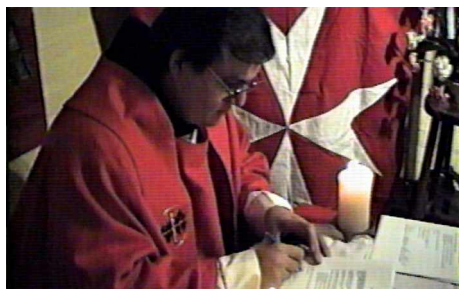




years of service



The Brotherhood at its founding



The investiture of Dr Ross as a Knight of Malta

Calendar for the year 2027



**We support people
and families
facing sudden hardship.**



THEN · The first relief distribution



LATER · Relief supplies delivered on a home visit

1993

The Relief Fund began by bringing practical help to families facing sudden hardship. The first distribution pictured here became a continuing service.

January 2027

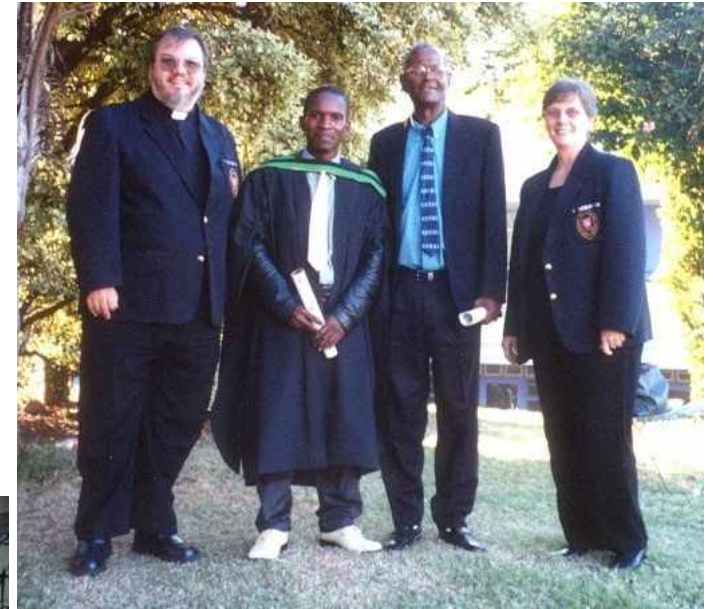
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3 Epiphany of the Lord The Most Holy Name of Jesus Blessed Garcia Martinez, religious	4 Monday after Epiphany (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) 34 years Blessed Gérard's Relief Fund	5 Tuesday after Epiphany (St. Gerlach, hermit) (St. John Neumann, bishop)	6 Wednesday after Epiphany (St. André Bessette)	7 Thursday after Epiphany St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest	8 Friday after Epiphany (St. Severinus)	9 Saturday after Epiphany St. Adrian of Canterbury, abbot
10 Baptism of the Lord St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop	11 (Blessed William Carter) <i>Anniversary: Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe elevated to the Diocese of Eshowe, 1951</i>	12 (St. Marguerite Bourgeoys)	13 St. Hilary bishop & doctor	14 (St. Felix of Nola)	15 <i>Sts. Maurus & Placidus, scholars of St. Benedict</i>	16 (St. Bernard & companions)
17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Anthony, abbot	18 (St. Prisca)	19 (St. Canute)	20 St. Fabian, pope & martyr; St. Sebastian, martyr Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi, priest	21 St. Agnes, virgin & martyr St. Meinrad, martyr	22 St. Vincent of Zaragoza, deacon & martyr	23 (St. Marianne Cope)
24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor	25 Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle	26 Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops 31 years Blessed Gérard's Disaster Relief Project	27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin (St. Robert, Alberich & Stephen, Cistercian abbots)	28 St. Thomas Aquinas priest & doctor	29 (St. Gildas the Wise, abbot)	30 (St. Martina, virgin & martyr)
31 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. John Bosco, priest	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					



**Education opens a path
to a different future.**



LATER · A Bursary Fund consultation



THEN · Peter Dunn at his graduation

1993

The Bursary Fund
paid its first grant.

