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Dear Friends

RECTOR'S LETTER

WOW!! AMAZING!! INCREDIBLE! are some of the words to describe our Parish fete held on Saturday 25 June.

The weather was perfect, a warm Durban "winters" day. The support was incredible from the time we opened at 8.00 a.m. until after the raffle draws at 2.00 p.m. The support of the community was the best ever.

There was plenty to do for everyone and especially the children. The food stalls provided quality tasty food. DJ Dave was on form in the Beer Garden, which itself was well supported. There was a general happy atmosphere and it was wonderful to see people enjoying themselves and meeting people one had not seen in a long time.

The result of the Fete was a total income of R114 539 less R27 201 which was written off against income and general expenses of R5 400 give a nett total of a record R81 938!!! Added to this is R2 345 that the Durban Hospice for Women brought in at their table. To everyone who helped, for their passion, hard work, generosity of time and money, loyal support and love to make the fete such a success. Thank you!!

Hereunder is a list of the Fete Income and general expenses and the winners of the Raffle prizes:

FETE	2016	
INCOME (After Expenses)		
BACON ROLLS	R	4 983.00
BEER GARDEN	R	5 050.00
BOOKS	R	4 668.00
CAKES	R	5 770.00
COLD DRINKS	R	1 600.00
CURRY DEN	R	2 100.00
DONATIONS	R	5 500.00
HAMBURGERS	R	6 335.00
HANDCRAFT	R	5 547.00

JEWELLERY/CARDS	R	1 067.00
JUMBLE	R	500.00
LIQUOR HAMPER	R	3 257.00
OUTSIDE TEAS	R	2 202.00
PANCAKES	R	1 813.00
PLANTS	R	2 434.00
PONIES	R	340.00
POPCORN/CANDY FLOSS	R	1 017.00
PRE FETE SUPPER	R	1 550.00
PRESERVES	R	4 015.00
RAFFLE	R	12 498.00
SWEETS	R	496.00
TOMBOLA	R	658.00
WHITE ELEPHANT	R	13 938.00
TOTAL	R	87 338.00
EXPENDITURE		
ADVERTISING	R	723.00
POSTER DATE STICKERS	R	820.00
WAGES	R	1 500.00
PUPPET SHOW	R	800.00
DJ DAVE	R	1 100.00
SUNDRY	R	457.00
	R	5 400.00
TOTAL	R	81 938.00

LIQUOR HAMPER WINNERS

1. Sheet No. 23	Tayfield Family
2. Sheet 20 No. 6	Blake Walker
3. Sheet 21 No. 15	Reg Isaac

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

1. 3 Night Stay at Otters Den	Sheet 217 No. 2	Alan Gilliant
2. Microwave Oven	Sheet 106	Roy Grandin
3. KWV Brandy	Sheet 91	Miller Family
4. Stainless Steel Cookware	Sheet 264 No. 14	Marcos Silva
5. Food Hamper	Sheet 243	Edith March
6. Halogen Heater	Sheet 29 No. 9	Rob Hough
7. Porcelain Tea Set	Sheet 110 No. 1	Siobhan Smith
8. Sandwich Maker	Sheet 10 No. 9	Jerry Davis
9. 2 Tickets Mercury Wine Week	Sheet 176	Andre Crerar
10. Hamper	Sheet 159	Gwynneth Roberts

PARISH FINANCES

The income from the Fete, together with other fundraising income is allocated to the Specific Funds that deal with expenditure that we are unable to meet from general income received e.g. Office Equipment, Vestment and Furnishing, Organ Maintenance/Repairs, Maintenance, Staff Gratuity, Mission and Ministry and Church Roof.

The Easter Offering which was allocated to the general income of the Parish was R10 378. Thank you for your generous support.

It is an obvious reality that the Church could not function without dedicated, committed and faithful support. Our current financial position, thanks to this is as follows:

Financial Summary: January to June 2016

Budget	R339 000
Income	R348 831
Expenditure	R333 179
Surplus	R 15 652

The Parish tries to cover the weekly cost of Tommy our Car Guard who is paid R110 per Sunday morning from the donations received from parishioners in the Car Guard box at the Resource Centre at the entrance to the Church. Currently there is a shortfall of R1162.

Thank you to parishioners who occasionally make additional gift offerings to the Parish. The Parish Bank details are:

Bank	Standard Bank
Account Name	St Cyprian's Church
Account Number	05 11891 35
Branch/Number	Gale Place 042526

PARISH OFFICE/FR JAMES

Please note that for the period 14 July to 02 August the Parish Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. - 12 Noon on weekdays as Edith, our Parish Secretary, will be visiting her children in the U.K. Fr James is away for just over a month visiting his family in the U.K. and will be back on Sunday 21 August.

