



Calendar for the year 2018



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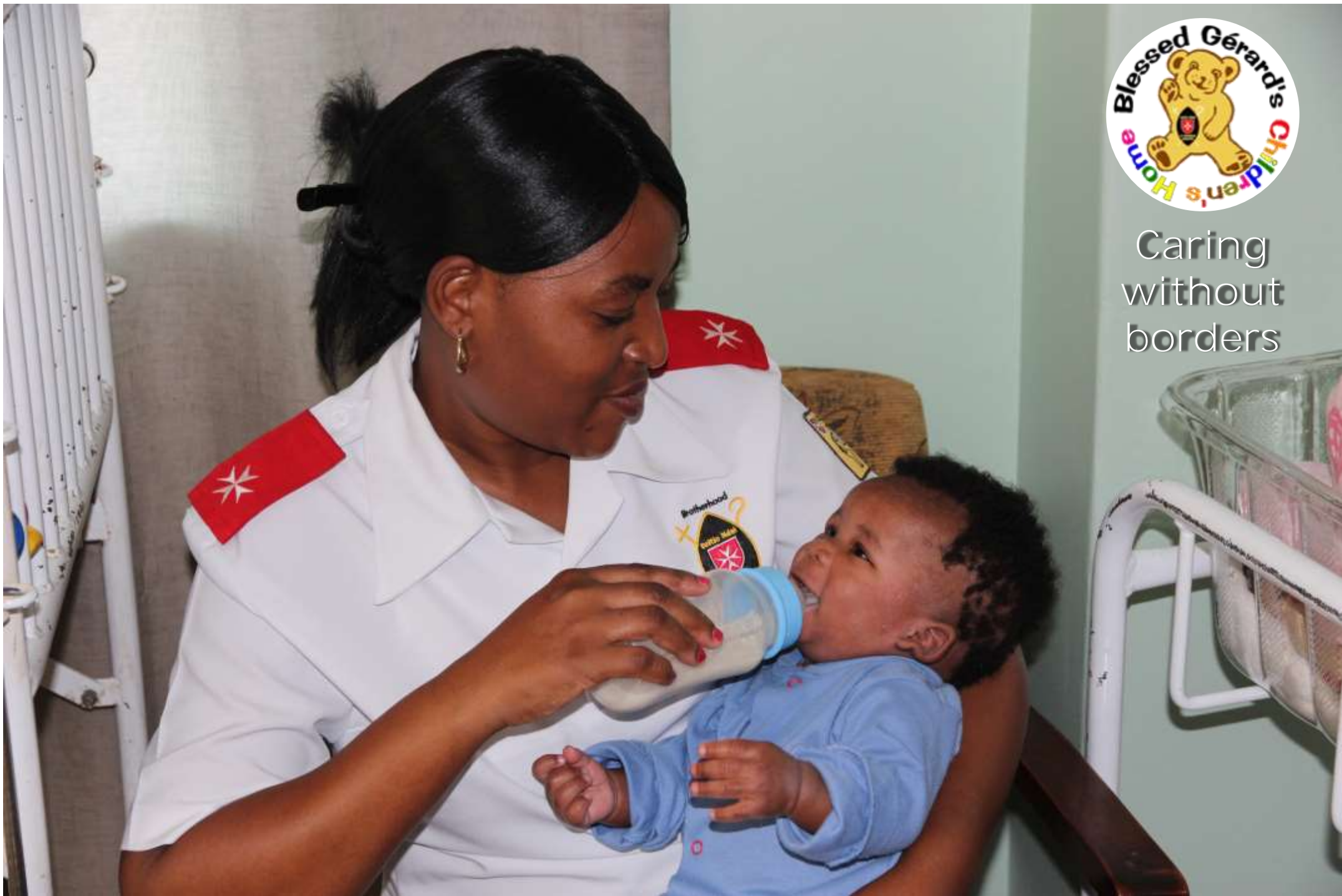


