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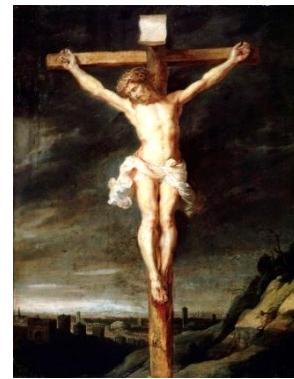
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# SALESIAN SPOTLIGHT

## E-NEWS EASTER 2023



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SALESIAN MISSIONS SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR 34 YEARS



*“Each year during Lent we are reminded that “goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day.” (Fratelli Tutti, 11)*

“Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and

embrace the mystery of His salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. These requisites are also important for the synodal journey to which, as a Church, we are committed to making. May the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience His Divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with Him, glory of His people and light of the nations.” **Pope Francis**



### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

- First Word:** “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”
- Second Word:** “This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise.”
- Third Word:** “Woman behold thy son. Behold thy Mother.”
- Fourth Word:** “My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?”
- Fifth Word:** “I thirst.”
- Sixth Word:** “It is consummated!”
- Seventh Word:** “Father into Thy hands I commend my Spirit.”



After Jesus is placed in the tomb, there is a great silence over the earth; and a stillness. A great silence because the King sleeps. Mary Magdalen is first to go to the tomb. And Jesus asks her: “Woman why are you weeping. Who are you looking for?” Mary’s response is: “I don’t know where they have put my Lord.”

All Jesus has to say is: “Mary!” and she knows Him, Whom her soul loves. “Rabbuni!” she answers.

## He is Risen Alleluia!



# I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

*JESUS IS RISEN - "PEACE BE WITH YOU - DO NOT BE AFRAID"  
EASTER BLESSINGS AND THANKS TO ALL OUR  
READERS, DONORS AND FRIENDS*



**The resurrection of Jesus changes the history of salvation and gives our suffering purpose. We have the freedom to live our lives as God intended and experience real joy and happiness. Even when we are buried in our sorrows, we can hold onto the hope that eternal joy is coming, and God will comfort us in our sufferings.**





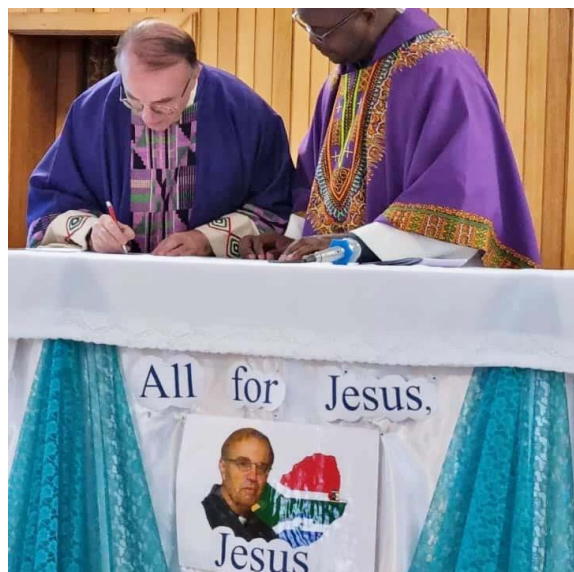
# WE HAVE A NEW PROVINCIAL

**(ANS - Rome)** - On Dec. 22, 2022, the Rector Major, Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime, with the consent of the General Council, appointed Fr. Václav Klement as Superior of the Southern Africa VP (AFM) for the six-year term, 2023-2029.

Fr. Klement was born October 7th, 1958, in Brno, Czechoslovakia, and began his Salesian consecrated life during the former totalitarian regime. He made his first profession in 1982, then left his country for Italy, crossing the Alps to pursue his second vocation as a missionary *ad gentes* for the Africa Project. At his perpetual profession in Rome in 1985, he was incardinated at the Vice-Province of South Korea, and immediately after his priestly ordination on May 25, 1986, he began his missionary life in Seoul on August 11, 1986.

During his 16 years of missionary life in South Korea (1986-2002) Fr. Klement was engaged in pastoral care for at-risk youth, in a secondary school as a catechist and then as rector of Seoul's "Mother House" of Daerim dong. In 1996 he was appointed Superior of the Vice-Province of the Holy Korean Martyrs.

