Profession, Mariannhill	
4	Ntshongweni Committee Meeting	
4	Confirmation: Virginia	Archbishop
5-6	Greytown	Archbishop
6	Confirmation: Greytown	Archbishop
7	Chancery Meeting	
8	Commissions Meeting	
9-10	Diocesan Priests Business Meeting and Recollection Day	
11	Building Committee Meeting	
12	Holy Family Schools Trust Meeting	Archbishop
12	Confirmation: Morningside	Archbishop
13	Denis Hurley Weekend	Archbishop
13	Confirmation: Pinetown	Vicar General
14	Archbishop’s 35 th anniversary of Priestly Ordination	
14	Diaconate Board Meeting	
15	KZN Catechetical Coordinators Meeting	Archbishop
16	Opening of the Judicial Year	Archbishop
17	DMI Review Meeting	
18	Napier Centre 4 Healing	Archbishop
19	Confirmation: Clairwood	Vicar General

20	Opening Mass at St Ambrose Formation House	Archbishop
21	Day Off	Archbishop
22	Liturgy Commission Meeting	
23	St Anne's Sodality Executive Meeting	Archbishop
24	Catholic Schools Board Executive Meeting	Archbishop
26	Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Neil Frank OMI	
27	Confirmation: Bellair-Queensburgh	Archbishop
27	Confirmation: Woodlands, Pietermaritzburg	Vicar General
28	Finance Board Meeting	