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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Year 2	1 Mary, Mother of God RSA: New Year's Day World Day of prayer for peace	2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors	3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) 25 years Blessed Gérard's Relief Fund	5 (St. John Neumann, bishop)	6 (St. André Bessette)
7 Epiphany of the Lord St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest	8 Baptism of the Lord (St. Severinus)	9 St. Adrian of Canterbury, abbot	10 (St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop, OSB)	11 (Blessed William Carter) Anniversary: Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe elevated to the Diocese of Eshowe, 1951	12 (St. Marguerite Bourgeoys)	13 St. Hilary, bishop & doctor
14 2nd Sunday in ordinary time (St. Felix of Nola)	15 (Sts. Maurus & Placidus, scholars of St. Benedict, OSB)	16 (St. Bernard & companions)	17 St. Anthony, abbot World Day of Migrants and Refugees	18 (St. Prisca) 18 – 25 January: Week of prayer for Christian Unity	19 (St. Canute)	20 St. Fabian, pope & martyr; St. Sebastian, martyr; Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi, priest
21 3rd Sunday in ordinary time St. Agnes, virgin & martyr	22 St. Vincent of Saragozza, deacon & martyr	23 (St. Marianne Cope & St. Vincent, martyr)	24 St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor	25 Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle	26 Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops; (St. Robert, Alberich & Stephen, Cistercian abbots, OSB) 22 years Blessed Gérard's Disaster Relief Project	27 St. Angela Merici, virgin Holocaust Memorial Day
28 4th Sunday in ordinary time St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor	29 (St. Gildas the Wise, abbot)	30 (St. Martina, virgin & martyr)	31 St. John Bosco, priest World Day of Leprosy	Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 4924043 Fax +27 86 6938940 · www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za		

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4 5th Sunday in ordinary time (St. John de Britto) World Cancer Day	5 St. Agatha, virgin & martyr	6 Sts. Paul Miki, priest & martyr & companions, martyrs: "Twenty-six martyrs of Japan"	7 (St. Moses)	8 St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin St. Jerome Emiliani, priest	9 (St. Apollonia)	10 St. Scholastica, virgin, OSB
11 6th Sunday in ordinary time Our Lady of Lourdes (St. Benedict of Aniane, abbot, OSB) World Day of the Sick	12 (St. Damian)	13 (St. Catherine de Ricci)	14 Ash Wednesday Sts. Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop St. Valentine's Day	15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday (St. Faustinus)	16 Friday after Ash Wednesday (St. Juliana of Cumae, martyr)	17 Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious
18 1st Sunday of Lent (St. Simeon, bishop & martyr)	19 (St. Boniface of Lausanne)	20 Dedication of the Conventual Church of St. John the Baptist in Malta, SMOM World Day of Social Justice	21 St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor International Mother Language Day	22 The Chair of St. Peter, apostle	23 St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr	24 (St. Sergius)
25 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Ethelbert of Kent) Priory of Inkamana raised to an abbey in 1982	26 St. Alexander of Alexandria, bishop	27 (St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows)	28 (St. Hilary, pope)			

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4 3rd Sunday of Lent St. Casimir of Poland World Day of Prayer	5 (St. Kieran, bishop)	6 (St. Colette)	7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs	8 St. John of God, religious International Women's Day	9 St. Frances of Rome, religious	10 (St. John Ogilvie, martyr)
11 4th Sunday of Lent "Laetare" (St. Constantine, martyr)	12 (St. Seraphina) <i>Abbey of St. Ottilien raised to the rank of an Archabbey in 1914</i>	13 (Bl. Agnello of Pisa)	14 (St. Maud) Commonwealth Day	15 (St. Louise de Marillac) 25 years Blessed Gérard's Malnutrition Clinic	16 (St. Herbert)	17 St. Patrick, bishop
18 5th Sunday of Lent St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor	19 St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	20 March equinox	21 Death of St. Benedict, abbot, OSB RSA: Human Rights Day International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22 Blessed Clemens August von Galen, SMOM St. Deogratias, bishop World Water Day	23 St. Turibius de Mogrovejo, bishop	24 (St. Aldemar) World Tuberculosis Day
25 Palm Sunday	26 Monday of Holy Week	27 Tuesday of Holy Week St. John of Egypt, hermit	28 Wednesday of Holy Week (St. Venturino of Bergamo)	29 Holy Thursday (St. Jonas & Barachisius, martyrs)	30 Good Friday (St. John Climacus, abbot) 19 years Blessed Gérard's First Aid & Emergency Service	31 Easter Vigil (St. Benjamin, martyr)

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Blessed Gérard's Pre-Primary School & Crèche



