



# **CATHOLIC NEWS BULLETIN**

## **ARCHDIOCESE OF DURBAN**

### **JULY/AUGUST 2024**

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#### **ARCHBISHOP'S CORNER**

We congratulate the following brothers who celebrated the anniversaries of their priestly ordination during the month of July: -

- Fr. Pierre Lavoipierre 60 years
- Bishop Elias Zondi 30 years
- Fr. Stephen Tully 30 years
- Fr. Zakhele Nzama 25 years

Thank you for your faithful service in the Lord's vineyard. May God bless you abundantly as you continue with your ministry.

#### **WELCOME BACK!**

We heartily welcome back home Fr. Michael Nadaraju, who has just completed his studies in Rome. We congratulate him for his licentiate degree in Canon Law which he passed well.

#### **PLEASE KEEP OUR DEAR BROTHERS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- Fr. Julian Davey whose mother is not well.
- Fr. David Houbert whose mother is in the ICU in hospital.

We pray for their speedy recovery.

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Our heartfelt condolences to Fr. Mndeni Hadebe who lost his dear mother on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2024. Please remember the Hadebe family in your prayers and may their beloved mother rest in the peace and goodness of God our loving Father.

#### **CHANCERY STAFF**

I would like to thank Mrs. Helene Barhoochi who has faithfully served the Archdiocese of Durban for almost four decades. She was like a walking dictionary, very informative on the

matters of the Church and a straightforward person. We pray that she may enjoy her well-deserved retirement.

We welcome Miss Nomzamo Dlamini who has taken over from her as the Vicar General/Auxiliary Bishop's secretary.

Mr. Zibukele Mqadi has also retired, and we thank him for his dedicated service as Caritas co-ordinator for 17 years. He advocated fearlessly for the poor and the marginalized. He stood firm in his fight for the rights of those who were infected and affected by the scourge of HIV/AIDS.

We warmly welcome Sr. Nomalungelo (Francis) Khumalo OP, as the new Caritas co-ordinator from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, and Miss Nicole Stakes who has joined our Finance department from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

Mr. George Augustine has retired after 27 years in the Bursaries office. We will miss his humble and generous nature. He interacted well with people from all walks of life. He displayed calmness when dealing with students who might be very difficult at times.

## **CLERGY APPOINTMENTS**

### **Parish Priests**

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Fr. Julian Davey          | St. Anthony's, Durban         |
| 2. Fr. Zakhele Nzama         | St. Michael's, Red Hill       |
| 3. Fr. Solly Van Roos        | KwaKristo uMsindisi, KwaMashu |
| 4. Fr. Thuthuka Mtshali      | St. Joseph, Seven Oaks        |
| 5. Fr. Roberto Cossa CMM     | St. Yves, Bergville           |
| 6. Fr. Cletus Mtshali        | Our Lady of Lourdes, KwaMashu |
| 7. Fr. Nkosingiphile Sithole | Sacred Heart, Oakford         |
| 8. Fr. Alfred Igwebuike CMM  | St. Paul, Reservoir Hills     |
| 9. Fr. Michael Nadaraju      | St. Joseph's, Morningside     |

### **Assistant Priests**

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| 1. Fr. Nkazimulo Shange | Emmanuel Cathedral             |
| 2. Fr. Sanele Msomi     | Our Lady of Lourdes, Westville |
| 3. Fr. Sihle Manci      | Holy Trinity, Berea            |

## **Special Appointments**

1. Fr. Julian Davey

Chancellor

I would like to thank Fr. Nkosinathi Ngcobo, our former Chancellor who is now at St. John Vianney Seminary, in Pretoria. In the same breath, I would like to thank Mr. Bonginkosi Mkhize who has been our Acting Chancellor for the past six months. Thank you, Khabazela!

2. Fr. Michael Nadaraju: The Durban Metropolitan Catholic Bishops have appointed Fr. Nadaraju as our Judicial Vicar.

We sincerely thank Fr. Denis Xulu, the outgoing Judicial Vicar who has done a sterling job as Judicial Vicar. We have asked Fr. Denis to introduce his successor to this noble job until the end of this year.

Lastly, thank you to all priests who selflessly have accepted their new appointments in the spirit of service to God's people. I kindly ask all parishes to warmly welcome their new priests. All priests are expected to be at their new parishes on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2024.

Dear people of God, I kindly remind you that it is your responsibility to care for your priests and see to it that they are safe and protected.

May God bless you all.

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

## CARITAS RESPONSE TO TONGAAT CATASTROPHE

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2024 a devastating tornado struck the Tongaat region, causing significant damage to homes and infrastructure. Our Caritas coordinator, accompanied by the Parish Priest of Tongaat's Sacred Heart Parish – Fr. Phelelani Mswane soon visited the affected areas to assess the damage caused. They were met with a heart wrenching scene of severely damaged homes and extremely distressed residents. The aftermath of the tornado left many people displaced and lives were tragically lost.



In response to this disaster, Archbishop Jwara issued an urgent appeal to the people of the Archdiocese of Durban for assistance. A tremendous response was received from numerous individuals and groups who came forward and helped. Various donations poured in including food, bottled water, clothing, blankets, toiletries and money.

