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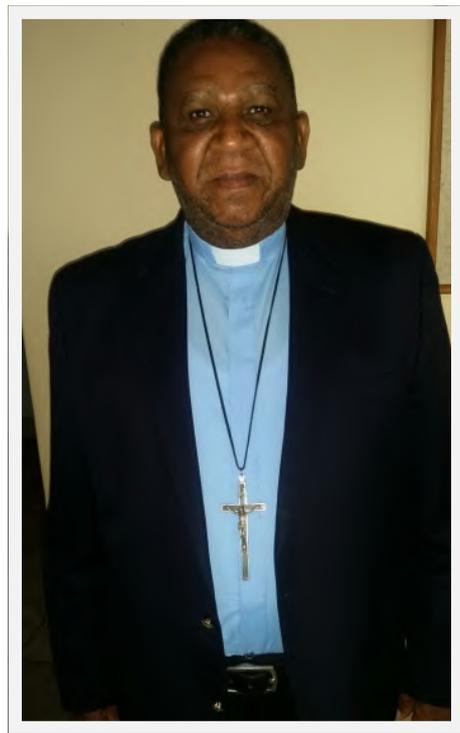
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## Adios Fr. Danny!



Fr. Danny Adonis

By Antony Jongwe

St Francis of Assisi will be poorer following the impending departure of its Priest-in-charge Fr. Danny Adonis on 31st December 2017. This follows the recent appointment of a substantive rector, Archdeacon The Ven. Meshack Mariri, by the Bishop of Pretoria Rt. Rev. Allan Kannemeyer with effect from 1st January 2018. He will be assisted by Fr. Julian Kok.

Fr. Danny Adonis was deployed to St Francis at the beginning of the year to be interim Priest-in-charge following the departure of Fr. Tim Lowes. Fr. Danny, together with Fr. Julian Kok had the unenviable task of calming the flock which was restless

and divided following certain traumatic events that had happened in the Parish. The two men of God hit the ground running and came up with a programme of action aimed at uniting the flock while refocusing the Parish to the Great Commission.

Fr. Danny worked closely with Parish Council throughout the course of the year and some of the key achievements of that collaboration include a highly successful Strategic Planning Retreat which came up with key committees tasked with implementing Council decisions.

The Youth Ministry received special attention under the leadership of Fr. Danny as it is key to the future growth of the Parish. Fr. Danny rallied the Parish to greater stewardship and the hugely successful Patronal Festival held in October bears testimony to his efforts in this regard.

Fr. Danny could not have succeeded in these endeavours without his dedicated team in the Parish Office who all rallied towards efficiency and effectiveness in the discharge of God's business.

The diligence shown by Fr. Danny throughout his short tenure at St Francis is illustrative of the message in Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men"

The Parish is greatly indebted to Fr. Danny for his wise leadership and counsel and he will be remembered with fondness.

As Fr. Danny ponders on his next divine assignment, we can only wish him greater success!

A carol and farewell service has been planned for Fr. Danny on the 3rd of December 2017 starting at 7pm.

## Report on the clean-up of the Walker Spruit

**By Jill Daugherty**

On Saturday 4 November, St Francis Anglican Church and Waterkloof Primary School did another successful clean-up of the open part of Walker Spruit between Main and Veale Streets.

We started at 08:30 and finished shortly after 10:00 because of the excellent turnout of teachers, children and parents from the school.

The spruit was again full of all kinds of litter. We separated glass bottles from the rest of the litter – the shebeen must still there, but has moved from the bridge under Giovanetti Street downstream to the bridge under Veale Street.

Bags full of bottles were removed to the recycling centre at the school. All other bags as well as objects too large to fit into bags (e.g. a broken office chair, boards of wood or plastic, etc.) have been left on the bridge over Giovanetti Street for removal by Waste Management.

The parents and children of Waterkloof Primary came equipped with black bags, so there are black bags there as well as the yellow Tshwane bags to use in 2018.

It is our hope that Mr Philip de Beer, Nature Conservator with City of Tshwane will assist us in arranging for Waste Management to remove the rubbish.