Peter Dunn, pictured at his
graduation, became a chemical
engineer in 2000.

February 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Blessed Benedict Daswa, martyr (St. Brigid of Ireland)	2 Presentation of the Lord	3 St. Blaise, bishop & martyr; St. Ansgar, bishop (34 years Blessed Gérard's Bursary Fund)	4 (St. John de Britto)	5 St. Agatha virgin & martyr	6 Sts. Paul Miki, priest & martyr, & companions, martyrs: "Twenty-six martyrs of Japan"
7 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Moses)	8 St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin St. Jerome Emiliani, priest	9 (St. Apollonia)	10 Ash Wednesday St. Scholastica, virgin	11 Thursday after Ash Wednesday Our Lady of Lourdes St. Benedict of Aniane, abbot	12 Friday after Ash Wednesday (St. Damian)	13 Saturday after Ash Wednesday (St. Catherine de Ricci)
14 1 st Sunday of Lent Sts. Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop	15 Monday in the 1 st Week of Lent (St. Faustinus)	16 Tuesday in the 1 st Week of Lent (St. Juliana of Cumae, martyr)	17 Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious	18 Thursday in the 1 st Week of Lent (St. Simeon, bishop & martyr)	19 Friday in the 1 st Week of Lent (St. Boniface of Lausanne)	20 Saturday in the First Week of Lent (Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto)
21 2 nd Sunday of Lent St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor	22 The chair of St. Peter, apostle	23 St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr	24 Wednesday in the 2 nd Week of Lent (St. Sergius)	25 Thursday in the 2 nd Week of Lent (St. Ethelbert of Kent) Priory of Inkamana raised to an abbey in 1982	26 St. Alexander of Alexandria, bishop	27 Saturday in the 2 nd Week of Lent (St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Gregory of Narek, abbot & doctor)
28 3 rd Sunday of Lent (St. Hilary, pope)	Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 · https://bsg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle B · Weekdays: Year I					

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**We help children
grow stronger
through food and care.**



LATER · Nutrition care for a child showing success



THEN · Children in the early nutrition programme

1993

The Malnutrition Clinic began feeding infants and advising caregivers. Children were weighed and examined, and families received milk and protein enriched porridge.

March 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Monday in the 3rd Week of Lent (St. David of Wales)	2 Tuesday in the 3rd Week of Lent (St. Agnes of Bohemia)	3 Wednesday in the 3rd Week of Lent (St. Katharine Drexel)	4 St. Casimir of Poland	5 Friday in the 3rd Week of Lent (St. Kieran, bishop)	6 Saturday in the 3rd Week of Lent (St. Colette)
7 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare) Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs	8 St. John of God, religious	9 St. Frances of Rome, religious	10 Wednesday in the 4 th Week of Lent (St. John Ogilvie, martyr)	11 Thursday in the 4th Week of Lent (St. Constantine, martyr)	12 Friday in the 4th Week of Lent (St. Seraphina) <i>Abbey of St. Ottilien raised to the rank of an Archabbey in 1914</i>	13 Saturday in the 4th Week of Lent (Bl. Agnello of Pisa)
14 5th Sunday of Lent (St. Maud)	15 Monday in the 5 th Week of Lent (St. Louise de Marillac) 33 years Blessed Gérard's Malnutrition Clinic	16 Tuesday in the 5 th Week of Lent (St. Herbert)	17 St. Patrick, bishop	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor	19 St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	20 Saturday in the 5 th Week of Lent (St. Ambrosius Sansedoni of Siena, religious)
21 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Death of St. Benedict, abbot RSA: Human Rights Day	22 Monday of Holy Week Blessed Clemens August Count von Galen, bishop St. Deogratias, bishop RSA: Human Rights Day observed	23 Tuesday of Holy Week St. Turibius de Mogrovejo, bishop	24 Wednesday of Holy Week (St. Aldemar)	25 Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper	26 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (Blessed Didacus Joseph of Cadiz) RSA: Good Friday	27 Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil St. John of Egypt, hermit
28 Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection (St. Venturino of Bergamo)	29 Monday in the Octave of Easter (St. Jonas & Barachisius, martyrs) RSA: Family Day	30 Tuesday in the Octave of Easter (St. John Climacus, abbot)	31 Wednesday in the Octave of Easter (St. Benjamin, martyr)	Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 · https://bsg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle B · Weekdays: Year I		

