



Calendar for the year 2015



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January 2015

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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4 Epiphany of the Lord [St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious (USA)] <i>(22 years Blessed Gérard's Relief Fund)</i>	5 [St. John Neumann, bishop (USA)]	6 [Blessed André Bessette, religious (USA)]	7 St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest	8 (Our Lady of Prompt Succour)	9 <i>St. Adrian of Canterbury, abbot (St. Julian)</i>	10 <i>(St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop, OSB)</i>
11 Baptism of the Lord <i>(Anniversary: Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe elevated to the Diocese of Eshowe, 1951)</i>	12 (St. Victorian) (1 st week in ordinary time)	13 St. Hilary, bishop & doctor	14 (St. Engelmar)	15 <i>(Sts. Maurus & Placidus, scholars of St. Benedict, OSB)</i>	16 (St. Marcellus)	17 St. Anthony, abbot
18 2nd Sunday in ordinary time (St. Prisca) 18 – 25 January: <i>Week of prayer for Christian Unity</i>	19 (Sts. Kanut & Godfrey)	20 St. Fabian, pope & martyr; St. Sebastian, martyr; <i>Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi, priest</i>	21 St. Agnes, virgin & martyr	22 St. Vincent, deacon & martyr	23 (St. Ildefons)	24 St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor
25 3rd Sunday in ordinary time Conversion of St. Paul, the apostle	26 Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops; (St. Robert, Alberich & Stephen, Cistercian abbots, OSB) <i>19 years Blessed Gérard's Disaster Relief Project</i>	27 St. Angela Merici, virgin	28 St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor	29 (St. Charles)	30 (St. Mary Ward)	31 St. John Bosco, priest



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February 2015

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1 4th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Bridget)	2 Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life	3 St. Blaise, bishop & martyr, St. Ansgar, bishop (22 years Blessed Gérard's Bursary Fund)	4 (Sts. Gilbert & Rhabanus) World Cancer Day	5 St. Agatha, virgin & martyr	6 Sts. Paul Miki, priest & martyr & companions, martyrs	7 (St. Mel) (Blessed Pius IX, pope)
8 5th Sunday in ordinary time St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin St. Jerome Emiliani, priest	9 (Sts. Alto & Julian)	10 St. Scholastica, virgin, OSB	11 Our Lady of Lourdes (St. Benedict of Aniane, abbot, OSB) World Day of the Sick	12 (St. Deodat)	13 (St. Castor)	14 Sts. Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop, (St. Valentine's Day)
15 6th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Siegfried)	16 (Bl. Joseph Allemano)	17 Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious	18 Ash Wednesday (St. Theothon)	19 (St. Irmgard)	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 1st Sunday of Lent Chair of St. Peter, apostle	23 St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr	24 (Sts. Ethelbert, Mathias Mulumba & Willigis)	25 (Priory of Inkamana raised to an abbey in 1982)	26 St. Alexander of Alexandria, bishop (St. Victor)	27 (Sts. Gabriel & Leander)	28 (St. Oswald) (St. Romanus)

