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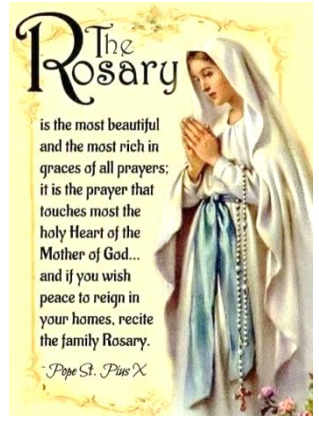
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Dear Friends another month has gone and

looking at the calendar of saints I see that we have many famous ones in October. Including the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and the guardian angels, we have: two Doctors of the Church, two very influential Popes, three Apostles, two founders of Orders – the Jesuits and the Franciscans, two mystics who communicated with the good Lord, a young man who died at the age of 15 in 2006, from leukemia and who had a great devotion to the Blessed Eucharist and also an interest in St Francis of Assisi; and Blessed Michael Rua (Feast day 29 October) a student of Don Bosco and the first Rector Major after Don Bosco’s death. The Salesian Vice Province in South Africa is named after Blessed Michael Rua.

Can you fit the names to the descriptions?
My sincere thanks to all you very dear people who continue to assist us with your prayers, your donations and your friendship. There are some good people who give a donation, with just their name as a reference and I cannot contact them to say: “Thank You.” Please know that I am sincerely grateful and would love to know who you are. Send me an email or a whatsapp.
Remember October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Let us pray the Rosary for peace in our families, our homes and in the world. So many wounded and abused people are crying out for PEACE. God bless and love you all and pray for me please, as I do for you. Denise.

FEAST DAYS - OCTOBER 2024 -

01 St. Thérèse of Lisieux	02 The Holy Guardian Angels
04 St. Francis of Assisi	05 St. Faustina Kowalska
11 St. John XXIII	12 Bl. Carlo Acutis
15 St. Teresa of Avila	16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
17 St. Ignatius of Antioch	18 St. Luke
22 St. John Paul II	28 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

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Our Lady of the Rosary

While praying one day, a young woman stopped and asked, God, who are You?
And God replied, "I am".
"But I don't understand", she said. Who is, I am?"
And He replied, I am love, I am peace, I am joy. I am forgiveness, I am compassion and I am patient. I am hope and I am benevolent. I am omnipotent, I am omniscient and I am the almighty. I am strength and I am safety. I am the Creator. I am the Alpha and Omega. I am the beginning and the end. I am the most high. I am the way, the truth and the light. I am the answer."
The woman listened and with tears in her eyes she looked toward the heavens and said, "Now I understand who You are God, but then who am I?"
And God tenderly wiped away her tears and whispered, You.. are Mine."



"When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer."
St. Louis de Montfort

29 OCTOBER BLESSED MICHAEL RUA

- * Blessed Michael Rua, born in Turin in 1837, played pivotal roles in the early Salesian Society.
- * Michael came to the Oratory in 1852.
- * One day, Don Bosco told him, "We will go halves in everything."
- * He was among the first group to whom Don Bosco suggested the formation of the Salesian Society.
- * Ordained in 1860, he was Don Bosco's most trusted confidant and accompanied Don Bosco on his journeys.
- * At the explicit request of the Founder, in 1884, Pope Leo XIII named him as the successor to Don Bosco.
- * Under his leadership, the Salesian Society flourished, expanding from 773 to 4000 members, 57 to 345 houses, and 6 to 34 provinces across 33 countries.
- * His compassionate spirit and dedication to Don Bosco's vision earned him the title 'a king of kindness.'
- * When beatifying him, on October 29, 1972, Pope Paul VI stated: "The Salesian Family owes its origin to Don Bosco, to Fr. Rua its continuation...He turned the spring into a river."

MARRIAGE MINISTRY – OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS – LANSDOWNE CAPE TOWN



A huge "Thank You" goes to Sister Suzanne Duncan, Schoenstatt Sister, for the wonderful workshop that she gave at Lansdowne. *Simon Laws*



Our Lady Help of Christians-Lansdowne
Marriage Matters

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Thanks also to Father Francois Dufour, for addressing the couples and imparting his blessing upon them.

And as it happens the Gospel reading this Sunday 6 October is from Saint Mark Chapter 10.

"And Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.'" Sober words indeed.

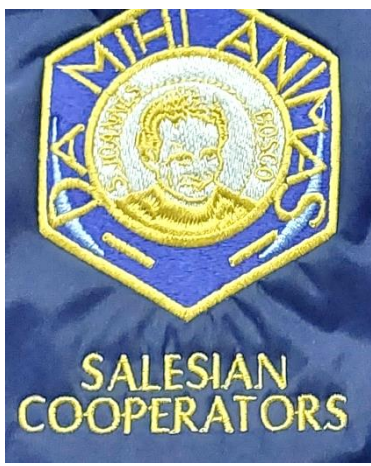


Continuing their Centenary celebrations the parishioners had a Potjiekos Competition



REMEMBER: **The day you plant the seed ... is not the day you eat the fruit**
...BE PATIENT ...BE HUMBLE...DON'T GIVE UP!





