

MEDIATOR & SHEPHERDS NEWS

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RECTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE

When Pilate declared: "I did not find this man guilty of any charges against him", the Jewish leaders incited the crowds to shout for Christ's blood: "Crucify him! Crucify him!" After his death, they also came to Pilate to secure the tomb, because Christ said while he was alive that he will be killed by the Jewish leaders, but he will rise again....So they demanded Pilate to seal the tomb.....

We see two things here:

- a) An innocent man put to death
- b) The fear that he may rise again....

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus was the one who gave life to the dead daughter of Jairus - to the widow's son of Nain - to Lazarus who after four days came back to life at his word.....How can anyone keep Lazarus in the grave?

Gregory of Nyssa, one of the early Christian fathers, explained with illustrations of angling: *The fish comes to gulp the worm, kept as bait by the angler...Instead of finishing the worm, the fish is caught by the iron hook inside the bait ...*Gregory compared the iron hook to the divinity of Christ... He asked Jesus as the Son of God, divine, how can death and grave keep him?

The women went early on the first day of the week, Sunday, to anoint his body according to the Jewish rites, which could not be done earlier due to the onset of the Sabbath. The women testified to the disciples in the upper room in the city of Jerusalem that Jesus rose from death... These words seem to them an idle tale - for how could a dead man ever come back to life? So the disciples did not believe them. According to John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene became the first witness to Jesus' resurrection. The resurrected Jesus appeared to the disciples in the upper room. St Paul then goes on to argue that the resurrection of Jesus is the basis for the Church's belief in the resurrection of the believers. He draws the conclusion that if Christ did not rise, then our faith is in vain and we die in our sins. St Paul holds that Jesus thus becomes the first-born from the dead...And so, Christianity not only speaks of forgiveness of sins, but also the newness of life through the resurrected Christ...

Every time the Gospel is preached, we experience Christ in us. Christianity, in a sense, is not following a set of rules, but is based on a living Lord. This is the testimony of St Paul who says, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." The proof that Jesus is alive is ourselves. What is a testimony? People go to Church not knowing Jesus as the Saviour, but also on seeing our transformed lives. So what testimony do we give to those around us? Is the newness of life through the resurrected power of the Lord seen in us? Are we living again a new life in Christ?

A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO ALL OF YOU, AND MAY THE RISEN CHRIST BE WITH YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES !!!!!!!!!

CHRIST IS RISEN , WE ARE RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!!!!!!!!

Fr Clarence, Fr Richard, Parish Council, Lay Ministers & Parish Administrator.

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PROFIE : FR RICHARD DUNSDON



Richard Mario Dunsdon was born 19 May 1982 in Hermanus Hospital. He grew up in Papiessvlei, a community near Stanford, Caledon. When he was 5 years old, his family moved to Gansbaai, where he completed primary school; went on to high school in Stanford and matriculated at Swartberg Senior Secondary School, Caledon. Richard was unable to study further due to difficult circumstances at home and at that time rebelled and acted out in anger.

In 2002 he started work at a fish factory in Gansbaai where he worked himself up to senior quality controller. Richard lost his mother and then a brother; thereafter his father in 2009. It was during that time he felt God's calling to the ordained ministry. Richard was fortunate to be blessed with surrogate parents Yvonne and William Slabber, whom he refers to as Mommy and Daddy, a brother Devan and sisters Rochelle and Whillene. He states: *"The God who calls, He equips and provides."*

Richard completed his Theological studies through TEE in 2012 and was sent to COTT (College of Transfiguration) for his final year in 2013. He described that time as an amazing, spiritual experience.

He was a good student and received 5 distinctions from his 6 subjects. Fr Richard was ordained to the Holy Order of a Deacon on 14 December 2013 at Christ the Redeemer, Westridge and served his first curacy there under the direction of Fr Lundi Joko. On 28 September 2014 he was ordained priest at All Saints, Belhar and on 1 December 2014 started his 2nd curacy at Christ the Mediator, Portland with Christ the Good Shepherd, Eastridge with Fr Clarence Chee Mee as his Rector.

Currently he is the youngest Priest in the Diocese of False Bay. Fr Richard says: "I am a vibrant young priest who has managed to minister to both young and not so young. I see every day of my Ministry as a challenge and an opportunity to always give my best to God and God's people. Once in my short time of fulltime Ministry, while still serving in the Parish of Christ the Redeemer, a parishioner of another parish referred to me as: *"Fr. Richard Dunsdon, dai wakke predekantjie innie Westridge in."* Today I can only thank God for the privilege of choosing me to be the Instrument in his hands.

The voice of the youth!