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**Treatment gives people
living with HIV new hope.**



LATER · A support visit with music



THEN · The early HAART programme team

2004

The HAART programme began offering antiretroviral treatment.

Counselling, home visits and subsistence support became part of care beyond the medicine itself.

April 2027

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4 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) St. Isidore, bishop & doctor St. Benedict 'the Black', religious	5 Annunciation of the Lord St. Vincent Ferrer, priest	6 Tuesday in the 2nd Week of Easter (St. Celestine I, pope; St. Peter of Verona) 21st anniversary of Clare Kalkwarf's death	7 St. John Baptist de La Salle, priest	8 Thursday in the 2nd Week of Easter (St. Walter of Pontoise, abbot)	9 Friday in the 2nd Week of Easter (St. Mary of Cleophas)	10 Saturday in the 2nd Week of Easter (St. Michael de Sanctis)
11 3rd Sunday of Easter St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr	12 St. Zeno of Verona, bishop	13 St. Martin I, pope & martyr	14 Wednesday in the 3rd Week of Easter (St. Maximus, martyr)	15 Thursday in the 3rd Week of Easter (St. Hunna)	16 Friday in the 3rd Week of Easter (St. Bernadette Soubirous, religious)	17 Saturday in the 3rd Week of Easter (St. Landricus, bishop & abbot)
18 4th Sunday of Easter (Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin)	19 Monday in the 4th Week of Easter (Leo IX, pope)	20 St. Marcellinus, bishop · Sts. Vincent & Dominicus, missionaries 34 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged as Relief Organisation of the Order of Malta	21 St. Anselm, bishop & doctor	22 Thursday in the 4th Week of Easter (St. Alexander, martyr)	23 St. George, martyr St. Adalbert, bishop, missionary & martyr	24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr
25 5th Sunday of Easter St. Mark, evangelist	26 Monday in the 5th Week of Easter (St. Cletus)	27 Tuesday in the 5th Week of Easter (St. Zita) RSA: Freedom Day	28 St. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr · St. Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort, priest · St. Pius V., pope	29 St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor	30 Our Lady, Mother of Africa	

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**We share knowledge
that helps protect lives.**



LATER · HIV counselling



THEN · An early HIV education session

1994

Trained volunteers began sharing reliable HIV information in local communities.

Education grew into confidential counselling, as shown in the later photograph.

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2 6th Sunday of Easter St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor	3 Sts. Philip & James, apostles	4 Tuesday in the 6 th Week of Easter (Blessed Martyrs of England and Wales)	5 Wednesday in the 6 th Week of Easter (St. Asaph, bishop)	6 Thursday in the 6 th Week of Easter (St. Dominic Savio)	7 Friday in the 6 th Week of Easter (St. John of Beverley, bishop)	8 Saturday in the 6 th Week of Easter (St. Peter of Tarantaise)
9 Ascension of the Lord (St. George Preca) Mother's Day	10 St. John of Avila, priest & doctor · (St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i)	11 Sts. Odo, Majolus, Odilo, Hugo & Peter the Venerable, abbots of Cluny	12 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 St. Matthias, Apostle	15 St. Pachomius, Abbot (St. Dymphna)
16 Pentecost Sunday (St. Brendan, abbot)	17 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (St. Paschal Baylon)	18 Blessed Gerard Mecatti of Villamagna, religious St. John I, pope & martyr	19 St. Celestine V, pope & hermit	20 St. Bernardine of Siena, priest	21 St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs	22 St. Rita of Cascia, religious
23 The Most Holy Trinity Blessed William Apor, bishop & martyr 33 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 St. Madeleine Sophie Barat	26 St. Philip Neri, priest	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop	28 St. Ubaldesca, virgin	29 St. Paul VI, pope, SMOM Blessed Joseph Gerard OMI, priest
30 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (St. Joan of Arc)	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	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				



Practical skills help people earn a living.