A Salesian Co-Operators workshop was held in Eswatini at the beginning of October. Present were the Provincial Council and the Salesian Co-Operators of Southern Africa, as well as 50 representatives from the Provinces of South Africa, Lesotho and Eswatini.



PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF SALESIAN COOPERATORS



SALESIAN CO-OPERATORS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



SOUTH AFRICA



LESOTHO



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share their latest news and developments as they gear up for a strong finish to 2024.



STITCH AHEAD SEWING PROGRAMME

Stitch Ahead is empowering Cape Town's youth through skills and community transformation. In August this year, the 6th cohort (since programme launch in 2023) graduated successfully! Every graduation is concluded with a fashion show where participants showcase the garments they made during the course.

WAVES OF CHANGE MARITIME PROGRAMME

Thanks to the dedication of the Waves of Change team, 2,986 clients have been assisted through the helpdesk to date this year. Of these, 241 successfully completed the two-week Lifeskills course, and 101 have registered with the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA), a crucial step toward further maritime training and employment. We continue to collaborate with our network partners to facilitate training and create potential job opportunities.



WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING - AN OPEN INVITATION

Open Your Heart: Host Our Students for a FREE Two-Month Placement!

Our trained students are ready to gain practical work experience to boost their employability. By hosting our learners, you'll help them grow and benefit from fresh talent ready to contribute to your company's success.

Connect with our Employability Team to find the perfect candidate. Let's shape the future together!

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"My children, jump, run and play and make all the noise you want but avoid sin like the plague and you will surely gain heaven."
DON BOSCO



NEETS YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME

The 2024 cohort enrolled in the New Venture Creation NQF 2 and NQF 4 programs, are well on track with the curriculum. Following the successful launch of the 3-month Solar Mounter and Installer course earlier this year as part of the NEETs Program, the extension from a 3-month to a 12-month program, with 19 students currently participating, has been welcomed. Work Integrated Learning is underway, and we are actively seeking suitable partners to provide our students with three-month placements. If your business in Cape Town is interested in offering a NEET student a three-month opportunity (no salary required), please get in touch with us.

LEARN TO LIVE SCHOOL OF SKILLS

The addition of Auto-Mechanical works as the fifth vocational workshop has been highly popular with learners. The inclusion of Solar Installation in the electrical curriculum has further enriched their learning experience this year. Our learners also participated in various extracurricular activities, with the Marimba Band performing at notable events, including the Women's Day celebration at the Fountains Hotel and another at the Table Bay Hotel. Leadership programs offered by PeaceJam and the Waterfront Rotary Club provided our students with valuable opportunities, such as the transformative "Adventure into Citizenship" program.

PRAYERS PLEASE

For all readers, donors and friends of the Spotlight.
 For an increase in reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.
 For peace in our country and an end to corruption.
 For starving children the world over.
 For all women and children who are used and abused.
 For the protection of our Blessed Mother and her Son.
 For WORLD PEACE, especially in the Middle East.
 For all the faithful departed, especially Tommy Cleary.
 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 even more than we dare to ask. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."



TOMMY CLEARY RIP

Many will remember Tommy. He was a pupil at the Salesian Institute where he studied carpentry and carried on with this trade when he began working there. He was 'part of the furniture,' as they say and he worked at the Institute for many decades. Tommy made all the Repository furniture. He was recognised, not only as the carpenter but also as the "all round" maintenance man. He always had a ready smile when you met him on the corridor or in one of the many entrances to the Institute; and always with some form of workman's device in his hand. He was respected and loved by many. May his dear soul rest in peace. 17/02/1937 – 01/10/2024

ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN

On the day of his ordination, Fulton Sheen made two resolutions: (1) to celebrate Mass every Saturday in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary petitioning her protection over his priesthood and (2) to make a Holy Hour every day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sheen fulfilled both of these resolutions without fail until the day he died. These practices gave birth to the intense devotion that Sheen had to both the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the Eucharist throughout his life. So central were the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Eucharist in his life that Sheen often prayed that he would die on a Marian feast day, and in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sheen died on Sunday, December 9, 1979 (one day after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) while in prayer before the tabernacle in his private chapel.



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 Tel: 27 (0) 72 299 2809
 We would be extremely grateful.

Those we love don't go away,
 They walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near,
 Still loved, still missed and very dear.