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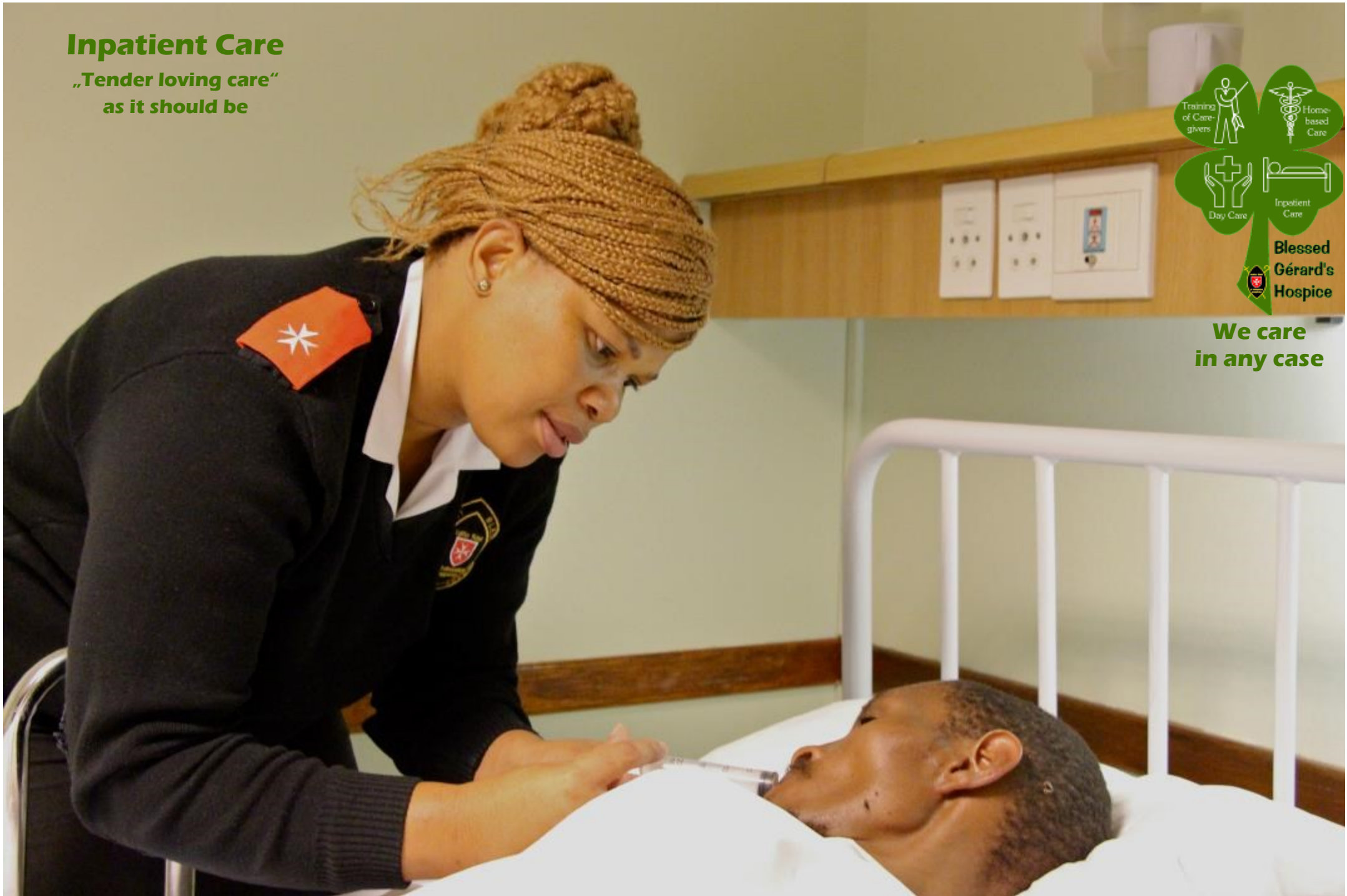
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March 2015