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April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday St. Nonius Alvarez Pereira, prior, SMOM 14 years Blessed Gérard's Hospice HAART Programme	2 Monday in the Octave of Easter St. Francis of Paola, hermit	3 Tuesday in the Octave of Easter (St. Richard of Wyche)	4 Wednesday in the Octave of Easter St. Isidore, bishop & doctor St. Benedict 'the Black', religious	5 Thursday in the Octave of Easter St. Vincent Ferrer, priest	6 Friday in the Octave of Easter (St. Celestino I, pope St. Peter of Verona) 12 th anniversary of Clare Kalkwarf's death	7 Saturday in the Octave of Easter St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest World Health Day
8 2nd Sunday of Easter "Divine Mercy Sunday" (St. Walter of Pontnoise, abbot)	9 (St. Mary of Cleophas)	10 (St. Michael de Sanctis)	11 St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr	12 St. Zeno of Verona, bishop	13 St. Martin I, pope & martyr	14 (St. Maximus, martyr)
15 3rd Sunday of Easter (St. Hunna)	16 (St. Bernadette Soubirous, religious)	17 World Day of Prayer for Vocations RSA: Family Day	18 (Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin)	19 (Leo IX, pope)	20 St. Marcellinus, bishop Sts. Vincent & Dominic, missionaries 25 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged as Relief Organisation of the Order of Malta	21 St. Anselm, bishop & doctor
22 4th Sunday of Easter (St. Alexander, martyr)	23 St. George, martyr (St. Adalbert, bishop, missionary & martyr, OSB)	24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr	25 St. Mark, evangelist	26 (St. Cletus)	27 (St. Zita) RSA: Freedom Day	28 St. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr, St. Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort, priest, St. Pius V., pope
29 5th Sunday of Easter St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor	30 Our Lady, Mother of Africa	Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 4924043 · Fax +27 86 6938940 · www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za				

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		1 St. Joseph the worker RSA: Workers' Day	2 St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor	3 Sts. Philip & James, apostles	4 (Blessed Martyrs of England and Wales)	5 (St. Asaph, bishop)
6 6th Sunday of Easter (St. Dominic Savio)	7 (St. John of Beverley, bishop)	8 (St. Peter of Tarantaise)	9 (St. George Preca)	10 (St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i)	11 (Sts. Odo, Majolus, Odilo, Hugo & Petrus the venerable, abbots of Cluny, OSB)	12 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr International Nurses Day
13 7th Sunday of Easter Our Lady of Fatima World Communications Day	14 St. Matthias, apostle RSA: Mothers' Day	15 (St. Dymphna) World Day of Prayer for Vocations, International Day of Families	16 (St. Brendan, abbot)	17 (St. Paschal Baylon)	18 St. John I, pope & martyr Blessed Gerard Mecatti of Villamagna, religious, SMOM	19 (St. Celestin, pope & hermit, OSB)
20 Pentecost Sunday St. Bernardine of Siena, priest	21 St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	22 St. Rita of Cascia, religious	23 Blessed William Apor, bishop & martyr, SMOM 24 years Blessed Gérard's AIDS Education Programme	24 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Help for Christians	25 St. Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor; St. Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin	26 St. Philip Neri, priest
27 Trinity Sunday St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop	28 St. Ubaldesca, virgin, SMOM	29 Blessed Joseph Gerard OMI, priest	30 (St. Joan of Arc)	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary World No-Tobacco Day	Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 4924043 Fax +27 86 6938940 www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za	

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3 "Corpus Christi" Sts. Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs	4 (St. Quirinus of Siscia, bishop)	5 St. Boniface, bishop & martyr World Environment Day	6 St. Norbert, bishop	7 (St. Robert, abbot) Anniversary: Bishop Kumalo ordained bishop in 2008	8 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Patronal feast of the Diocese of Eshowe & the Missionary Benedictines Blessed James Berthieu, martyr	9 Immaculate Heart of Mary St. Ephrem of Syria, deacon & doctor
10 10 th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Ithamar)	11 St. Barnabas, apostle	12 St. Flora of Beaulieu, virgin, SMOM St. Onophrius, hermit	13 St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor, Patron of Mandeni Parish	14 (St. Valerius)	15 (Sts. Vitus & Modestus, martyrs)	16 (St. Aurelian) RSA: Youth Day
17 11 th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Paschal Baylon)	18 (St. Gregory Barbagio, bishop) RSA: Fathers' Day	19 St. Romuald, abbot Blessed Gerland, religious, SMOM	20 (Sts. Alban, Aaron & Julius) World Refugee Day	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious June solstice	22 Sts. Paulinus of Nola, bishop John Fisher, bishop & martyr Thomas Moore, martyr	23 (St. Joseph Cafasso)
24 Birth of St. John the Baptist, patron, SMOM	25 (St. William of Vercelli, abbot)	26 (St. Anselm) International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor	28 St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr	29 Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles	30 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

