



Old Girl, Dr Yanila Nyasulu (class of 1998), addressing the matrics and their parents at prizegiving

FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

Last week was filled with rites of passage and celebrations in the Senior School. The marking of transitions is a meaningful aspect of school life. The Form Vs celebrated their final days of school and they handed over the leadership of the school to the Form IVs. We were able to celebrate the occasions in The Close, which meant that we were together as the whole Senior School for the first time since March 2020.

The week began with parent teacher meetings, followed by the art exhibition on Tuesday, which showcased the interesting and well-executed work of the art students. We were also entertained by the music students, while enjoying the exhibition. This event showed that the arts are alive and vibrant at St Mary's.

Both the leaders' elect assembly and the final matric assembly were joyous occasions filled with symbolism to acknowledge the change in status of the Form IVs: the class of 2022.

St Mary's matric valedictory service and function acknowledges those leaving school with dreams and aspirations; parents whose love, support and encouragement of their daughters is visible and emotional; teachers who bid farewell to their students and the Old Girls' Association who welcome the new alumni to the association with a lantern and St Mary's candle - a light to show their way.

The image of the St Mary's matrics leaving the chapel for the final time and walking under The Rose windows, through the doors and into the afternoon sunlight was a beautiful and emotional image for me.

The week ended with the celebration of prizegiving. Our guest speaker, Dr Yanila Nyasulu, was an inspirational speaker who captured the audience with her warm charm. Dr Nyasulu is a St Mary's Old Girl and a specialist doctor who leads the intensive care units at Zuid-Afrikaans Hospital in Pretoria. Dr Nyasulu recently featured in the MNET documentary Zero to Zero, which presented the experience of frontline health care workers in their fight against Covid-19. Yanila Nyasulu embodies our school's values. She is an Old Girl whose courage and integrity have assisted others and made a meaningful contribution to our country.

I wish the matrics self-belief and a sense of calm as they begin writing their final examinations. Their achievements during a very difficult and trying year are noteworthy and deserving of the celebration on Friday night.

DEANNE KING
HEAD OF SCHOOL

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The events of the last two weeks can be summed up in the third verse of the hymn *O love that will not let me go* which reads as follows:

*O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.*

A collision of joys! This is the phrase that also comes to mind together with the image of the annunciation, depicted so beautifully in the lunar mosaic above the entrance to the Senior School reception. Following the announcement of the incarnation by the angel Gabriel to Mary, with a heart full of joy, Mary rushes to visit Elizabeth. Of this meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, it is not easy to imagine the collision of joy at this meeting. When we have joy, we yearn to share. What joy it was to celebrate and share in the Eucharist with the matric class of 2021 at their valedictory service.

The confirmation and installation of the chaplain service added to our joy as a school. Bishop Steve, in his sermon, preached on Jeremiah 29. He highlighted that Jeremiah was writing to remind the people that God is not in the business of leaving people up in the air, God loves the people. Jeremiah continued to assure the people that God intends to bless them and that even in our darkest hour, God has a plan.

In our celebrations, we were ever conscious that we are still living in a time of pandemic. That we were able to gather and celebrate is a testament to God's joy, which is visible through pain.

REVD RAKGADI KHOBO
CHAPLAIN



Revd Rakgadi Khobo, Bishop Steve and Thandi Chaane at the installation of our new chaplain (Revd Rakgadi)



Bishop Steve with the 2021 confirmands

PUBLIC SPEAKING



Alexis Troskie (Form II) presented the speech below at the Junior Best Speaker's Competition two weeks ago. This was a particularly memorable speech as it spoke to St Mary's encompassing values of love, community and integrity. The audience was reminded of how fractured societies around the world, including ours, have become during this historic moment, and how it is more important than ever before to practise love mindfully in our daily lives and to rebuild our precious community.

JESS BUCHER
ENGLISH TEACHER

REBUILD

We live in a world of hate; love is rare to find. Over the past little while it's been even harder. We've been living through what were some of our worst nightmares. We've been living through a time of intense hate and very little love.