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1 2nd Sunday of Lent (Sts. Almarich & Switbert)	2 (St. Enrique)	3 (St. Katharine Drexel, virgin)	4 St. Casimir	5 (St. Alto)	6 (St. Coleta)	7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs
8 3rd Sunday of Lent St. John of God, religious International Women's Day	9 St. Frances of Rome, religious	10 (St. Aemilius)	11 (St. Wolfram)	12 (St. Beatrice) (Abbey of St. Ottilien raised to the rank of an Archabbey in 1914)	13 (St. Paulina)	14 (St. Mathilde)
15 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare) (St. Clement) (22 years Blessed Gérard's Malnutrition Clinic)	16 (Sts. Herbert & Heribert)	17 St. Patrick, bishop	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor	19 St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	20 (St. Irmgard)	21 Death of St. Benedict, abbot, OSB, RSA: Human Rights Day · International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
22 5th Sunday of Lent St. Deogratias, bishop (Blessed Clemens August von Galen, SMOM), (Sts. Damian & Octavian) World Water Day	23 St. Turibius de Mongrovejo, bishop	24 (St. Elias) World Tuberculosis Day	25 The Annunciation of the Lord (St. Ancilla)	26 (St. Ludger)	27 St. John of Egypt, hermit, (St. Ruprecht)	28 (St. Guntram)
29 Palm Sunday (St. Helmut)	30 Monday of the Holy Week	31 Tuesday of the Holy Week (Sts. Amos, Benjamin & Gwido)	<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 African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</p> <p>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</p> <p>P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa</p> <p>Phone +27 82 4924043 · Fax +27 86 6938940 · www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za</p>			



Pastoral Care: First Holy Communion

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5 Easter Sunday St. Vincent Ferrer, priest	6 Easter Monday (9 th anniversary of Clare Kalkwarf's death) RSA: Family Day	7 Easter Tuesday St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest World Health Day	8 Easter Wednesday (St. Beate)	9 Easter Thursday (St. Waltraud)	10 Easter Friday (St. Ezekiel)	11 Easter Saturday St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr
12 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday St. Zeno of Verona (St. Julius)	13 St. Martin I, pope & martyr (St. Hermenegild)	14 (St. Lidwina)	15 (St. Damian de Veuster)	16 (St. Bernadette)	17 (Sts. Innocent & Rudolf)	18 (St. Wigbert)
19 3rd Sunday of Easter (Sts. Gerold & Werner) (Pope Benedict XVI elected)	20 St. Marcellinus, bishop Sts. Vincent & Dominicus, missionaries, (22 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged as Relief Organisation of the Order of Malta)	21 St. Anselm, bishop & doctor (St. Conrad of Parzham)	22 (St. Cajus)	23 St. George, martyr (St. Adalbert, bishop, missionary & martyr, OSB)	24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr	25 St. Mark, evangelist
26 4th Sunday of Easter "Good Shepherd Sunday" (St. Kleto)	27 RSA: Freedom Day	28 St. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr, St. Louis Mary Grignon de Montfort, priest, St. Pius V., pope	29 St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor	30 Our Lady, Mother of Africa	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	



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3 5th Sunday of Easter Sts. Philip & James, apostles <i>(St. Ansfried)</i>	4 (St. Florian)	5 (Sts. Angelo & Godehard)	6 (Sts. Aldricus, Dominic & Edmar),	7 (Blessed Notker)	8 (St. Victor)	9 (St. Germanus)
10 6th Sunday of Easter (Blessed Damian Joseph de Veuster of Molokai, priest) <i>Mothers' Day</i>	11 <i>(Sts. Odo, Majolus, Odilo, Hugo & Petrus the venerable, abbots of Cluny, OSB)</i>	12 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr <i>International Nurses Day</i>	13 Our Lady of Fatima <i>World Communications Day</i>	14 St. Matthias, apostle	15 [St. Isidore the farmer (USA)], <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations, International Day of Families</i>	16 (St. John Nepomuc)
17 Ascension of the Lord (Sts. Dietmar & Paschalis)	18 St. John I, pope & martyr <i>Blessed Gerard Mecatti of Villamagna, religious, SMOM, (St. Erich)</i>	19 <i>(St. Celestin, pope & hermit, OSB)</i>	20 St. Bernardine of Siena, priest	21 St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs <i>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development</i>	22 St. Rita of Cascia, religious	23 (St. Desiderius) <i>(Blessed William Apor, SMOM)</i> <i>(21 years Blessed Gérard's AIDS Education Programme)</i>
24 Pentecost The Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians (St. Dagmar)	25 St. Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor; St. Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin	26 St. Philip Neri, priest	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop	28 <i>St. Ubaldesca, virgin, SMOM</i>	29 <i>Blessed Joseph Gerard OMI, priest</i>	30 (St. Joan of Arc)
31 Trinity Sunday Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>World No-Tobacco Day</i>	Including the General Roman Calendar, the <i>Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict</i> , the <i>Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta</i> and the <i>African Saints</i> brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard					



