

# Archdiocese of Cape Town

## NEWSLETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

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When the Spirit descended on the disciples, it transformed a bunch of timid, frightened and tepid people into bold, fierce and radiant witnesses for Christ. It enabled them to courageously testify to the Gospel and proclaim the Good News. It offered them strength, and guidance to believe. The disciples were empowered to do things they never dreamt was possible. The Holy Spirit filled them with God's love, which in turn brought about a revival and it marked the beginning of our faith community as God's chosen people.

As people of God, we need the Holy Spirit in our life to fulfill our life's calling. The same omnipotent Spirit is available to enable us to live a holy and fruitful life for Jesus Christ.

I wish you all a Blessed Pentecost Feast and on this day I pray for you for a holy outpouring of the Spirit.

### **NEW PRIESTS:**

**Fr Barry Matthews** has returned to South Africa and is appointed to the parish of Our Lady of Light, Hermanus and the surrounding area.

**Fr Francis Ngadi CMM**, who is pursuing his Masters in Psychology, will assist Fr Roman Viveros CS and will reside at Holy Name, Observatory. He is also the new chaplain to Groote Schuur Hospital.

We welcome both priests into the Archdiocese and wish them a fruitful ministry.

**Fr George Byarugaba** is continuing his teaching ministry at UWC. We wish him every blessing and success.

### **REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:**

The Holy Father requests the assistance of your prayers during the coming week when he will receive Presidents Shimon Peres of Israel and Mahmoud Abbas of Palestine.

Heeding his call, let us unite ourselves in this peace process by praying for peace in the Middle East, in particular between the peoples represented by these two presidents.

### **ANOINTING THE SICK:**

I would like to bring to your attention the pastoral care for the sick and dying. In principle, it is the responsibility of the Parish Priest and Administrators to attend to the sick. If you come to know that any of your parishioners are going to be admitted to the hospital please anoint them prior to their admission.

### **FR CRAIG HOLMES:**

Fr Craig Holmes had a fall in the presbytery and fractured his leg in three places. He underwent surgery and is recovering well.

### **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:**

On 17 June at 18h00 Fr **Frank Conlisk** will be celebrating his 25th Ordination Anniversary at Our Lady of Visitation Constantia.

Fr **Bram Martijn** will celebrate his Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass on 7 July at 11h00 at Sts Simon and Jude, Simon's Town.

Please keep these two priests in your prayers and try and join them in their respective celebrations.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

**Deanery Meetings** will take place on Thursday 19 June 2014.

The new **Ecclesia** season is set to start on 14 September 2014. The theme is "Brave New Church". In preparation for this event there will be training for Parish Ecclesia Co-ordinators at the Chancery on 21 June 2014 at 10h00

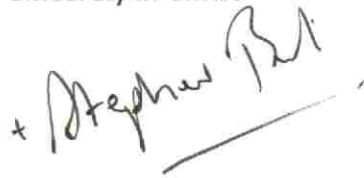
There will also be an Ecclesia Faith Formation Festival at Springfield Convent on 30 August 2014.

I ask you to continue your support to the CPD by promoting Ecclesia in your parishes.

There will be a **Workshop for the Clergy** will be on 10 July 2014, in Pinelands, to introduce the new Child Safeguarding Policy for the Archdiocese.

Once again, I wish you the blessings and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Happy Pentecost.

Sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Stephen Brislin". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

+Stephen Brislin  
Archbishop of Cape Town

5 June 2014