Many of us think that the world is going to go back to normal when Covid is gone. I think that human beings assume that all the world's biggest problems will fall away but I hate to burst your bubble - that is not the case. Human beings are fuelled by their hatred for other human beings. We have lived in a world of hate for a very long time. Covid has just made us see the hate that surrounds us more clearly. So, it's time to rebuild.

The definition of 'rebuild' in the Oxford English Dictionary is to build something again after it has been damaged or destroyed. I don't want to say that the world is destroyed, I want to say that it's damaged. The economy is damaged, our resources are damaged, businesses are damaged but almost most importantly - we are damaged. Human beings are damaged. The scale can range from slightly damaged to immensely. This damage has always been here; it's just got worse over the last year and a half.

There is a lot to rebuild. I know many people may think that rebuilding will require a non-corrupt government, which is true to a point. People think that rebuilding will require millions of rands, true - but there's one thing that people aren't sure how to rebuild, and that's communities. People are more separated than ever, we are quicker to judge and blame than ever, we are quicker to be rude than kind. Why? Because it's easier. It's easier to hate than it is to love.

Human beings have forgotten how to be aware of their surroundings and the people within them. To be honest this was kind of expected. Over the last year and a half nothing has been stable. We thrive on stability and routine and we have had none of that. When humans are uncomfortable or not in a stable setting, we lash out. So how do we stop doing the thing that is most natural? We start caring and loving again. Love has always been here. It has never disappeared, it's just harder to find. In a time where it is so easy to hate, we need to care and love. Human beings need to relearn. Human beings need to learn how to mend damage with love not hate. To rebuild we need to be kinder, more understanding, more aware.

It is so easy to feel alone in a world full of hate, and so much harder to rebuild community and ourselves in a world with limited amounts of love. We are all damaged, but to not destroy each other and ourselves we must love, we must care, and we must rebuild together.

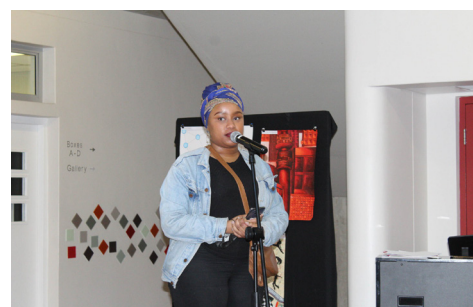
So, it's time to rebuild the world. Make it a world of love. People have hated for generations as it's always been harder to love. Rebuilding starts by looking for the tiny pieces of good in a place and the pieces to love in other people. Every human being can love- it's just choosing to do so.

So today I choose to live with love and not with the hatred that I feel towards the world. I filled it with the love that I feel for my family, my friends, and the people around me. I have filled it with the love that I have for the places I've been and the smiles and laughter I've seen on people's faces. The world we live in is more beautiful than it is ugly. It's just choosing to look at it that way. I hope you can choose to love; I hope you choose to smile; I hope you choose to rebuild.

ALEXIS TROSKIE
FORM II

VISUAL ARTS

On the Tuesday 5 October, the matric art girls had the chance to exhibit their exceptional artworks. The matric art exhibition is usually a long-awaited event and a highlight of the year. This event exceeded expectations in every way. The exhibition was an enriching experience as all attendees had a chance to see the high standard of artworks which the matric girls have produced. The artworks were displayed throughout The Edge and showed the creativity and talent in the matric art group. The event was enjoyed by the parents of the girls, some of the St Mary's staff, and a few of the younger art students. The guest speaker, artist Lebo Thoka, gave an inspiring speech to all present and left her audience feeling excited for the future of art. Her advice to the girls was to go towards what pulls them and trust their intuition. As they enter the next phase of their life, this advice could not be more true. The exhibition was a lovely way to celebrate the matric art girls and all they have achieved during the year.