Mr Kolisa, the Head of Department, sent a staff member as well as Miss Earth South Africa to the event and provided gifts for the children – a green bag that can be worn as a backpack, a wrist purse and ballpoint pens, all with the insignia of Tshwane Environmental Affairs.

Amulet Thobane phoned me beforehand and asked permission to write an article about the event, which I gladly gave. I presume it was published on Tshwane Metro's website. There was probably also something about it on Miss Earth South Africa's blog.

On behalf of the church and the school, I want to thank Mr. de Beer for the support and encouragement that he has given us this year and in the previous four years.

- ◆ *Jill Daugherty is a Friend of Tumelong under its Care for Environment core activity. Tumelong is the Social Outreach and Development arm of the Diocese of Pretoria.*

# Christmas cheer at Jo Seoka Centre

Words by Diana Higgs

The Parish of St Francis of Assisi shares strongly in the vision and mission of Tumelong Mission. Tumelong is the Social Outreach and Development arm of the Diocese of Pretoria whose vision is to 'create a healthy, sustainable society, free from HIV and AIDS, and being developed towards eradicating poverty.'

It is against this background that Jill Daugherty, my husband Robert and I joined hands as Friends of Tumelong to help host the annual Christmas party for the 90 children at the Jo Seoka Skills Centre. This event was held on Friday, 24th November in Ga-Rankuwa and brought cheers to these children

This is the third year we have been ably supported by WHPS. The learners packed, wrapped and decorated 150 Santa Shoeboxes. The extra boxes were given to the Rector at St Monika's in Nellmapius, to bring Christmas cheer to children in his parish.

Rob Neilson, Deputy Head of WHPS, educators Richard, Travis and Eddison, as support staff, accompanied a combi of Grade 6 learners to the centre, to be part of the festivities. Travis was Santa, while Eddison had the job of correctly pronouncing the names of the kids. Alma Grobler from Wimpy Moreleta Park donated the food and juices for the party.

Alma has been involved for three years as well. We are also fortunate to have Clare Wood financially support both this party and renovations at Maboloka Haven. Clare lives in the UK. Her dad was the Rector at St Francis in the 1950's.

All in all, this was a successful party with lots of noise. Robert remarked: "There is so much energy here. If only we could harness it!"



**Picture:** The children at Jo Seoka Centre enjoying a meal

**Luke 18:17** *"Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."*

# Meet parish council for 2018

By Antony Jongwe

The Special Vestry meeting held on 26th November 2017 elected new Churchwardens and Councillors for 2018 as follows:

## Parish Churchwardens

Rusty Higgs  
Rob Lewis  
Shepherd Musanhu– Alternate

## Parish Councillors

Vin Taylor  
James Aiello  
Andre Mare  
Stuart Waetzal  
Carole Evans  
Gareth Evans  
Rudi von Statden  
Monique Winn  
Nadine Pienaar  
Elizabeth Boje

## Parish Executive

Archdeacon Ven. Rev Meshack Mariri- *The Rector and Priest-in-charge*

Fr. Julian Kok- Assistant Priest  
Rev. Joan Jones– *The Deacon*  
Rusty Higgs– *Churchwarden*  
Rob Lewis– *Churchwarden*  
Shepherd Musanhu– *Alternate Churchwarden*  
Brian Smith– *Treasurer*

The *Franciscan Monthly* wishes the incoming Parish Council divine success as it submits itself in humility under the jurisdiction of God to do His **will** in St Francis of Assisi.

We also salute the outgoing Council for its fantastic work ethic which saw the Parish return to stability after the tumultuous events of 2016.

The new leadership of the Parish has its work cut out. An area of immediate attention is to focus on growing our Church in 2018.

*The Editor of the Franciscan Monthly and all the members of the Parish Communications Team wish our readers and the entire family of St. Francis a Merry X-mas and Happy New Year!*

*There will be no issue of your favourite newsletter in December 2017.*

*The next Issue of the Franciscan Monthly will be in February 2018.*



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### St Francis of Assisi Mission

*“To be role models of Kingdom values, immersed in Mission, Ministry and Social Justice”*

### St Francis of Assisi Vision

*“We are a transformed and culturally diverse community of faith, bound together through caring, fellowship and worship, reaching out to influence our environment for Christ”*

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