My name is Tarquin Tremble. I am 16 years old. My passions are Dance and playing X-BOX, like any other ordinary child my age.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE : I am a grade 10 learner at Sea Point High School. I have been accomplishing top grades since I started there: Top Learner Grade 8; I managed with the help of God to scoop up all the Top Awards in my grade 9 year - Principle's Award; Top Sea Pointer Junior, All Rounder Award & 3rd Position in the Grade Award. I know that I make my parents Shaun & Iris very proud. My brother Shadwyn, my role model,

was also a learner at Sea Point High and he was the Top Achiever and that has inspired me to do the same.

DANCING: I am a competitive Ballroom & Latin Dancer. My passion for dance started at the age of 7 yrs starting out with partner Shamonnay Fredericks (also a parishioner at our church). I have since changed my partner and accomplished top results in the South African Championships held in Cape Town in 2014. In competing against all the provinces, I am proud of my results -- Achieving 2nd Place Ballroom & 2nd Place Latin. Whoop Whoop !!

CHALLENGES / JOYS FACED AS A YOUNG PERSON: As in any other community, particularly in Mitchell's Plain, like any other teenager, I am faced with challenges such as peer pressure, gangsterism & substance abuse. **BUT** I chose to make a difference: in my school, in my church, in my community and society at large. This I could only achieve through the Help of God. My advice to other young people would be: *Don't Compromise your Faith.* We have all been created in the image of God and there is beauty within us all. It is up to you as an individual. Never forget that it is the choices we make in life



that will determine our destiny. My Mom would always say to me: "Choose your friends wisely, ones who will add value to your life. If they don't then it is time to shape up and shape out !" I am a Proud Anglican , and would like to remain active in my church after my confirmation. I made a brave start with the Sunday School as a stepping stone. My personal motto in life is: *"To remain focused and humble"*.

PHOTO GALLERY



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Enjoying a cuppa: Mothering Sunday



Bonnie Raymond & Keshia Hans our motivational speakers at Education Sunday .

Palm Sunday Veronique & Monice Levember.



Tree Planting: French Centre



Fr Clarence officiated at the Internment of Fr Taute's Ashes.



The Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance: Archdeacon Rev Ruth

Palm Sunday 2015



The Sunday School children were asked: *What does Easter mean to you?*

Jamie-Leigh (age 9) Easter eggs!

Gerard Hendricks (6) Getting chocolate eggs!

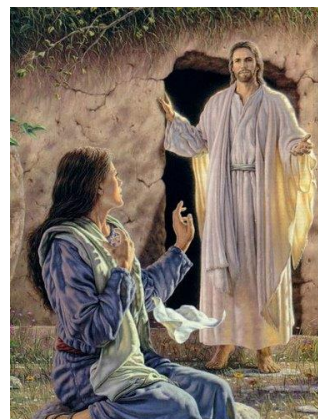
Juan Nicholas (6) When everybody eats chocolates!

Jayden Douw (14) The Resurrection!

Christine Windwaai (6) We pick up eggs!

Mia Taylor (11) Giving someone a presents!

Rizaan Francis (10) Give chocolates to children!



Easter also called **Pascha** or **Resurrection Sunday**, is a festival and holiday celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred three days after his crucifixion by Romans at Calvary. It is the culmination of the Passion of Christ, preceded by Lent, a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.

An Easter Prayer

Lord, Thank you for the gift of HOPE you gave us on Easter morning. Because of you we know that no problem is too difficult and even death does not have power over us. Thank you for the gift of JOY you gave us when you were resurrected. Because of you we know that no matter how challenging life may be in the end we will rejoice again. Thank you for the gift of LOVE you gave us when you laid down your life. Because of you we know that there is no sin too great to separate us and we are incredibly valuable to you. Thank you for the gift of LIFE you gave us when you left the tomb. Because of Easter we know this world is just beginning and we will spend forever in heaven with you. We celebrate you, JESUS, with hearts full of praise and gratitude, for who you are and all you've done for us. Amen.

-Holley Gerth -



10 April – Parish Dance Westridge Civic R70.

3 May – Sunday School High Tea

7 May – Bazaar Meeting @ 19h30

24 May – Pentecost Day – Archdeaconry Service

6 June : Area Palestrina – Boerewors Roll Sale ;
Area Montague – Potjie Curry Sale.

28 June – Sunday School Cake Sale.

19 July – Talent Sunday

25 July – Christmas in July

6 September : Area Mauritius - Gospel Afternoon

25 October - 1 November BAZAAR WEEK

Easter – a time to remember the death of Jesus Christ and to rejoice in his resurrection.

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