During the 25th General Chapter (2002) Fr. Klement was elected as the first Councillor for the newly formed East Asia-Oceania Region. After six years, he was elected at GC26 (2008) as General Councillor for Missions. Then, at GC27 (2014) he was again elected as Councillor for the East Asia-Oceania Region. After GC28, in May 2020, the Rector Major appointed him as Extraordinary Visitor "*ad nutum et pro tempore*," and to date, he has been making the Extraordinary Visitation to the Vice-Province of Zambia (ZMB) and the Provinces of Poland-Pila (PLN) and East Africa (AFE).



At the same time, the Regional Councillor encouraged the 25 confreres present to foster greater family spirit and more radical ways of religious life, especially to heighten the sense of belonging to one provincial community.

After two morning sessions with the Provincial Council and the assembly of rectors and confreres, the evening Eucharist was celebrated with the profession of faith of Fr. Vaclav and the thanksgiving to the outgoing superior, Fr. Joy Sebastian.

For the occasion, the church was packed with the faithful. All the rectors and directors of the Vice-province's communities, several Salesians, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, as well as some Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians,

## THE INSTALLATION

**(ANS – Johannesburg)** – On March 15, the last day of the 2022-2023 Extraordinary Visitation of the AFM Vice-province of South Africa, Lesotho and Eswatini, the installation of the new Superior took place at the Bosco Youth Centre in Walkerville, Johannesburg. During two morning sessions, Fr. Alphonse Owoudou, Regional Councillor for the Africa-Madagascar Region, shared his insights and recommendations. Presenting the Road Map of the Rector Major to the newly appointed Superior Fr. Václav Klement and his Council for 2023-2029, Fr. Owoudou underlined many positive charismatic realities and some concrete ways for the charismatic relaunching of the Vice-province. AFM Salesians are called to share a long tradition of local missionary volunteers with 13 other African provinces along with other creative ways of youth ministry.

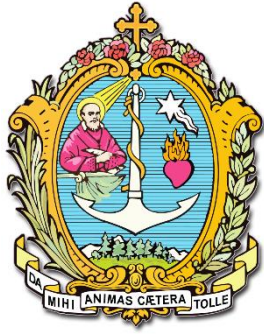
Salesian Co-operators from all three AFM member countries and young people who participated in local youth volunteer projects in the past years, in the areas of vocational training or youth ministry.

In his homily to the 50 members of the Salesian family and young people, Fr. Alphonse traced the recent path of the AFM Vice-province, enlightened with faith and Salesian charismatic renewal.

The last part of this festive day was the meal offered to all participants, followed by the joyful family academy with contributions from all the SF groups and the lay volunteers. All present, were grateful for the wonderful hospitality of the Walkerville community (Rector Fr. Jonathan Daniels) with their SDB, lay mission partners, and volunteers.



**Clergy gathering  
at the Installation  
of the new  
Provincial**



**AND FATHER JOY SEBASTIAN HANDS OVER THE REINS**

Fr Joy Sebastian Thekumcherikunnel was born on 14 August 1958 in Chemmalamattom, Kerala, India. He held many different positions in India, after his ordination as a Priest, on 1 January 1986, in his hometown. He was then assigned to Maputsoe, Lesotho, here in South Africa, for nine years. A transfer took him as Bursar, to Bosco, Walkerville and then back again to Lesotho. And thence to Ennerdale. He also served as Delegate for Formation and held the position of Counsellor, before he was appointed on 1 January 1918 to the position of Provincial. He now hands over the reins to Father Vaclav Klement. Father Joy has yet to be assigned a new post, however, in the meantime, we wish him all the best in his new assignment. Our prayers and support go with him. We also thank him for the years he spent as Provincial, not an easy task, and pray that God will bless and reward him for all his efforts. Ad Multos Annos.



**VISIT OF THE COUNCILLOR FOR THE AFRICA-MADAGASCAR REGION**



Fr Alphonse Owoudou visited Manzini, eSwatini, on behalf of the Rector Major, where he met the five Salesians who are in eSwatini, as well as the educational and pastoral community and lay members of the Salesian Family. Among the activities he was able to experience with the young people of the school was a sports morning at the Don Bosco High School in Manzini, in the "Mavuso Sports Centre," where teachers, coaches, and students were busy with a liturgical animation, several speeches and the chance to appreciate the sports prowess of the young

Swazis, especially in sprint and long-distance races. eSwatini is the second largest of the three countries that make up the Salesian Vice-Province of Southern Africa (AFM). A small kingdom among the fifty or so states of Africa, a Salesian "nursery" or hub where many of the elite have passed through Salesian schools and "Don Bosco Youth Care," and a real challenge today to give the same opportunities to flourish, to the young, the real "leaven" for the eSwatini and Africa of tomorrow.





