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## Parish gets substantive Rector

The Diocesan Bishop Rt. Rev Allan Kannemeyer has appointed Archdeacon The Venerable Dr. Meshack Mariri (pictured) as the substantive Rector and Priest-in-Charge of the Parish with effect from 1st January 2018.

Dr. Meshack Mariri is not new to the Parish having been its Rector in the interregnum period following the departure of Fr. Tim Lowes in December 2016..

The new Rector has an illustrious and trail-blazing career in ministry.

Having studied through UNISA and the College of the Transfiguration he was ordained in December 2003. He initially served as a Curate at St Albans Cathedral then moved to St Peter's, Ga-Rankuwa to be mentored and disciplined by the Venerable Palo Thabane and the late then Dean of Pretoria, the Very Reverend Les Walker (who was later first Bishop of Mpumalanga).

In July 2005, he was appointed Rector of the Parish of St Barnabas, Mabopane where he served until December 2012, and was then appointed Rector of Corpus Christi where he is joining us from.

His exposure to varied ministries, as well as associations with various Guilds, have taught him much, and broadened and matured his perspective of the purpose of the Church and her ministry.

He is married to Charmaine, and the couple is blessed with a son, Otlotleng.



Archdeacon The Venerable Dr. Meshack Mariri

## Special Vestry in November

A Special Vestry meeting will be convened at a **Combined Service** to be held at **8.30am** on Sunday **26 November 2017**. The purpose of the meeting is twofold: to elect new Church Wardens and Parish Councillors who will serve from the 1st of January 2018 to 31 December 2018.; and to present the first draft of the Parish Budget for 2018

We would encourage you all to attend as this is YOUR Parish. As we have been talking about, and witnessing, over the past few weeks, St Francis is a lively community, and we value the input and contribution that each and every one can make. Two separate lists are at the back of the Church to nominate Church Wardens and Parish Councillors. Please ensure that the person you are nominating signs as accepting your nomination, and please ensure that your nomination is seconded by another.

## October is breast cancer awareness month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month . The pink colour is a symbol of femininity .

### Facts about breast cancer

- Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women.
- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women.
- Although breast cancer in men is rare, an estimated 2,470 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 460 will die each year.
- On average, every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer and 1 woman will die of breast cancer every 13 minutes.



## Patronal festival highlight: High Tea report

### Words by Helene Aiello

On Sunday, 8 October following a combined service, St Francis hosted its first High Tea for the congregation (s) as part of the Patronal Sunday honouring its Patron Saint - St Francis of Assisi. To that end, numerous church ladies (and some men) provided an abundance of sweets and savouries beyond expectations. Serving tables were groaning with gorgeous “homemade” chocolate, white, and carrot cakes, red velvet cake, fruitcakes, pastries, apple cobblers, shortcakes, strawberry cream cakes, fruitcake, chocolate cream puffs, apple and raisin cobblers, fruit pies, scones, feta, ham and spinach quiches and other wonderful delights to accommodate the over 250 people in attendance.

Live background music set the swing tone and all were in high spirits celebrating, conversing and staying! It was lovely to see so many congregants mixing so happily. The kitchen was bubbling with busy hands and action voices; everyone working towards the same goal – to serve in style and grace. The list of ladies contributing in support and in baking their very best, special recipes is a kilometre long. An event like this takes help in planning, preparing and executing plus tidying up. And all of these needs were happily met.



Picture: Helene Aiello with some of the savoury snacks

# Patronal festival in pictures



## Patronal Festival an enriching experience!

*Words by Vin Taylor and James Aiello*

From the Festival Eucharist on the 4th of October to the Street Fete on the 14th, this year's Patronal Festival set the standard for future observations honoring our Patron Saint.

Highlights included the jam-packed organ recital on the 5th featuring Ockie Vermeulen and his multi-talented gang of musicians, the similarly every-table-taken Gala Dinner on Friday, the 6th, photos of which appear in this issue, Blessing of the animals, Blessing of the Organ Plaque and Blessing of the new Prayer Books and Bibles (who says you can't count your blessings?) on Saturday the 7th.

All of this led up to the combined service on Sunday the 8th, featuring the WHPS Choir, where no pew was left unfilled, followed by our very first, official High Tea in the Parish Hall where the number of cakes, cupcakes, quiches, croissants and custards exceeded the 250 attendees by three orders of magnitude!

We barely had time to draw a breath for the Street Fete on the 14th, battling, successfully it may be said, the thousands of runners that invaded Waterkloof that particular day as well. Books, more cakes, foods of all description and even electronic devices were bought, sold, traded and otherwise vended throughout the day.

When it was all done and dusted, the proceeds of the Festival were counted. And then counted again. And counted one more time – and the end result is that over **R82 000,00** was raised for the Parish!

# Fr. Julian stays on at St. Francis

By Antony Jongwe

It is now official! St Francis of Assisi will not suffer double jeopardy in the ecclesiastical musical chairs.

While parishioners will reflect with sadness on the impending departure of Fr. Danny Adonis as the acting Priest-in-charge, they can still take comfort in the fact that the current interim Assistant Priest Fr. Julian Kok will not be leaving alongside his 'partner-in-faith'

The Bishop of the Diocese Rt Rev. Allan Kannemeyer has retained Fr. Julian Kok as Assistant Priest and he will support the new substantive Rector of the Parish Archdeacon The Ven. Dr. Meshack Mariri who will assume duty in the new year.

There is no doubt that the tag team of Fr. Danny Adonis and Fr. Julian Kok was made in Heaven and were sent with a mission to unite the flock at St Francis.

*"I am absolutely delighted to be staying on at St Francis. Having grown up in Waterkloof it was my dream to return as a Priest. This past year has been one of the best years of my life and I have no doubt 2018 will be no different. I look forward to continuing to be your servant in Christ,"* said Fr. Julian.

The two servants of God have achieved so much within the short period of time they have been deployed to the extent that almost everyone has fallen in love with them.



Fr. Julian Kok



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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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