SUPPER CLUB EVENINGS

The last two have been most enjoyable and well supported. Dr Leonora Jackson gave a very informative and interesting talk on how the New Testament came to be written in Greek. At the end of May we were privileged to meet Bishop Dino and his wife Elizabeth. Bishop Dino gave us a wonderful insight into his life having grown up near Venice in Italy, studied in London, ordained a Roman Catholic Priest into a religious order and then sent to South Africa to rural Kwa-Zulu Natal where he met his wife and had to leave the Roman Catholic priesthood. Eventually he was accepted into the Anglican Church in the Diocese of the Highveld thereafter he later became the Dean of the Diocese of Zululand and eventually Bishop of the Diocese of Zululand for 11 years before being translated to the Diocese of Natal as

the Diocesan. He has a flair for languages. His mother tongue is Italian followed by Zulu then English and he can read French and Portuguese.

The next Supper Club will be on Tuesday 23 August at 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The cost is R50 which includes Fish and Chips, Ice cream and Chocolate Sauce. There is a Cash Bar.

MORE FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Spring High Tea

This will be the third time of holding the very enjoyable Spring High Tea. Ladies are asked to host a table of 8 people and to bring out their best china, decorate the table, provide tea/eats and invite their guests. Roland Stansell of Rhumbelow Theatre will provide entertainment. The morning lasts from 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. and guests are asked to make a donation towards the Church Roof Fund. This will be on Saturday 03 September. If you are able to host a table please write your name on the list in Church or phone the Parish Office 031 2053710.

Patronal Festival

This year the Patronal is on Sunday 11 September. There will be one service at 8.30 a.m. at which Bishop Dino will preach, celebrate, confirm and admit a number of parishioners as Layministers. The Parish will provide a brunch in the hall after the service. For catering purposes we will need names and numbers. Hopefully everyone will attend.

Wine Tasting

This will be on Friday 30 September at 6.30 p.m. and run by the Estate of Vrede En Lust. The cost is R100 per person which includes cocktail snacks.

Combined Services

These have been re-instated between the Four Parishes namely St Cyprian's, St John the Divine, St Thomas' and St James. The first service will be held at St James on Sunday 31 July at 5.30 p.m. The service of Sung Evensong with members of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) will be led by "yours truly" and I am also doing the homily. St James will provide soup and rolls after the service. In October the combined service will at St Cyprian's on the 30th at 5.30 p.m.

Book Club

If you would be interested in joining a St Cyprian's Parish Book Club that will share on non-fiction literature, please send me an email or phone the Parish Office.

Prayer

Is such an important part of our Christian life, it connects us to God and to one another. It broadens our vision, our concern and compassion. It helps us to be supportive of those in need and to rejoice in the joys and celebrations of life. I encourage you to take the weekly pew slip home to use as a daily prayer tool praying for those on the sick list, giving thanks for people celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, praying for parish events and using the collect and other prayers in the pew slip.

A Prayer with which to start the day

*My Father,
I come to you at the beginning of this day
To ask you to guide me and help me.
Give me courage to face the problems that lie ahead
And give me a heart wide open to the joys you have prepared for me.
Forgive my many sins,
That I may start this day anew.
And as you forgive me,
May I learn to be forgiving and compassionate to others in return.
My Father
I long to serve you aright.
May all that I do and all that I say
Be pleasing in your sight Amen*

Our Prayers are asked for:

The elections on 03 August and for the build up to the elections for peace, calm and fairness.

The Diocesan Synod to be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Nativity on the 14 and 15 October.

A reminder: On the first Saturday of every month there is a Mass and Meditation in the St Augustine's chapel from 7.00 a.m. until 8.00 a.m. Worth a try!

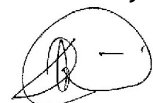
Making the most of the Gift

Life is short and transitory. We do not know the hour or the day of its termination. What we do know, however is that we are privileged to have this gift and even more privileged to share it with others. This is the beauty of the Christian community as it comes together to, love, share and support one another in worship of God.

This is a precious gift that we should value and uphold in our community at St Cyprian's. Everyone should feel valued, welcome and at home and we need to give this gift to ourselves and everyone else.

Thank you for being part of this incredible and amazing Parish.

With every blessing



FR DANE