# Celebrating the Feast of Don Bosco – 31 January 2023



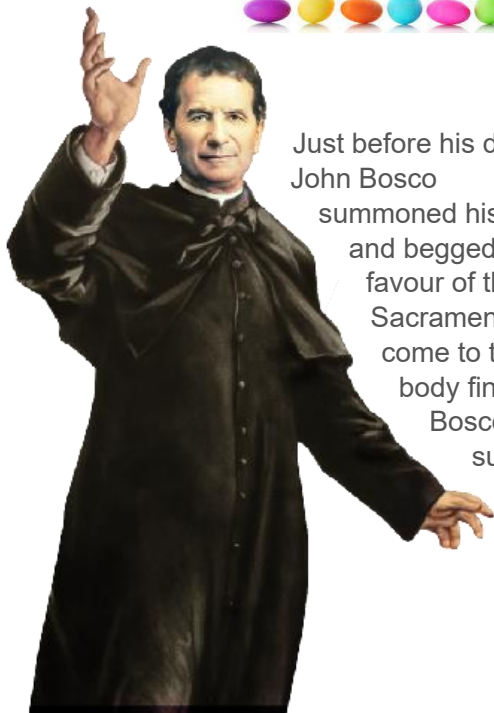
**Bosco - Randvaal**



**Our Lady Help of Christians - Booyens**



**Maputsoe - Lesotho**



Just before his death, John Bosco summoned his sons and begged the

favour of their prayers. "Do not ever forget these three things: devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, devotion to Mary Help of Christians, and devotion to (always be in support and come to the defence of) the Holy Father!" On January 31, 1888, Don Bosco's worn-out body finally yielded to nature. With the names of Jesus and Mary on his lips, Don Bosco's soul passed to his God and his Lady as the morning Angelus bell was summoning the faithful to prayer.

"Our saint has left us," the people of Turin mourned.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Eternal God, Bless our Salesian congregation with holy and faithful priests, brothers and sisters. Form them all in the likeness of your Son, so that in Him, with Him and through Him, they may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.







## Ennerdale



## Salesian Institute - Cape Town

On the feast of St John Bosco, the students and staff at the Salesian Institute enjoyed learning a bit more about the founder of the Salesians of Don Bosco, and had an extra treat with their lunch in his honour. Don Bosco (aka Gabriel Hamuy) made a surprise appearance to transmit a special message to the learners assuring them that it's enough that they are young for him to care about them and love them, especially those who are most in need.

He exhorted them to consider education as a matter of the heart, not just their brain. "I do not expect you to be smart or clever, just to be kind and considerate, happy and holy, that you might fulfil the purpose God created you for. Run, jump, shout, make a noise, but do not sin! Young friends, I'll be waiting for you in paradise, and remember that to become happy citizens of heaven, start by being holy citizens on earth! For you I study; For you I work; For you I live: For you I am prepared to give my life. Remember I was the friend of Youth in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century! My followers continue to be the friends of Young People in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! I'm still sending out Salesians to work among young people in the new millennium, and you could be one of them!" he concluded. **Fr Francois**



## Kolping House - Dysseldorp - Oudtshoorn

On 31st we celebrated the feast of St. John Bosco at Kolping House, Dysseldorp. Don Bosco is the patron saint of our congregation as we the MSMHC Sisters belong to the Salesian family of St. John Bosco. **Sr Elsa Joseph**





# NEWS FROM THE SALESIAN INSTITUTE - CAPE TOWN



Mr Maxwell Nkala in full flight, a catholic from Gugulethu, has been contracted by the Salesian Institute to train learners of the Learn to Live School, how to play the marimba bands. He is a well known teacher of a multitude of marimba players who play at the Waterfront and in churches.

## PROJECT - STITCH AHEAD

The students did groupwork as an icebreaker, they had to create a dress made from newspaper, once they were done and satisfied with their garments, we had a mini fashion show for the class to show off their creations.

The students started off with perfecting the simple running and back stitches on paper with patterns for them to follow with a needle and thread, once they were confident and I could see by the neatness if they were ready to move onto using fabric instead of the paper, they were allowed to move on. By Wednesday the entire class was on the level of using fabric. There are a total of 5 pages each for the students to complete. By Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, a total of three students were ready to move onto working on the industrial sewing machine.