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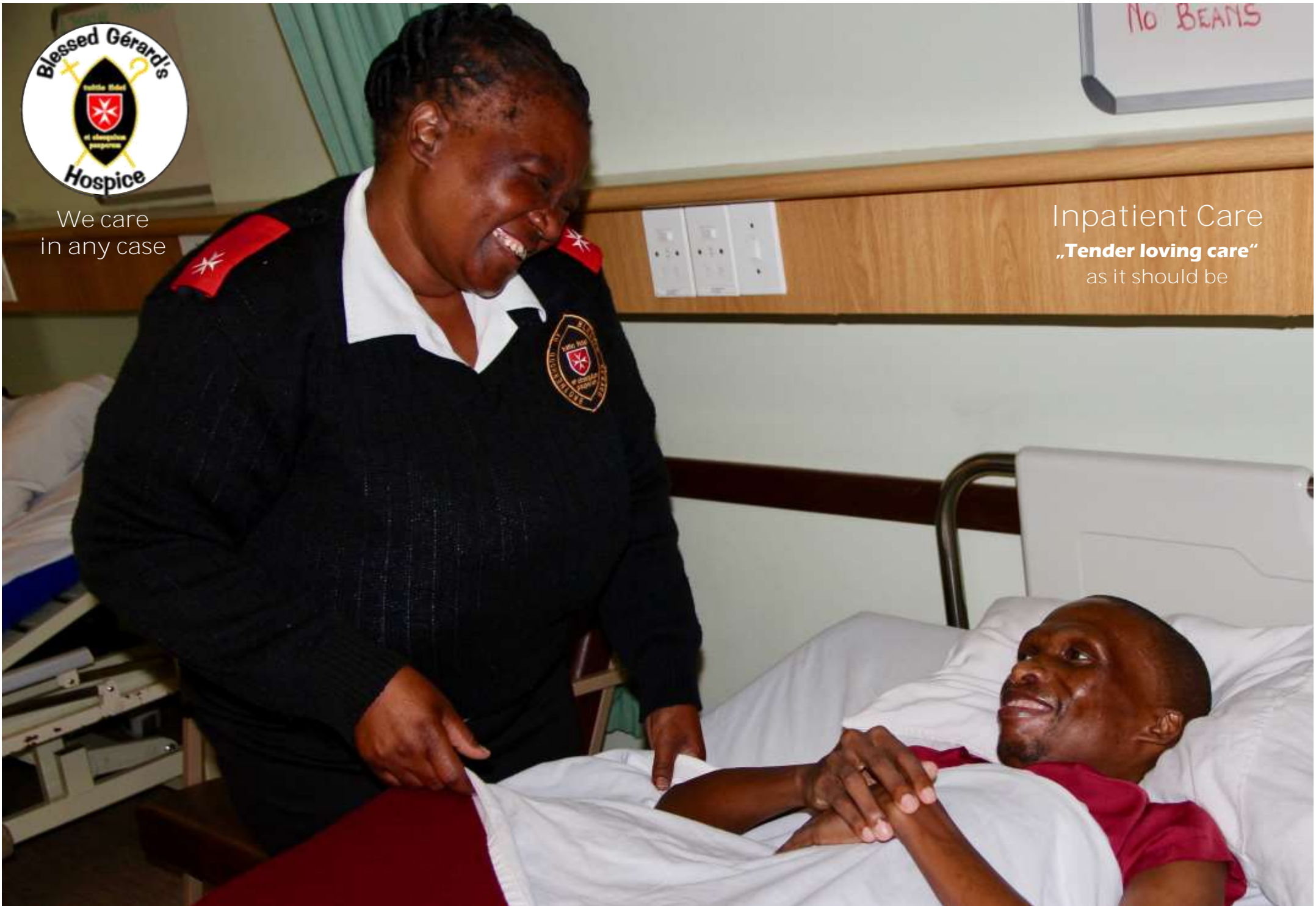
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<p>1</p> <p>13th Sunday in ordinary time St. Nicasius, martyr, SMOM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>(St. Oliver Plunkett)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>St. Thomas, apostle</p>	<p>4</p> <p>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>St. Anthony M. Zaccaria, priest</p>	<p>6</p> <p>St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr</p>	<p>7</p> <p>(St. Willibald St. Palladius, bishop)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>14th Sunday in ordinary time Blessed Adrian Fortescue, martyr, SMOM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & companions, martyrs (Mary Queen of Peace) 18 years Blessed Gérard's Children's Home</p>	<p>10</p> <p>(Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>St. Benedict, abbot, OSB World Population Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Blessed David Gunston, martyr, SMOM (St. Johannes Gualbert, abbot, OSB)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>St. Henry</p>	<p>14</p> <p>St. Camillus de Lellis, priest St. Toscana, religious, SMOM</p>
<p>15</p> <p>15th Sunday in ordinary time St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</p>	<p>17</p> <p>(Carmelite Nuns of Compiègne)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>(St. Camillus de Lellis) RSA: Nelson Mandela Day</p>	<p>19</p> <p>(Sts. Justa & Rufina, martyrs)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>St. Apollinaris, bishop & martyr</p>	<p>21</p> <p>St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor</p>
<p>22</p> <p>16th Sunday in ordinary time St. Mary Magdalene</p>	<p>23</p> <p>St. Bridget of Sweden, religious</p>	<p>24</p> <p>St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest</p>	<p>25</p> <p>St. James, apostle</p>	<p>26</p> <p>St. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>27</p> <p>(St. Theobald)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>St. Victor I, pope & martyr</p>
<p>29</p> <p>17th Sunday in ordinary time Sts. Martha, Maria & Lazarus, friends of Jesus, OSB</p>	<p>30</p> <p>St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor St. Justin de Jacobis, bishop</p>	<p>31</p> <p>St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest</p>	<p>Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</p>			