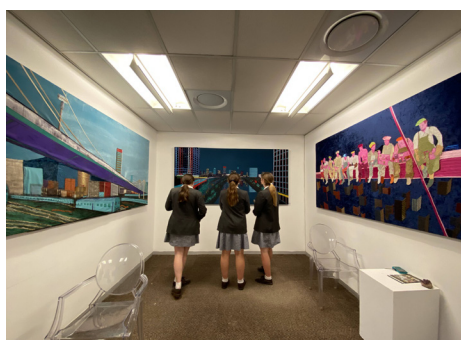
HANNAH SHERMAN
FORM IV

On Friday, 1 October, the Form III and IV art students had the opportunity to experience and interact with an abundance of South African artists and their artworks at the 9th edition of the Turbine Art Fair in Illovo. The multi-layered art fair consisted of hundreds of artworks showcasing various genres of art and movements ranging from abstract expressionism to large contemporary installations. One of the pupils in Form III stated that "a few hours was simply not enough time to fully appreciate all the time and true effort that these amazing artists put into their pieces." The fair gave the students an opportunity to experience unique pieces that represented South African artists at their peak and it was truly an honour to be involved in such a lovely fair. This was an opportunity that the students completely

embraced and, as they absorbed inspiration for their future artworks, they truly enjoyed their experience.

Talking to different artists about the process behind their works was incredibly interesting and gave the students a new perspective on their pieces, going beyond beautiful artworks but also telling of a story. Walking into the venue, there were people from every walk of life all coming together to admire the effort and talent of the hundreds of artists. The display was not only a beautiful space to be in, but also a place of motivation for every girl to experiment with new ideas and push herself to new limits. The experience was engaging and inspirational for many of the artists and we all look forward to visiting more fairs and exhibitions in the future!

EMMA MORGANS, FARAI MAZARURA AND BELA ROWJI
FORM IV ART STUDENTS



MUSIC

Other than the vast IEB subject Music syllabus requirements, Tessa Dröge and Lara Stipinovich managed to enter the ABRSM Grade 8 examination in clarinet and saxophone respectively. They both passed this high level music examination with exceptional results! They should feel extremely proud of their achievements in Music and we wish them only the best for their future endeavours!



Tessa Dröge



Lara Stipinovich

DUDLEY TROLLOPE
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

The South African rhythmic gymnastics games were held in Pretoria from Friday 1 October to Tuesday 5 October.

Zeinab Kone competed as a Junior and placed 3rd overall with a gold medal for clubs and bronze medals for hoop and ball.

Lesedi Mochela placed 5th overall winning a bronze medal for ball.

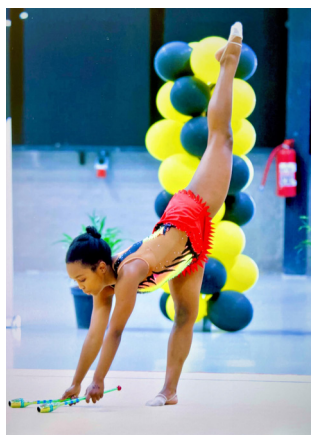
Caitlyn Govender placed 7th in Level seven overall and scored 4th place in ribbon.

The annual prizegiving and displays will be held on tomorrow, 16 October in the gym. Unfortunately, owing to Covid-19 regulations, no parents will be allowed to attend. The gym will close for the year after the prizegiving and re-open in January 2022.

I shall be retiring after 18 years as director of Community Partnerships at St Mary's but will remain coaching and doing the administration of rhythmic gymnastics at St Mary's in 2022.



Zeinab Kone



Lesedi Mochela



Caitlyn Govender

LINDA GIURICICH
HEAD OF RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

ROWING

Term III has been a busy term for the club!

“Rowing provided a place to go, a community where people cared about what I did and what I achieved.” Nancy Greene

On Sunday 19 September, the St Mary’s rowing club held the annual rowing open day. The turnout was great. We had Grade 7s from many schools and a few current St Mary’s girls attend. Everyone had an opportunity to row in the dam, accompanied by our older members, and experience the rowing atmosphere. There were speeches made by previous St Mary’s rowers and by our captains. We are so excited to welcome our new girls into the club!

After months of hard work, the St Mary’s rowing club has obtained a new and improved shed! We took ownership of the St Andrew’s old shed and conjoined our shed with theirs. The shed has more space for our fleet and better facilities for our equipment. The space is easy to use. We are excited to have moved in time for the racing season. Thank you to everyone who was involved and who helped in the process!