THEN · The first sewing certificates were presented

1993

The Community
Development Centre opened
with practical training.

Sewing students progressed
from their first certificates to
garments proudly shown on
a fashion show stage.



LATER · A fashion show of sewing school garments

June 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle B Weekdays: Year I		1 St. Justin, martyr	2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs	3 Sts. Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs	4 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Patronal feast of the Diocese of Eshowe & the Missionary Benedictines (St. Quirinus of Siscia, bishop)	5 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Boniface, bishop & martyr
6 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Norbert, bishop	7 (St. Robert, abbot)	8 St. James Berthieu, priest & martyr	9 St. Ephrem of Syria, deacon & doctor	10 (St. Ithamar)	11 St. Barnabas, apostle	12 St. Flora of Beaulieu, virgin St. Onophrius, hermit
13 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 (St. Paschal Baylon)	18 (St. Gregory Barbarigo, bishop)	19 Blessed Gerland, religious St. Romuald, abbot
20 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sts. Alban, Aaron & Julius) Father's Day	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious	22 St. John Fisher, bishop & martyr St. Thomas More, martyr St. Paulinus of Nola, bishop	23 (St. Joseph Cafasso)	24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist, patron SMOM	25 (St. William of Vercelli, abbot)	26 (St. Anthelm)
27 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor	28 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 Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 · https://bsg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za		



**We give children
a safe place to grow.**



THEN · The first Children in the early home



LATER · Learning together at the Children's Home

2000

The Children's Home opened for children who needed a safe place to live.

Daily care came to include play, lessons and shared learning.

July 2027

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4 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Elizabeth of Portugal	5 St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest	6 St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr	7 (St. Willibald St. Palladius, bishop)	8 Blessed Adrian Fortescue, martyr	9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & companions, martyrs (Mary Queen of Peace) 27 years Blessed Gérard's Children's Home	10 (Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz)
11 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Benedict, abbot	12 Blessed David Gunston, martyr St. John Gualberti, abbot	13 St. Henry	14 St. Toscana, religious St. Camillus de Lellis, priest	15 St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Our Lady of Einsiedeln	17 (Carmelite Nuns of Compiègne) St. Camillus de Lellis
18 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Frederick of Utrecht, bishop) Nelson Mandela International Day	19 (Sts. Justa & Rufina, martyrs)	20 St. Apollinaris, bishop & martyr	21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 St. Bridget of Sweden, religious	24 St. Sharbel Makhlof, priest
25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. James, apostle	26 St. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	27 (St. Aurelius, martyr)	28 St. Victor I pope & martyr	29 Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, friends of Jesus	30 St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor St. Justin de Jacobis, bishop	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

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**We are ready
when
urgent help
is needed.**



THEN · Our first ambulance and first aid tent



LATER · The first aid team in the Vatican basilicas

1999

The First Aid Service began with local emergency readiness.

In 2000 and 2016 its team served in the Vatican basilicas, carrying that commitment far from Mandeni.

August 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, bishop & doctor	2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest	3 (St. Waltheof, abbot)	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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Dominic, priest	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin & martyr RSA: National Women's Day	10 St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr	11 St. Clare of Assisi, virgin	12 Blessed Isidore Bakanja, martyr St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious	13 St. Pontian, pope & martyr St. Hippolytus, priest & martyr	14 St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest & martyr
15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mechthild)	16 St. Stephen of Hungary	17 (St. Hyacinth)	18 Blessed Victoria Rasoamanarivo	19 St. John Eudes, priest, St. Bernard Tolomei, abbot	20 St. Bernard, abbot & doctor	21 St. Pius X, pope
22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 (Our Lady of Czestochowa)	27 St. Monica <i>Anniversary: Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand erected in 1921</i>	28 St. Augustine, bishop & doctor
29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Passion of St. John the Baptist, martyr, patron of the SMOM	30 Blessed Alfredo Ildefonso Schuster O.S.B. Blessed Ghebre Michael, priest & martyr	31 (St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop)	Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 · https://bsg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle B · Weekdays: Year I			
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**We give young children
a caring start.**