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5 18th Sunday in ordinary time Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major	6 Transfiguration of the Lord	7 Sts. Sixtus II, pope & martyr & companions, martyrs St. Cajetan, priest	8 St. Dominic, priest	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin & martyr RSA: National Women's Day International Day of the World's Indigenous People	10 St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr	11 St. Clare of Assisi, virgin
12 19th Sunday in ordinary time St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious, Blessed Isidore Bakanja, martyr International Youth Day	13 St. Pontian, pope & martyr St. Hippolytus, priest & martyr	14 St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest & martyr	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16 St. Stephan of Hungary	17 (St. Hyacinth)	18 Blessed Victoria Rasoamanarivo
19 20th Sunday in ordinary time St. John Eudes priest, (St. Bernard Toloméi, abbot, OSB)	20 St. Bernard, abbot & doctor	21 St. Pius X, pope	22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	23 St. Rose of Lima, virgin	24 St. Bartholomew, apostle	25 St. Louis of France, St. Joseph Calasanz, priest
26 21st Sunday in ordinary time (Our Lady of Czestochowa) World Day of Migrants and Refugees	27 St. Monica <i>Anniversary: Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand erected in 1921</i>	28 St. Augustine, bishop & doctor	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist, martyr, patron of the SMOM	30 Blessed Alfredo Ildefonso Schuster O.S.B, SMOM Blessed Ghebre Michael, priest & martyr	31 (St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop)	

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2 22 nd Sunday in ordinary time (St. William of Roskilde)	3 St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor, Death of Blessed Gérard (+1120), 22 years Blessed Gérard's Care Centre & Hospice	4 (St. Rosalia)	5 (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)	6 (St. Faustus)	7 (St. Cloud)	8 Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Philerme, SMOM
9 23 rd Sunday in ordinary time St. Peter Claver, priest	10 (St. Nicholas of Tolentino)	11 (St. Paphnutius) World First Aid Day	12 Most Holy Name of Mary	13 St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor	14 Triumph of the Holy Cross	15 Our Lady of Sorrows
16 24 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Cornelius, pope & martyr St. Cyprian, bishop & martyr	17 St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor (St. Hildegard, virgin & abbess, OSB)	18 (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	19 St. Januarius, bishop & martyr	20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, priest & martyr, Sts. Paul Chöng Ha-sang & companions, martyrs: "Korean Martyrs"	21 St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist International Day of Peace	22 St. Maurice and the Theban Legion, martyrs September equinox
23 25 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Zachary & Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist, (SMOM) St. Pio of Pietrelcina, religious	24 St. Stephanie, martyr (Our Lady of Ransom) RSA: Heritage Day	25 (St. Finbar)	26 Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs Blessed Paul VI, pope	27 St. Vincent de Paul, priest	28 St. Wenceslaus & companions, martyrs, St. Laurence Ruiz & companions, martyrs	29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels
30 26 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Jerome, priest & doctor	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard					



