



CATHOLIC NEWS BULLETIN ARCHDIOCESE OF DURBAN



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R.I.P. FATHER BHEKIZIZWE JOSEPH MOTLOUNG

Bhekizizwe Joseph Motloung was born in Vrede in the Free State on 1st May 1967. He attended Tisetsang High School in Bethlehem and completed Matric in 1987. From 1991-1993 he went to St Joseph's Theological Institute, Cedara; thereafter St Peter's Seminary, Pretoria completing the final stage of his formation at St John Vianney Seminary in Pretoria (1998-2000). He was ordained Deacon on 10 June 2000 in St Mary's Parish, Pietermaritzburg and his ordination to the Priesthood took place on 2nd December 2000 in Immaculate Conception Parish, Pinetown.

Father Bheki had the following pastoral assignments in the Archdiocese of Durban:

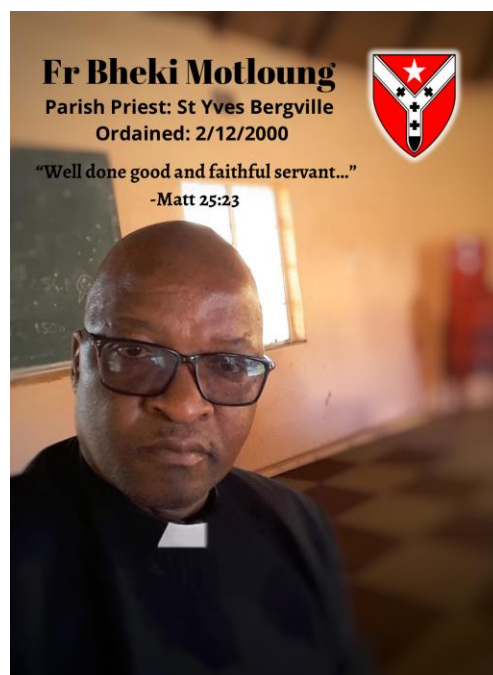
Assistant priest at Kwa Kristo Umsindisi, Kwa Mashu; then Parish Priest at St Theodore's Greytown, St Albert the Great Esigodini and St Yves Bergville. He was Chaplain to the Sacred Heart Sodality; served as the Archdiocesan representative at SACOP; was Assistant Dean and then Acting Dean of the Midlands Deanery.

On the evening of Pentecost Sunday, 5 June 2022 Fr Bheki did not return to the parish. He was reported missing on Tuesday 7th June. He had been missing for almost four weeks when his body was found in the Bergville Dam.

Although Fr Bheki was incardinated to the Archdiocese of Durban he originally came from the Diocese of Bethlehem in the Free State. Therefore, his family kindly asked to have him buried in his hometown in Bethlehem. The funeral will be held at St John Paul II Centre on 12 July 2022.

A memorial service was celebrated by Archbishop Jwara at St Yves in Bergville on the 5th of July at 10h00 with another memorial service taking place in Bethlehem at the same time.

Please continue praying for the repose of the soul of Father Bheki. May he rest in eternal peace.



ARCHBISHOP'S CORNER

Covid-19 Restrictions

The Government and the Department of Health recently lifted all the Covid-19 restrictions, and therefore the Archdiocese of Durban in compliance with the Government, adheres to this decision. Holy Mass, Liturgical celebrations and all parish activities are back to normal.

As a way forward Parish Priests together with their PPCs may decide on how the following will take place in their parish: reception of the precious blood, peace greeting, collection, sanitizing of hands at the entrance of the church, and sanitizing of the church after Masses, etc.

We continue asking people to take care of themselves as we are not completely out of the woods yet. Those who wish to continue wearing masks during Mass are free to do so. If priests want to wear masks during the distribution of holy Communion, they are free to do so. Please note the Eucharist must be distributed in the hand and not on the tongue.

We thank each and everyone of you for adhering to the Covid-19 restrictions these past years.

Elections of Deans, DPC and PPC

Last year I asked all the Archdiocesan structures to continue for a year until I appoint new Deans, DPC and College of Consultors in August this year. We have discovered that not all parishes have elected their PPCs. Therefore, we kindly ask parishes to have their PPC elections before the 31st of August so that we may have DPC elections at the beginning of September. In the same breath, deaneries should propose three names for the appointment of a Dean before the 31st of August. Please note that Deans do not automatically join the College of Consultors.

Fr Stephen Tully

We heartily congratulate Fr Stephen Tully who walked one thousand kilometres across Southern Africa to raise funds for the Napier Centre 4 Healing. We congratulate him together with Dwain Swiegers, the founder of Gyms4Africa, who accompanied him. We thank those who donated to support their Walk in Unity. Your donations are still welcomed.

Youth Day Celebrations

On 16th June the youth from deaneries around Durban celebrated Youth Day at the Emmanuel Cathedral. I celebrated Holy Mass with them and was very happy to see their parish priests accompanying them. On 25th June I did the same thing at St Vincent Parish for youth from the deaneries in Pietermaritzburg & Vulindlela, Umvoti and Midlands. Once again, I was very happy to see priests accompanying their youth. Let us continue investing in our young people.