LATER · Children in the kindergarten classroom



THEN · Kindergarten in the partitioned church

1995

The first kindergarten met in a partitioned church.

A dedicated building followed; the classrooms still give local children room to learn and play.

September 2027

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5 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)	6 (St. Faustus)	7 (St. Cloud)	8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Philermé	9 St. Peter Claver, priest	10 (St. Nicholas of Tolentino)	11 (St. Paphnutius)
12 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Most Holy Name of Mary	13 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	18 (St. Joseph of Cupertino)
19 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Januarius, bishop & martyr	20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest & martyr, Sts. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & companions, martyrs: “Korean Martyrs”	21 St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist	22 St. Maurice of Agaune and companions, martyrs	23 St. Zechariah & Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist St. Pius of Pietrelcina, religious	24 St. Stephanie, martyr (Our Lady of Ransom) RSA: Heritage Day	25 (St. Finbar)
26 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs	27 St. Vincent de Paul, priest	28 St. Wenceslas & companions, martyrs, St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs	29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels	30 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	



**We care for people
with dignity
and compassion.**



THEN · Anointing of a hospice patient

1996

The hospice opened to care for patients and their families.

Nursing, companionship and spiritual support have remained part of its bedside care.



LATER · Care for a hospice patient

October 2027

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3 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Blessed Columba Marmion, Abbot (St. Gérard of Brogne)	4 St. Francis of Assisi, religious	5 Blessed Peter Pattarini of Imola, prior (Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin)	6 St. Bruno, abbot	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8 St. Hugh, religious	9 Sts. Denis, bishop & martyr & companions, martyrs St. John Leonardi, priest
10 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Daniel Comboni, bishop & founder of the Comboni Missionaries	11 St. John XXIII, pope	12 (St. Wilfrid)	13 Blessed Gérard, founder of the SMOM, patron of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	14 St. Callistus I, pope & martyr 25 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged as Public Benefit Organisation	15 St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), virgin & doctor	16 St. Hedwig, religious · St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin
17 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr	18 St. Luke, evangelist	19 Sts. John Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & martyrs & companions, martyrs “North American Martyrs” St. Paul of the Cross, priest	20 Blessed Daudi Okelo & Jildro Irwa, martyrs	21 Blessed Charles of Austria	22 (St. John Paul II, pope)	23 St. John of Capistrano, priest
24 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop World Mission Sunday	25 (40 Martyrs of England & Wales)	26 (St. Alfred the Great)	27 (St. Otteran)	28 Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles 35th anniversary of the foundation of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	29 (St. Narcissus of Jerusalem, bishop)	30 St. Marcellus of Tangier, martyr
31 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Quentin, martyr)	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					



**Friendship
brought older people
together.**



THEN · An early Friendship Club gathering

1993

The Friendship Club brought older neighbours together. Members later knitted blankets for hospice patients and sold handmade goods to help build the Care Centre.