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October 2018

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	1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux), virgin & doctor <i>International Day of Older Persons</i>	2 Holy Guardian Angels	3 (St. Gérard of Brogne) <i>World Habitat Day</i>	4 St. Francis of Assisi, religious	5 <i>Blessed Peter Pattarini of Imola, prior, SMOM</i>	6 St. Bruno, abbot
7 <i>27th Sunday in ordinary time</i> Our Lady of the Rosary	8 St. Hugh, religious, SMOM	9 Sts. Denis, bishop & martyr & companions, martyrs, St. John Leonardi, priest	10 St. Daniel Comboni, bishop & founder of the Comboni Missionaries <i>World Mental Health Day</i>	11 St. John XXIII, pope, SMOM <i>World Hospice & Palliative Care Day</i>	12 (St. Wilfred) <i>International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction</i>	13 <i>Blessed Gérard, founder of the SMOM, patron of the BBG</i>
14 <i>28th Sunday in ordinary time</i> St. Callistus I, pope & martyr	15 St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), virgin & doctor	16 St. Hedwig, religious St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin <i>World Food Day</i>	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr <i>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</i>	18 St. Luke, evangelist	19 Sts. John Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & martyrs & companions, martyrs “North American Martyrs” St. Paul of the Cross, priest	20 <i>Blessed Daudi Okelo & Jildro Irwa, martyrs</i>
21 <i>29th Sunday in ordinary time</i> Blessed Charles of Austria, SMOM	22 (St. John Paul II, pope)	23 St. John of Capistrano, priest	24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop <i>United Nations Day</i>	25 (Forty Martyrs of England and Wales)	26 (St. Alfred the Great)	27 (St. Otteran)
28 <i>30th Sunday in ordinary time</i> <i>“World Mission Sunday”</i> Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles, 26 th anniversary of the foundation of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	29 (St. Narcissus of Jerusalem, bishop)	30 <i>St. Marcellus, martyr</i>	31 (St. Quentin, martyr)	Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 4924043 · Fax +27 86 6938940 www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za		

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4 31st Sunday in ordinary time St. Charles Borromeo, bishop	5 Sts. Elizabeth & Zachary 26 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged by the bishop	6 All Saints of Africa	7 (St. Willibrord, bishop of Utrecht, OSB)	8 (St. Godfrey, bishop Blessed John Duns Scotus)	9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10 St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor
11 32nd Sunday in ordinary time St. Martin of Tours, bishop	12 St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr, (St. Theodore of Studion, abbot, OSB) World Pneumonia Day	13 (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)	14 (St. Nicholas Tavelic & companions) World Diabetes Day	15 St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor	16 St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude, virgin International Day of Tolerance	17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious St. Dionysius of Alexandria, bishop
18 33rd Sunday in ordinary time "Stewardship Sunday" Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles	19 All Saints of the SMOM (St. Mechthild, virgin, OSB)	20 (St. Edmund Rich) Universal Children's Day	21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	22 St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr	23 Sts. Clement I, pope & martyr, St. Columban, abbot	24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & martyr, & companions, martyrs
25 Jesus Christ the King "Bible Sunday" St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr World Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	26 (St. Silvester, abbot, OSB)	27 (St. James Intercisus)	28 (St. Catherine Labouré, virgin)	29 (St. Brendan)	30 St. Andrew, apostle	