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June 2015

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	1 St. Justin, martyr International Children's Day	2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs	3 Sts. Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs (<i>St. Kevin</i>)	4 (St. Quirin) (9 th week in Ordinary time)	5 St. Boniface, bishop & martyr World Environment Day	6 St. Norbert, bishop
7 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (St. Jeremias) Anniversary: Bishop Kumalo ordained bishop in 2008	8 Blessed James Berthieu, martyr	9 St. Ephrem, deacon & doctor (<i>St. Pacificus</i>)	10 (St. Diana) (10 th week in Ordinary time)	11 St. Barnabas, apostle	12 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Patronal feast of the Diocese of Eshowe & the Missionary Benedictines) St. Flora of Beaulieu, virgin, SMOM St. Onophrius, hermit	13 St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor, patron of Mandeni Parish Immaculate Heart of Mary
14 11th Sunday in ordinary time (<i>St. Richard</i>)	15 (St. Vitus) (11 th week in Ordinary time)	16 (Sts. Aurelian, Benno & Quirinus) RSA: Youth Day	17 (St. Alexander)	18 (St. Armando)	19 St. Romuald, abbot Blessed Gerland, religious, SMOM	20 (St. Novatus) World Refugee Day
21 12th Sunday in ordinary time St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious Fathers' Day	22 Sts. Paulinus of Nola, bishop John Fisher, bishop & martyr Thomas Moore, martyr	23 (St. Edeltraud) (12 th week in Ordinary time)	24 Birth of St. John the Baptist, patron, SMOM	25 (Sts. Prosper & Wilhelm)	26 (St. Vigilus) International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	27 · St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor · (Our Mother of Perpetual Help)
28 13th Sunday in ordinary time St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr	29 Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles	30 First martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard 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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July 2015

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5 14th Sunday in ordinary time St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest	6 St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr	7 (Sts. Walter & Willibald)	8 <i>Blessed Adrian Fortescue, martyr, SMOM</i>	9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & companions, martyrs <i>(St. Godfrey)</i> 15 years <i>Blessed Gérard's Children's Home</i>	10 (Sts. Alexander, Silvanus & Vitalis)	11 St. Benedict, abbot, OSB <i>World Population Day</i>
12 15th Sunday in ordinary time <i>Blessed David Gunston, martyr, SMOM · (St. Johannes Gualbert, abbot, OSB)</i>	13 St. Henry <i>(St. Eugene)</i>	14 St. Camillus de Lellis, priest · <i>St. Toscana, religious, SMOM</i> [Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin (USA)]	15 <i>St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor</i>	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	17 (Sts. Alexius, Leo & Pambo)	18 (St. Arnold) <i>Nelson Mandela Day</i>
19 16th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Arsenio)	20 St. Apollinaris, bishop & martyr	21 St. Laurence of Brindisi, priest & doctor	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 St. Bridget (of Sweden), religious	24 St. Sharbel Makhluḥ, priest	25 St. James, apostle
26 17th Sunday in ordinary time St. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	27 (Sts. Berthold & Rudolf)	28 <i>St. Victor I, pope & martyr, (St. Maximilian Kolbe)</i>	29 Sts. Martha, <i>Maria & Lazarus, friends of Jesus, OSB</i>	30 St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor <i>St. Justin de Jacobis, bishop</i>	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest	Including the General Roman Calendar, the <i>Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict</i> , the <i>Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta</i> and the <i>African Saints</i> brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard



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August 2015

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2 18th Sunday in ordinary time St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop, St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest	3 (Sts. Benno & Nicodem)	4 St. John Vianney, priest	5 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 19th Sunday in ordinary time 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 Public Holiday	11 St. Clare, virgin (St. Susanna, martyr) (Blessed John Henry Newman)	12 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 20th Sunday in ordinary time St. Stephan of Hungary	17 (St. Hyacinth)	18 Blessed Victoria Rasoamanarivo (St. Helena)	19 St. John Eudes, priest, (St. Bernard Toloméi, abbot, OSB)	20 <i>St. Bernard,</i> abbot & doctor	21 <i>St. Pius X,</i> pope	22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
23 21st Sunday in ordinary time St. Rose of Lima, virgin	24 St. Bartholomew, apostle	25 St. Louis (of France), St. Joseph Calasanz, priest	26 (Our Lady of Czestochowa), World Day of Migrants and Refugees	27 St. Monica (Anniversary: Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand erected in 1921)	28 St. Augustine, bishop & doctor	29 Passion of St. John the Baptist, martyr, patron of the SMOM
30 22nd Sunday in ordinary time Blessed Ghebre Michael, priest & martyr (Blessed Alfredo Ildefonso Schuster O.S.B., SMOM)	31 (Sts. Aidan & Raimund)	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict , the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard				

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	6 23rd Sunday in ordinary time (St. Magnus)	7 (St. Dietrich)	8 Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Philorme, SMOM	9 St. Peter Claver, priest	10 (St. Diethard)	11 (St. Felix) World First Aid Day
	13 24th Sunday in ordinary time St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16 St. Cornelius, pope & martyr; St. Cyprian, bishop & martyr	17 St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor (St. Hildegard, virgin & abbess, OSB)	18 (Sts. Lambert & Luke) (24 th week in Ordinary time)
	20 25th Sunday in ordinary time St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest & martyr, Sts. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & companions, martyrs	21 St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist International Day of Peace	22 St. Maurice and the Theban Legion, martyrs (St. Otto)	23 St. Zachary & Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist, (SMOM) St. Pius of Pietrelcina	24 St. Stephanie, martyr (Our Lady of Ransom) RSA: Heritage Day	25 (St. Nicolas)
	27 26th Sunday in ordinary time St. Vincent de Paul, priest	28 St. Wenceslaus, martyr, St. Laurence Ruiz & companions, martyrs	29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels (St. Victor)	30 St. Jerome, priest & doctor Social Justice Sunday	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict , the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	



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October 2015

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4 27th Sunday in ordinary time St. Francis of Assisi, religious	5 Blessed Peter Pattarini of Imola, prior, SMOM (St. Mary Faustina)	6 St. Bruno, priest	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8 St. Hugh, religious, SMOM (Our Lady of good remedy)	9 Sts. Denis, bishop & martyr & companions, martyrs, St. John Leonardi, priest	10 St. Daniel Comboni, bishop & founder of the Comboni Missionaries, (St. Viktor) World Mental Health Day
11 28th Sunday in ordinary time (Blessed John XXIII, SMOM) (St. Bruno) World Hospice & Palliative Care Day	12 (St. Wilfried) International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction	13 Blessed Gérard, founder of the SMOM, patron of the BBG (St. Edward)	14 St. Callistus I, pope & martyr	15 St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila), virgin & doctor	16 St. Hedwig, religious St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin World Food Day	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
18 29th Sunday in ordinary time World Mission Sunday St. Luke, evangelist	19 St. Paul of the Cross, priest, Sts. John Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & martyrs & companions, martyrs, (Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta)	20 Blessed Daudi Okelo & Jildro Irwa, martyrs (St. Paul of the Cross) (St. Wendelin)	21 (Blessed Charles of Austria, SMOM)	22 (St. Ingbert)	23 St. John of Capistrano, priest, (St. Herfried)	24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop, (St. Felix)
25 30th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Gaudence)	26 (Sts. Evaristo & Gilbert)	27 (St. Frumentius)	28 Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles, 23rd anniversary of the foundation of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	29 (St. Narcis)	30 St. Marcellus, martyr, (St. Claudius)	31 (St. Wolfgang)