LATER · Handicrafts at the Friendship Club

November 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 All Saints	2 Commemoration of all the faithful departed: "All Souls' Day"	3 St. Martin de Porres, religious	4 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop	5 (St. Guido Maria Conforti, bishop) 35 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged by the Bishop of Eshowe as Private Association of Christ's Faithful (FBO)	6 All Saints of Africa
7 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Willibrord, bishop of Utrecht	8 (St. Godfrey, bishop Blessed John Duns Scotus)	9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica St. Sancha of Castile	10 St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor	11 St. Martin of Tours, bishop	12 St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr, St. Theodore of Studion, abbot	13 (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)
14 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Nicholas Tavelic & companions) Stewardship Sunday	15 St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor	16 St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude, virgin	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 Blessed Raymond du Puy St. Mechthild, virgin	20 All deceased of the SMOM (St. Edmund Rich)
21 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 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 St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr	26 St. Sylvester, abbot	27 (St. James Intercisus)
28 1st Sunday of Advent (St. Catherine Labouré, virgin)	29 (St. Brendan)	30 St. Andrew, apostle	Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 · https://bsg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle B · Weekdays: Year I From 28 November: Sundays: Cycle C · Weekdays: Year I			

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**We help people
receive
the medical care
they need.**



THEN · An early medical home visit



LATER · Medical care on a home visit

1992

The Poor Sick Fund began helping neighbours afford urgently needed treatment.

It remains part of a wider commitment to reach sick people in their homes.

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5 2 nd Sunday of Advent St. Sabas, abbot	6 St. Nicholas of Bari, bishop of Myra	7 St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor	8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit	10 St. Melchiades, pope & martyr (Our Lady of Loreto)	11 St. Damasus I, pope <i>Inkamana Abbey: Anniversary of the dedication of the church Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand elevated to Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe in 1923</i>
12 3 rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy, virgin & martyr (St. Odilia, virgin, patron of the Missionary Benedictines)	14 St. John of the Cross, religious & doctor	15 (St. Valerian)	16 (St. Adelaide) RSA: Day of Reconciliation	17 Advent Weekday (December 17) (St. Olympias)	18 Advent Weekday (December 18) (St. Rufus) 35 years Blessed Gérard's Poor Sick Fund
19 4 th Sunday of Advent (St. Anastasius I, pope)	20 Advent Weekday (December 20) Blessed Scubilion, religious	21 Advent Weekday (December 21) St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor	22 Advent Weekday (December 22) (St. Flavian)	23 Advent Weekday (December 23) St. John of Kanty, priest	24 Christmas Eve	25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) RSA: Christmas Day
26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph RSA: Day of Goodwill	27 St. John, apostle & evangelist RSA: Day of Goodwill observed	28 Holy Innocents, martyrs	29 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr	30 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas	31 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas St. Sylvester I, pope	

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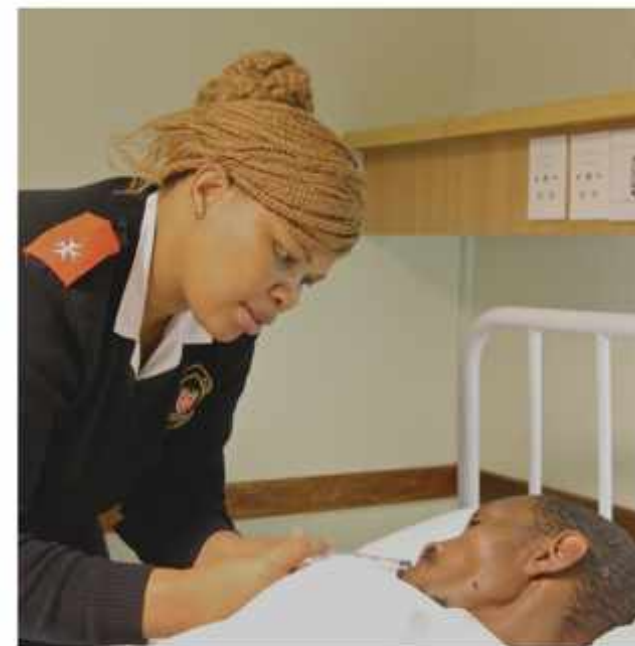
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May we introduce ourselves to you?

We help ...



Poor Sick Fund

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



Relief Fund

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

Relief & Social Care



Bursary Fund

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



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.

AIDS Treatment



Child Care



Child and Youth Care Centre

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



Early Childhood Development Centre

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

... in any case



Residential 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 in-patient hospice in South Africa.



Home Care

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.

Palliative Care

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