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From 2 December 2018: Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Year 1						
2 1 st Sunday of Advent Blessed Virgin Mary, cause of our joy, SMOM	3 St. Francis Xavier, priest International day of disabled persons	4 St. John Damascene, priest & doctor	5 (St. Sabas, abbot, OSB) 10 years Blessed Gérard's Convent International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development	6 St. Nicholas of Bari, bishop of Myra	7 St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor	8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9 2 nd Sunday of Advent St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit International Anti-Corruption Day	10 St. Melchiades, pope (Our Lady of Loreto) Human Rights Day	11 St. Damasus I, pope <i>Inkamana Abbey: Anniversary of the dedication of the church</i> <i>Anniversary: Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand elevated to Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe in 1923</i>	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy, virgin & martyr (St. Odilia, virgin, OSB, patron of the Missionary Benedictines)	14 St. John of the Cross, religious & doctor	15 (St. Valerian)
16 3 rd Sunday of Advent "Gaudete Sunday" (St. Adelaide) RSA: Day of Reconciliation	17 (St. Olympias)	18 (St. Rufus) 26 years Blessed Gérard's Poor Sick Fund International Migrants Day	19 (St. Anastasius I, pope)	20 Blessed Scubilion, religious International Human Solidarity Day	21 St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor December solstice	22 (St. Flavian)
23 4 th Sunday of Advent St. John of Kanty, priest	24 Vigil of Christmas "Christmas Eve"	25 The Birth of the Lord "Christmas"	26 St. Stephen, first martyr RSA: Day of Goodwill Boxing Day	27 St. John, apostle & evangelist	28 Holy Innocents, martyrs	29 5 th day in the octave of Christmas St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr
30 The Holy Family	31 St. Sylvester I, pope New Year's Eve	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard				

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introduce
ourselves
to you?

We render a health care service to poor and needy persons, including the care for people living with HIV/AIDS at the hotspot of the AIDS pandemic in the world, the North Coast of Zululand in South Africa.

Our AIDS treatment (HAART) Programme comprises

Voluntary Counselling and HIV-Testing (VCT)

We offer free and confidential HIV Tests to the general public.

HAART Readiness Courses



Before starting patients on the medication we ensure that they get sufficient information to give their informed consent and to understand that antiretroviral treatment is of vital importance for them.

Antiretroviral Treatment

We provide free Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Treatment (HAART) as comprehensive medical care including regular medical examinations, blood monitoring, on-going prevention or treatment of opportunistic infections, medical and psychosocial counselling and dispensing of the drugs.



Adherence Monitoring



Our Therapeutic Counsellors make home visits to our patients on ARV-treatment to ensure that they adhere to the treatment and so to prevent treatment failure. This enables us to discover adverse drug reactions early and to prevent problems.

Support Groups

We have several Support Groups where our HAART Patients meet voluntarily to encourage and support one another and prevent isolation.



Motivation and Income Generation

Our Therapeutic Counsellors motivate and encourage our HAART patients to engage in income generating activities instead of expecting that their families or society would have to provide for them because they are sick.

Hospice & Palliative Care

We provide residential Palliative Care for terminally ill patients in our Inpatient Unit.



We can admit up to 40 patients, which makes us the largest inpatient hospice in South Africa.



We send out mobile home-nursing teams, which supplement and support the family's home based care through hands-on-training and additional aids in the home situation of the respective patient. This includes the assessment of patients at home and proper medical home care.

Poor Sick Fund

We provide poverty relief by helping sick people from our local community, if they cannot afford urgently needed medical treatment.



Relief & Social Care



Relief Fund

We provide poverty relief by helping people in our local community in genuine cases of immediate need.

First Aid & Emergency Service

We provide First Aid at church and other events.



Disaster Relief

We provide disaster relief being ready to give medical assistance and care as a relief organisation in case of a disaster.

Child Care

Pre-Primary School & Crèche

We provide "edu-care" and an early childhood development service for underprivileged pre-school children.



Children's Home

We look after, counsel and give a home to sick and healthy "Orphans and Vulnerable Children" (OVCs).



Malnutrition Clinic

We provide a health care service to poor and needy persons by running a clinic, where we examine, treat and feed malnourished infants and teach their parent/carer in proper baby care and nutrition.



Bursary Fund

We provide poverty relief by giving bursaries to poor pupils and students of our local community.

Thank you!

It is with sincere gratitude
that we send you

our special calendar for 2018.

The choice of pictures is not a reward for meritorious members,
but we have simply chosen the best pictures of 2017.

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to us and the people we help.

May God bless you abundantly
and reward you for your generosity!

Father Gerard T. Kogelbas OSB.

The April picture in this calendar

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