I would like to highlight the dedication of every single student in this cohort so far, throughout this past week I have been asked multiple times if I can stay after class so they can finish up what they are doing, they are enthusiastic, the class is extremely interactive. There is a great need however, for more sewing machines, and I have to make sure that the students don't all need a sewing machine at the same time. Some students have to sit around on chairs and wait for others to finish. The exercises on the machines usually take days or a full week to complete, and it is a challenge to make sure that the students don't all move at the same pace. They are extremely enthusiastic, and it is difficult to make them wait their turn to use a machine.

*Hannaa Mohedeen. Forwarded by Fr Francois Dufour.*



## WAVES OF CHANGE



The jubilation of conquering one of the elements of the safety training course, learning to feel comfortable in floatation devices and trusting the process of being in the water and safely floating.







**THE INCOMING PROVINCIAL FATHER VACLAV KLEMENT ADDRESSING THE LEARN TO LIVE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.**



## **SUCCESS STORY LLUWELLYN SOLOMAN**



Lluwellyn is a 34-year-old man, who has had a difficult journey in life. He first encountered the Waves of Change programme in 2015. His teenage years well into adulthood were marked with turmoil as his parents did not create the ideal environment for a child to thrive in. His father was involved in gangsterism, and his mother was a drug addict. He was then led onto a life of active gangsterism, going in and out of prison, belonging to one of the number of gangs, notorious in Cape Town prisons.

A significant incident led Lluwellyn to make a change in his life. He was living in a brothel with his girlfriend whose mother was the brothel owner. One night, on his return to the brothel, he discovered

there had been a gruesome attack on some of the girls working there. This was a turning point; he recognised that the life he was living was becoming too dangerous. He left, but without a safe place to go to, he decided to live on the streets and slept under a tree in front of the Waterfront by the harbour for weeks. A good Samaritan offered him lodging on a fishing vessel docked in the harbour, but he was unable to work on the vessel as he did not have the correct paperwork and training. He was then referred to the Salesian Institute Youth Projects Waves of Change Programme, where he participated in the 2 week Life Skills programme. Filled with anger and a bad attitude he was asked to leave but told he was welcome back when he was ready to commit.

Covid-19 lockdown then happened, preventing Lluwellyn from pursuing the maritime training and he could only resume his efforts in 2021, when he successfully completed the Life Skills programme. Waves of Change assisted him to complete the required maritime training and obtain his Seaman logbook.

His next battle started, as weeks on end, as he waited at the harbour and no employment was forthcoming. Out of desperation, he returned to the Waves of Change Programme asking for assistance. The Waves of Change Programme facilitator saw the potential in Lluwellyn and put him forward to MSC Cruise Lines, who were recruiting at the time for an interview.

Lluwellyn embarked on MSC Cruise Lines at the end of October 2022, on his very first contract, and was on his way on a flight to Italy to join the Cruise Liner. His endurance and perseverance paid off, and Lluwellyn has a bright career ahead of him.

Full of expectation and excitement, Lluwellyn promised to keep us updated on his career developments.





# SALESIAN SISTERS FMA

**SOME HISTORY COUPLED WITH GOOD WORKS.**

**THE HOUSE IN BOOYSENS IS 120 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR**



The house in BooySENS, 53 Melville Street, was built by Lord Sumner in 1903, where he and his family lived. His daughter, Maud Sumner, became one of South Africa's most famous artists. The house was given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society who sold it to the Salesian Fathers, who used it as a hostel for young men. In 1966, the Salesian Sisters



bought the house from the Salesians of Don Bosco, who moved over the road to 66 Nelson Road. In 1967 the Sisters started the Pre School in the house. The first block of the Pre School was built in around 1977 and the second block was completed in 1980. The school catered for 120 children. In 2017 the school opened to the Junior Primary classes and now has two Grade R's two Grade 1's, 2's and 3's.



Many Sisters have passed through this community. Catechism classes have been held in the classrooms every Saturday morning. And now also on Sunday mornings, for the four groups attending Confirmation classes. Sr Colleen van Heerden and Sr Patricia Finn have trained the Catechists, as well as running the RCIA programme for the last forty years plus. The Sisters were also running the oratories and different youth groups, as well as different choirs in Sr John Bosco Parish Robertsham and the BooySENS Chapel of the Salesians of Don Bosco. Presently there are four Sisters in the Community.

***Sr Charmaine de la Chaumette FMA***

*Many people are indebted to the Sisters for all their years of hard work.*

*May God bless and reward them for their kindness, generosity and wonderful spirit. Editor*

## **Children's excursion Ennerdale to Bosco Randvaal**



Sixty-six children from two special clubs, Dominic Savio for boys and Laura Vicuna for girls, went on a visit to Bosco from Ennerdale. Each child was given a parcel containing food, Vaseline, deodorants, tooth paste and brushes. The children were overcome with excitement and thoroughly enjoyed the journey and the visit.

