



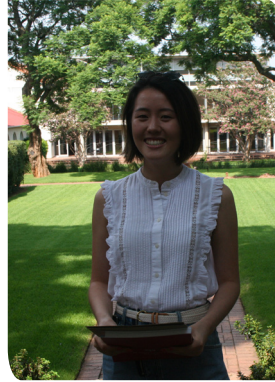
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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



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A few matriculants from the class of 2020 arriving at school on Tuesday 7 January to collect their final matric results

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

I welcome the St Mary's community to another year – to 2020.

A sincere welcome to all our new families at the entry years of Grade 000, Grade 0 and Form I. We also welcome new girls who join us in different year groups. My hope is that your families will experience the warmth and care of our community. Parents and girls often comment about the love and support of our community.

As is our tradition, we began the new school year in the Senior School with the induction of our 2020 leaders. Tlou Duba, head girl, delivered an optimistic speech about using our mind to approach the year with confidence and self-belief. "Bridge the gap between intention and action," she said. The leaders of 2020 have inspired the teachers and me with their commitment to leading our school by serving their peers and our community.

We are delighted to begin the year by reporting on the successful academic achievements of the previous year, which gives positive momentum to teachers and pupils. I congratulate the Class of 2019, which achieved excellent results and contributed to our school's record of consistent academic achievement. <https://www.stmarysschool.co.za/schools/senior-school/st-marys-school-matric-results-2019>. I want to make special mention of the top three girls whose achievements are unprecedented and set a record high not only for our school but probably on a national level. Jaeger Breen, Kate Jones and Anqi Qu achieved eight subjects in the top 1% of the IEB subject averages. A significant achievement. St Mary's celebrates them and every member of the Class of 2019.

St Mary's also had chance to celebrate before the close of 2019, when our first rowing quad won the hotly contested Boat Race. Although raced in December, this win provides the school's sporting disciplines with a springboard for the sporting challenges of Term I. The co-curricular opportunities at St Mary's, both sport and cultural, contribute to the full and beneficial experience of school for all our girls.

We have several new teachers and staff joining our learning community this year:

Senior School	Sport
Cindy Brown	Consumer Studies locum
Anel Bruns	Sport
Karen Corbett	History intern
Emily Dingle	Latin and History intern
Simon Idema	HoD Life Sciences
Nozuko Hans	Head of Ikusasa Lethu
Robyn Knowles	isiZulu 2019
Silindile Majola	Music
Danielle McKinnon	Learning support
Casey Macaulay	Drama
Odwa Ramabulana	HoD English, Term II 2020
Xanthipi Theophanous	

Administration	Admissions
Lorraine Davis	Database administrator
Sandra Lou	Marketing assistant
Boniswa Matiwane	

Junior School	Little Saints assistant
Joyce Diketane	Music, Term II 2020
George Potgieter	Sesotho 2019
Lunga Seele	Little Saints Assistant 2019
Martha Nkomo	isiZulu 2019
Sibongile Nkosi	

They join a professional and excellent team of established teachers. I am confident that they will embrace our ethos and contribute to the established quality of our education at St Mary's School.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I hope that you had a blessed Christmas and a good rest, and I pray that 2020 will be a year filled with an awareness of God's presence with us. In my recent quiet times, two verses in particular have stuck with me and have prompted prayer within me. The first of these is:

"Let them praise [the Lord's] name in the dance" – Psalm 149:3

As we come into 2020, may we be reminded that our lives are a dance – one into which we are invited by God as Trinity whose dance it is, and who dances with us and leads us in the dance. Within this dance, there are the hard times and the good times, but always there is the almost inexplicable joy and beauty of the dance, because of the presence of God.

The second verse that struck me is one describing a person serving the Lord:

"He shall drink from the brook beside the way; therefore shall he lift high his head" – Psalm 110:7

The following prayer is taken from the Daily Prayer app (which is based on the Common Worship prayer book from the Church of England) and

concludes that Psalm – it encapsulates what verse 7 says to me:

Lord Jesus, divine Son and eternal priest,
inspire us with the confidence of your final conquest of evil,
and grant that daily on our way
we may drink of the brook of your eternal life
and so find courage against all adversities;
for your mercy's sake.

Over the holidays, we were saddened to hear of two deaths among our Matric 2020 parents. Tinoonga Ngorima's mother, Esther, passed away on Sunday 8 December 2019, and her memorial and funeral services took place in the Reddam House Waterfall auditorium on 13 and 14 December 2019. Isabella Teixeira's father, Imanuel, passed away on Thursday 9 January 2020. His memorial service will take place on Friday 17 January at 15h00 at the Rosebank Catholic Church. Please keep both girls and their families in your prayers at this time.

Rest eternal grant unto Mrs Ngorima and unto Mr Teixeira, oh Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

REVD CLAUDIA COUSTAS
CHAPLAIN