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Dear Friends

RECTOR'S LETTER

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS 1870 - 2020

St Cyprian's is one of Durban's oldest Churches with a magnificent history of mission and ministry, establishing Parishes, Children's Homes and a Shelter for Women as well as numerous other acts of charity, care and compassion.

There are a handful of parishioners who were members in 1970 for the 100th Anniversary of the Parish and so for us the 150th is certainly worthy of a year of celebration.

One way of doing this is to attend the Supper Club Evenings which were started in 1998. We have been privileged to have many speakers on a huge range of topics. These are wonderful evenings of fellowship and friendship beginning with a meal of fish and chips, ice cream and chocolate sauce followed by a talk lasting between 30-40 minutes. The cost is R60 per person which covers the cost of the meal and there is a cash bar. Guests are always welcome.

Herewith is the diary of events and services planned so far for 2020:

- 21 January 6.30 p.m. Supper Club
Speaker: Professor George Devenish
Topic: Captain Allen Gardiner - Missionary who established the Anglican Church in Natal
- 22 February 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 Noon Centering Prayer Workshop
This will be led by Fr James and another person from Contemplative Outreach
- 25 February 6.30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday
Parish Pancake Party
- 26 February Ash Wednesday
6.30 a.m. Mass with Imposition of Ashes
9.00 a.m. Mass with Imposition of Ashes
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- 29 February Beginning on the first Saturday in Lent there will be a morning service of Centering Prayer every Saturday in Lent until 04 April.
- 01 March 5.00 p.m. Sung Evensong led by the Royal School of Church Music for the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the consecration of the current church building
- 08 March 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. Guest Preacher
Fr Anders Litzell Rector of St Elizabeth's Westville.
- 15 March 8.30 a.m. Parish Vestry - Only one service
- 22 March 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. Guest Preacher
Mr Christopher Cockburn: Lay Preacher
Lecturer in the Music Department of UKZN. Former Director of Music, Organist and Choir Master of St Michael's and St George's Cathedral, Grahamstown.
- 24 March 6.30 p.m. Supper Club
Speaker: Reverend Professor Jonathan Draper
Topic: Bishop Colenso and the Colenso Controversy (St Cyprian's was the first CPSA Church in Durban established as a direct result of the Colenso Controversy)
- 05 April 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass
- 09 April 6.00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Mass
- 10 April 9.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross
12.00 Noon Good Friday Service
- 11 April 6.00 p.m. Holy Saturday Service of Light
- 12 April 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. Easter Sunday
- 28 April 6.30 p.m. Supper Club
Speaker: Hugh Bland
Topic: The Trappist Missions: KZN's Forgotten Treasurers
- 21 May 6.30 p.m. Ascension Day Mass - Archdeaconary Service
- 26 May Supper Club
Speaker: Dr Keith Pettengell
Topic: Chung Ling Soo an oriental magician. Dr Pettengell will tell the story of this amazing man and perform some of his magic.
- 31 May 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. Pentecost Sunday
- 07 June 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. Trinity Sunday

- 11 June 6.30 p.m. Corpus Christi Mass - Archdeaconary Service
- 21 June 10.00 a.m. The Naming of the Parish on 23 June 1870. The Durban Chamber Choir will sing a mass setting. This will be followed with a luncheon in the Hall.
- 26 June 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Fete Set-Up
6.30 p.m. Pre-Fete Social
- 27 June 8.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Parish Fete
- 28 July 6.30 p.m. Supper Club
Speaker: Fr Alan Miller
Topic: St Katherine - the oldest continuing monastery on the foot of Mount Sinai
- 25 August Supper Club
Speaker: Dr Keith Pettengell
Topic: St Columba, the book of Kells and Iona.
- 05 September 10.00 a.m. High Tea
- 11-13 September Flower Festival
- 12 September 3.00 p.m. Organ/Music Recital
5.00 p.m. Cheese and Wine Evening
- 13 September 10.00 a.m. Patronal High Festival Mass
Augmented Choir
Principle 150th Celebratory Event, Parish and Guest Luncheon
Archbishop Thabo Makgoba - Celebrant and Preacher
- 02 October 6.30 p.m. Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Hoping to have the Wine Maker from Vrede en Lust
- 20 October Supper Club
Speaker: Professor Philip Everitt
Topic: Count Von Luckner - German Sea Captain Raider in WW1
- 02 November 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. - All Souls Day
- 08 November 9.00 a.m. Remembrance Sunday
- 24 November 6.30 p.m. Supper Club
Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA
- 03 December 6.30 p.m. Love Lights Service for the Cancer Association with the Durban Symphonic Choir

24 December 11.00 p.m. - Midnight Mass

25 December 8.00 a.m. - Mass with Carols

2020 is an exciting year for the Parish. Let us make it a memorable year of celebration by participating in as much as possible, but above all to grow in unity and faith together.

In conclusion I wish everyone a very happy and blessed Christ Mass (Christmas.) May the Lord bless you, your family and friends and may all that we do in 2020 be to His honour and glory.

With Every Blessing

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FR DANE