The Archdiocese contributed R5000.00 to KCC towards the purchasing of building materials. The Chancery became a central hub for receiving donations, which were duly delivered to the affected residents. The generosity of the people of God was remarkable.



## PRIESTS ON A MISSION

The Mission Team of Fr. Desmond Royappen, Fr. Allan Moss, Sr Jane and Sr Francis braved the very cold days in the Parish of Sacred Heart - Ekukhanyeni. This Parish was established nearly one hundred years ago. The missionaries drive vast distances to every corner of the Archdiocese covering every community. Masses were celebrated in parish churches which are desperately in need of renovations. Covered in dust each day they drive with great enthusiasm to reach out to marginalised church communities. They were welcomed with much joy. Fr. Des states “I was amazed at the commitment of these dear fellow Catholics who left their homes on foot at 6 am to come to Mass at 10 am and walked for hours.”

Our missionaries visited the following communities:

Sacred Heart in Ekukhanyeni; St Michael's Outstation Church in uMzinyathi; St Paul in eMaphephetheni; Our Lady of Fatima in Matata; St Francis kwaGawula; St Theresa – Ngcolosi; St Bridget in eMbuyeni ; St Peter, St Ottilia in eMalangeni and St Bernard in eMjoji.

This was the first time these parish communities ever had a mission. The missionaries trained various ministries in the parish, and many received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick. The team also visited the hospice and had a special service for the terminally ill.

There was much jubilation at Masses and the communities were sad to say goodbye to the missionaries. Special thanks to the Dominican Sisters for their hospitality. The next mission is in Verulam in August.



## FROM THE JUSTICE & PEACE DESK



Justice and Peace together with Institute for Healing of Memories facilitated another dialogue on gender Based Violence linked to elections. Pietermaritzburg has seen increase in the number of femicide cases and general domestic violence. There have been quite a number of reported cases of women dying in the hands of their spouses. The workshop consisted of the young and older participants that made it rich with the conversation regarding GBV.



Justice and Peace Commission together with the Institute for Healing of Memories held a Healing of the wounds of History Dialogue with Military Veterans and Beneficiaries from different formations. They came from Ashdown, Aloe Ridge Military Veterans Village, Sobantu, Umlazi, Gezubuso, Willowfontein and Hammarsdale. The purpose of this dialogue was to revisit the wounds of history that has affected many lives of Military Veterans in different ways after the liberation struggle.



Justice and Peace Commission again together with the Institute for Healing of Memories conducted a workshop on Grief, Loss, and GBV. This workshop was conducted because a parishioner and local community activist was murdered by her very own spouse in front of her young children. NADEL PMB (group of catholic lawyers) were invited to address the community application of Court interdict. Many cases have been withdrawn by the Victims, which in many case victims end up being murdered by the perpetrators. NADEL members includes senior counsels who are Catholic and volunteer their work to those who need their advice for court processes of any nature, and it aims at bringing legal assistance to those who live around Pietermaritzburg who cannot afford a lawyer. Jeniffer Anthony, one of the founders of NADEL is a parishioner of Raisethorpe Parish in Pietermaritzburg.

## LENTEN APPEAL

Dear Fathers, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and all members of the Lay Faithful.

The Lenten Appeal's Office of the Archdiocese would like to sincerely thank all who supported the recent 2024 Lenten Appeal's collection with their generous offerings, altogether accumulating approximately R1 100 500. Monies collected have been transferred to the national office at the SACBC and have been allocated in accordance with the established framework for applications and assessments to good and charitable works on both national and local levels in support of the mission of the Church. Locally, for the 2024 Season, institutions and organizations that have benefitted from your generosity in supporting the Lenten Appeal include:

- The Napier Centre for Healing.
- The Refugee and Pastoral Care Commission.
- Sizanani Feeding Scheme.
- Sukumazwe Place of Care.

It continues to be of paramount importance to promote the Lenten Appeal as the mechanism through which the Church in the Southern African region is able to function as an effective missionary enterprise, a large part of which constitutes fulfilling the Gospel mandate to take care of the poor and needy. It is therefore once more encouraged that all who have not yet done so, as soon as possible, submit their contributions to this good cause, and continue to promote, support, and advocate for the Lenten Appeal. In these difficult times, we must each do all we can to support the work of the Church, giving what little we may have with great love so that through our generosity we can bear much fruit, fruit that will last (John 15:16). All God's abundant blessings and peace be upon you, your families, and your loved ones

## DIARY

29 July	14h00	Finance Board	
2 August	12h00	Feast of St. John Vianney	St. Joseph's – Morningside
5 – 9 August		Plenary Session	
13 August	09h00	Clergy Study Day	St. Joseph's – Morningside
18 August	15h45	Kevelaer Mission	Bishop
19 August	14h00	Diaconate Board meeting	
20 August	15h00	Liturgy Commission	
21/22 August		Kzn Vocational Directors	Bishop
27 August	14h00	Finance Board	
28 August	18h00	Diocesan Clergy Business mtg.	
29 August	08h30	Diocesan Clergy Recollection	
30/31 August		Montebello Pastoral Visit	Bishop