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November 2015

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1 All Saints (St. Harald)	2 Commemoration of all the faithful departed: All Souls	3 St. Martin de Porres, religious	4 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop	5 (St. Zacharia) (31 st week of Ordinary time) (23 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged by the bishop)	6 All Saints of Africa (St. Leonard)	7 (St. Willibrord, bishop, OSB)
8 32nd Sunday in ordinary time (St. Godfrey)	9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10 St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor	11 St. Martin of Tours, bishop	12 St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr, (St. Theodore of Studion, abbot, OSB) World Pneumonia Day	13 [St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin (USA)]	14 (St. Didas) World Diabetes Day
15 33rd Sunday in ordinary time St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor (St. Leopold)	16 St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude, virgin International Day of Tolerance	17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious St. Dionysius of Alexandria, bishop	18 Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles	19 All Saints of the SMOM (St. Mechthild, virgin, OSB)	20 (St. Bernward) Universal Children's Day	21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22 Jesus Christ the King St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr	23 Sts. Clement I, pope & martyr, St. Columban, abbot, (Blessed Miguel Augustine Pro, priest & martyr)	24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & martyr, & companions, martyrs	25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr World Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	26 (St. Silvester, abbot, OSB)	27 (St. Bilhild) (St. Maximinus)	28 (St. Sostenes) (St. James of the Marches)
29 1st Sunday of Advent (St. Jolanda)	30 St. Andrew, apostle	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the African Saints brought to you by the 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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December 2015

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6 2nd Sunday of Advent St. Nicholas, bishop	7 St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor	8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9 (St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit) International Anti-Corruption Day	10 St. Melchiades, pope Human Rights Day	11 St. Damasus I, pope Anniversary: Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand elevated to Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe in 1923 · Inkamana Abbey: Anniversary of the dedication of the church	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe (St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious)
13 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) St. Lucy, virgin & martyr (St. Odilia, virgin, OSB, patron of the Missionary Benedictines)	14 St. John of the Cross, religious & doctor	15 (St. Reinald)	16 (St. Adelheid) RSA: Day of Reconciliation	17 (Sts. Lazaro & Sturmius)	18 (St. Wunibald) (23 years Blessed Gérard's Poor Sick Fund) International Migrants Day	19 (St. Konrad)
20 4th Sunday of Advent Blessed Scubilion, religious · International Human Solidarity Day	21 St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor	22 (St. Jutta)	23 St. John of Kanty, priest	24 Vigil of Christmas	25 Christmas	26 St. Stephen, first martyr RSA: Day of Goodwill
27 Holy Family St. John, apostle & evangelist	28 Holy Innocents, martyrs	29 5 th day in the octave of Christmas St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr	30 6 th day in the octave of Christmas	31 7 th day in the octave of Christmas St. Sylvester I, pope	Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	

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- a "Private **Association of Christ's Faithful**" in the Roman Catholic Church (FBO),
- the **Relief Organisation** of the Order of Malta in South Africa,
- a (South African) **Public Benefit Organisation** (PBO 18/11/13/2769) operated not for profit (NPO).
- a **group of idealists**, resolved to live our faith according to our motto "tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperum", which means "Protection of faith and service to the poor".
- an **instrument of the Church** to serve the Lord in the poor and to bring God's love to the needy through our service.

We serve the needy irrespective of their creed, colour of skin, sexual orientation and political affiliation.

We serve an impoverished community. Therefore we render all our services free of charge and **have to rely solely on donations and grants to finance our work.**



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**May we
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.

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 2015.

The choice of pictures is not a reward
for meritorious members, but we have simply
chosen the best pictures of 2014.

It is printed in a low volume
and given

to our generous benefactors
as a sign of our sincere appreciation
of your continued support.

Your assistance means a great deal
to us and the people we help.

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



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