Let us encourage our youth to attend the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in August 2023 and help them to fundraise for this trip.

Fr Brett Williams

On 1st July 2022 Fr Brett left for his Sabbatical overseas. We thank him for all the years he spent working as Chancellor of the Archdiocese. In the meantime, I have appointed Mr Bonginkosi Mkhize as Acting Chancellor until a new Chancellor is appointed in the near future.

St Joseph's Parish, Morningside will be looked after by Fr Malusi Ngcobo while Fr Brett is away. To Fr Brett we say, Bon Voyage.

+ Siegfried Mandla Jwara CMM
ARCHBISHOP OF DURBAN

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

We have pleasure in announcing the appointment of two parish priests with effect from 1st July 2022:

- Fr Albert Gonsalves OFM Cap - Good Shepherd Parish, Phoenix
- Fr Benedict Mtena OFM Cap - St Joseph's Parish, Mount Edgecombe

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.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Fr Nhlanhla Nkosi OMI is not well. Parish priests are asked to please care for parishioners admitted to Albert Luthuli Hospital, Entabeni Hospital and St Augustine Hospital until further notice.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

On Saturday 18 June 2022 at a celebration in the Emmanuel Cathedral Lindani Mbongwe and Lionel McDonald were ordained to the permanent diaconate by Archbishop Jwara CMM.



The following Friday 24 June 2022 Archbishop Jwara ordained Michael Ronald to the permanent diaconate in St Dominic's Parish, Hillcrest. Members of his family, friends, priests, fellow deacons, and aspirants were able to witness this auspicious occasion.



We congratulate our three new deacons and pray that the Holy Spirit may guide them in their service to the people of God in the Archdiocese of Durban.

WINTER LIVING THEOLOGY

In just over a month's time *Winter Living Theology* (WLT) will begin. Our guest lecturer this year is Franciscan Friar Fr Daniel Horan. The theme of this year's series is *Searching for Meaning: The Wisdom of Thomas Merton for our Times*.

Beginning with the foundations of Merton's life and work, this series explores the contemporary relevance of contemplation in a world of action, Merton's insights on Christian non-violence and peace-making, his spirituality of racial justice, and his universal call to ecumenical and inter-religious relationships. Fr Horan will also touch on the idea of Synodality in Merton's thought and writing. The topics Fr Horan will cover, from the life and work of Thomas Merton, are all especially pertinent for us in Southern Africa today.

Fr Horan is a young and vibrant friar. He is Professor of Philosophy, Religious Studies & Theology, as well as the Director of the Centre for Spirituality at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana, USA.

The Winter Living Theology 3-day series will take place in **Durban 26-28 July 2022** at St Joseph's Parish, Florida Road, Morningside.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Jesuit Institute. You can email wlt@jesuitinstitute.org.za or call us on 011 482 4237. You can also register on our website: <https://www.jesuitinstitute.org.za/winter-living-theology/>

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS



ARCHDIOCESE OF DURBAN CATECHIST FESTIVAL

2022



Dear Clergy, Catechists, Religious Educators, and all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Durban

The Catechetical Commission will be hosting the Catechetical Festival on the **3rd of September 2022** at Holy Family College, Glenmore. All are invited. The theme for the festival is:

“A Synodal Church Through Community – Participation and Mission”

Registration details are as follows:

01 July to 16 August: R60.00

16 August to the day: R80.00

Banking details are as follows:

Catechetical Commission

First National Bank

Acc. no. 50844496163

Branch: 221462

Please send the proof of payment together with the names to the following e-mail address

sranne@aod.org.za

or you can submit the names and the payment to the Catechetical office of the Archdiocese.

154 Gordon Road; Morningside, Durban /

Tel: 031 303 1417 / **Fax:** 031 312 1848

Thank you for your support.

Sr. Anne Mkwanazi and the Catechetical Commission

On behalf of the Festival Committee

DIOCESAN DIARY

July 2022

1 - 3	Visit to Ingwavuma	Archbishop
4	Chancery Meeting	
5	Memorial Service for Fr Bheki Motlounge, Bergville	
6	Seminarians Commission	
7	Seminarians Interviews	
8	St Anne's Convention, Hlabisa	Archbishop
10	Confirmation: Verulam	Archbishop
13 – 14	Diocesan Clergy Team Building	
15	Napier Centre 4 Healing Meeting	Archbishop
17	Confirmation: Chatsworth	Archbishop
21	College of Consultors	
24	Confirmation: Ntshongweni	Archbishop
25	Finance Board Meeting	
26 – 28	Winter Living Theology, Morningside	Archbishop
27	St Benedict School Mass	Archbishop
29	Confirmation: Durban North	Vicar General
30 – 31	Ingwavuma	Archbishop