



# CATHOLIC NEWS BULLETIN

## ARCHDIOCESE OF DURBAN



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### ARCHBISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

#### **Thank You**

I would like to thank you all for your messages of condolences on the loss of our dear mother Desideria Jwara who departed this life on 30<sup>th</sup> April. On the very same day our Fr Justin Stirton also lost his dear mother Barbara in New Zealand.

We continue praying for the repose of the souls of the two dear mothers. May they rest in eternal peace.

#### **KwaZulu-Natal Floods – a word of thanks and appreciation**

The floods that devastated KZN last month brought a lot of pain to many residents. Thank you for your generous response to my appeal for assistance for the victims of the floods. Many thanks to Caritas Durban for collecting money, food and clothing which was distributed to the most affected areas in Lamontville, KwaNyuswa and Mzinyathi. Money collected was distributed through gift cards from Shoprite Checkers to the value of R1000 per household.

We thank the Holy Father Pope Francis for his donation. We also thank the different dioceses for their donations, and finally a special word of thanks to our own parishes of the Archdiocese of Durban for your donations.

On 14<sup>th</sup> May the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Peter Wells and his secretary Monsignor Dario Pavisa accompanied Caritas Durban on a visit to affected areas, they prayed with communities, visited families, offered words of encouragement and distributed food parcels and clothing.

I kindly appeal to all of you to make Caritas alive in all parishes of the Archdiocese, we must support the work of Caritas.

+ Siegfried Mandla Jwara CMM  
**ARCHBISHOP OF DURBAN**



# ARCHDIOCESE REFUGEE PASTORAL CARE

## FLOOD DISASTER INTERVENTION

The flood disaster that ravaged KZN spared nobody, South Africans and refugees alike. Visits to affected areas were made to ascertain the level of disaster and the needs of the survivors. The Refugee Pastoral Care with its mandate of looking after refugees and other migrant groups in the Archdiocese of Durban and beyond, sought aid from its friends and partners. Considering the fact that refugees and migrants are hosted by the South Africans and living in harmony, support was given to both as a way of promoting and strengthening social cohesion and integration.

Mr Makusha, Project coordinator of the AOD Refugee Pastoral Care, emphasized the need for social cohesion and that while the mandate of the RPC was to attend to refugees and migrants, it is their responsibility to strengthen the already existing harmony within communities by supporting both locals and refugees together. Fr Marcel Muka Kazadi CSSp, Chaplain and Director took the stage during the food distribution to preach peace and social cohesion. He prayed for people to live in harmony especially with those who are seeking refuge within our communities. He emphasized that in times like this we all need each other and should be by each other's side.

Limited resources militated against our intervention as we were able to assist only 150 families out of the more than 400 who had been identified as needing help. Beds, mattresses, bedding linen, towels, clothes, and food parcels were distributed to two of the most affected areas namely Emolweni and Nazareth. Thanks to our anonymous donor for the food parcels and Garden Court Marine Parade for the bedding linen, just to name a few. It was however heart-breaking to depart from these areas leaving some families without the much-anticipated support. If there are any well wishes who would like to donate, your donation will go a long way in alleviating the plight of these flood victims/survivors.

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## NTSHONGWENI PILGRIMAGE 2022

The Archdiocese of Durban celebrated its annual pilgrimage on Saturday 28 May 2022 at the beautifully scenic Albini Parish in Ntshongweni.

There was a real sense of deep Spiritual rejuvenation with Prayer, Praise and Worship, Reconciliation and Holy Mass.

In attendance were His Grace, Archbishop Siegfried Mandla Jwara CMM as well as numerous Clergy from the Archdiocese and ± 4000 lay faithful.



## **CLERGY NEWS:**

### **Fr. Cletus Mtshali and Fr. Desmond Royappen**

On 28 April 2022, the Archbishop and the College of Consultors discussed the status of Fr Cletus Mtshali and Fr Des Royappen. After the deliberations, the Archbishop decided to allow both priests to celebrate public Holy Masses and to concelebrate with other priests in any liturgical functions of the Archdiocese.

We are making plans to send them to Kenya for a Sabbatical next year. We keep them in our prayers.

## **DIOCESAN DIARY**

### **June 2022**

1 - 5	Visit to Ingwavuma	Archbishop
5	Confirmation: Point	Vicar General
6	Chancery Meeting	
	St Henry Marist College Feast Day Mass	Archbishop
10	Building Committee Meeting	
11 – 12	Ordination of Bishop-elect Thulani Mbuyisa CMM of Kokstad	
13	St Anthony's School Mass	Archbishop
	St Philomena's AGM	Archbishop
16	Youth Day Mass, Emmanuel Cathedral	Archbishop
17	Napier Centre 4 Healing AGM	Archbishop
18	Diaconate Ordination, Emmanuel Cathedral	Archbishop
19	Corpus Christi Mass, Emmanuel Cathedral	Archbishop
23	DMI Review	
24	Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate, Hillcrest	Archbishop
25	Youth Day Mass, Pietermaritzburg	Archbishop
26	Confirmation: Matikwe	Archbishop
27	Finance Board Meeting	
30	St Theresa's AGM	Archbishop