The Salesian Sisters (FMA) are grateful to the anonymous donor, who made this excursion possible. ***Sr Lidia Castro FMA***





# FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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To the Priestly Ordination of their son  
*Dn. Xolile Galata SDB*  
By His Lordship Rt. Rev. Victor Hlolo Phalana  
The bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Klerksdorp- South Africa

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**  
**Venue: Mphatlalatsane Hall, Rammulotsi Viljoenskroon**  
**Time: 10:00 AM**

<p><b>FIRST MASS</b></p> <p>DATE : 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. TIME : 10: 30 a.m. VENUE : St. Paul Parish, Rammulotsi Viljoenskroon</p>	<p><b>HOME THANKSGIVING MASS</b></p> <p>DATE : 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2023. TIME : 10:30AM. VENUE : 9 Lovat Avenue Ellaton Klerksdorp</p>
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**Father Sean Murphy.**  
**50 Years Ordained**  
**29 April 2023**  
**60 Years Professed**  
**31 August 2023**



Masalesian a Don Bosco, Tikoloho ya AFM, Parishi ya St. Paul le lelapa la Galata & Lebalele le lememela

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Pehong ya mora oa bona  
**Rev Dn Xolile Galata SDB**  
Ka Morena Mobishop, Rev. Victor Hlolo Phalana  
Mobishopo wa Tikoloho ea Klerksdorp

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*"My grace is sufficient for you" 2Cor.12:9*

**Father Dino Miotto.**  
**60 Years Professed**  
**16 August 2023**





# NEWS FROM THE MSMHC SISTERS IN DYSELSDORP - OUDTSHOORN

The Diocese of Oudtshoorn organised a pilgrimage to Mount Calvary in Dysseldorp (Kruiweg), which began from the Don Bosco youth camp. Fr. Dennis animated the stations of the cross, and Bishop Noel, the Bishop Oudtshoorn concelebrated the Holy



Eucharist. Fr. Thomas Quiwin, Fr. Wim and Fr. David together with Religious and faithful were part of the Stations of the cross and Holy



Mass in St. Conrad parish. People came from various parishes in great numbers. All of us praying the Stations of the Cross in various languages, walked devoutly, prayerfully singing and praying in preparation for Lent to

Easter. We then walked down silently, to the parish Church for Holy Mass. At The end of Holy Mass the Bishop gifted everyone with the scapular & Scapular medals of Our Lady, and the picture of Black Madonna. It was indeed a spirit filled experience of having participated in that spiritual Journey during this short span of Lent to Easter. **Sr Elsa Joseph**

## Prayers Please

For PEACE in our country and the world over.  
For all Readers, Donors and Friends of Salesians.

For starving children and families.  
For all women who are used and abused.  
For the protection of Our Blessed Mother and Her Son.

For persecuted Christians.  
For all those who have gone before us. May they rest in peace.



*Almighty, ever-living God, Whose love surpasses all that we ask or deserve, open up for us the treasures of your mercy. Forgive us all that weighs on our conscience and grant us more even than we dare to ask. Through Christ our Lord. Amen"*



Dear Friends  
Once again thank you for your kindness, your prayers and your donations. Without allies like you, we would not be able to continue our work with disadvantaged children.



Next week will be Holy Week which leads us to the Resurrection – the most sacred time of the year. We still have time to make amends; to go and talk to that family member who made us mad; to give some food to a hungry person; spread love and make somebody laugh; encourage somebody who is seeking forgiveness. And we can pray – that's easy. Our Blessed Lady will be so happy to hear a few extra Rosaries being said. We can unite with her in her suffering while the many swords pierce her heart, as her Son is denied, mocked, rejected, and abandoned. Finally we can rejoice with Jesus and Mary at the Resurrection. Peace, love, joy and happiness be with you all this Easter. Pray for me please. Love Denise

### FEAST DAYS

02 Apr Palm Sunday  
06 Apr Holy Thursday  
07 Apr Good Friday  
09 Apr Easter Sunday  
16 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday  
29 Apr St Catherine of Siena  
06 May St Dominic Savio  
13 May Our Lady of Fatima  
St Mary Mazzarello  
21 May Ascension of Our Lord  
24 May Mary Help of Christians  
28 May Pentecost  
31 May The Visitation of Our Lady

### LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

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