Over the past weekend, the first regatta of the new season was held at Homestead Dam. The event was a match race, knock-out regatta with heat races, semi-finals and finals on a curved course. St Mary’s competed in all boat classes with U15s, U16s and U19s involved. Great results were achieved, with St Mary’s winning many of the various finals. The regatta was a good start to the racing season and it was great to be back on the water competing. The club is excited for the upcoming races and the rest of the season.

“A race is not won in the water. A race is not won on race day, instead a race is to show what you have accomplished in practice.” - Unknown

CLARE KEEGAN
FORM III



Congratulations to our vice-captain on her appointment as the head girl-elect 2022



Congratulations to our vice-captain on her appointment as head of marketing



U15 quad racing to the finish line



First quad winning the final

TENNIS



Lilitha Ndungane

Unfortunately, our league matches on Tuesday 28 September were cancelled owing to the inclement weather.

Congratulations to our number one player, Lilitha Ndungane, who has been chosen to be part of the prestigious Wiphold squad. The members of the squad, comprising of the top junior players in South Africa, are competing in the ITF junior tournaments that are being held over three weeks in the Western Cape. We wish Lilitha all the best as she competes against the top junior tennis players from all over the world.

Moroesi Tuoane has also been extremely busy over the past ten days. She is congratulated on placing 8th in the singles event of the U14 Growthpoint Gauteng North Super 8 Tournament. Well done to Alexis Banducci for placing 6th in the U18 division of the same tournament and to Simone Banducci who also competed well. Keep up the hard work.

Good luck to all the St Mary's tennis players who are competing in the Eunice Tennis Festival from Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 October in Bloemfontein and in the national finals of the BNP Paribas Rising Stars event in Pretoria over the next two weekends. We know you will keep the St Mary's flag flying high.

RENÉ PLANT
HEAD OF TENNIS

ATHLETICS

The girls have continued training and have upped their effort and commitment with inter-high looming next week. Preparation has been somewhat hampered as neither Boksburg nor Germiston stadiums have been available for the majority of our weekly meetings, which has resulted in our running on small tracks on grass and artificial turf. However, many champions have been produced on less than ideal training facilities. The 400m athletes have made excellent progress, with some of the younger girls improving their times by as much as 14 and 16 seconds. Most importantly, it has been wonderful to have had competition, to have been able to give girls a chance to try different events and to sing "Oh when the Saints", again. Work hard for the next 10 days and give it your all at inter-high.

QUIX
HEAD OF SPORT



EQUESTRIAN

SANESA inter-schools national championships: Wednesday 6 October to Friday 9 October at Kyalami Equestrian Park

The competition was stiff as we competed with others from all over South Africa. Seven of our girls qualified as national representatives. Even though we had only seven riders, St Mary's Waverley, was ranked joint 3rd in the country. Sienna Blaauw was our highest ranked national rider at 9th in the country.

Notable achievements of each rider:

Name	Horse:	Place:	Discipline:
Riley Bate	Cocorico	1 st	Show Jumping: 100cm A2
		1 st	Working Hunter: Level 5 90cm
		15 th	Show Jumping: 100cm 2 phase
		13 th	Show Jumping: 100cm A2
Sienna Blaauw	Gondor UFO	19 st	Show Jumping: 100cm A2
		3 rd	Equitation: Intermediate 100cm
		1 st	Prix Caprilli: Level 6 Advanced test a
		1 st	Prix Caprilli: Level 6 Advanced test b
		8 th	Dressage: Elementary Medium test a
		7 th	Dressage: Elementary Medium test b
		1 st	Level 7 Performance riding
	Kathmandu	5 th	Show Jumping: 100cm 2 phase
Katherine Franck	Bodenhausen la Chocoletier	3 rd	Equitation: Novice 90cm
Juliana Haden-Smith	Silkwood Lickity Split	2 nd	Handy Hunter Level 7 100cm
		16 th	Show Jumping: 100cm Normal
Erin Jackson	El Vanna	8 th	Dressage: Preliminary
		8 th	Equitation: Novice 90cm
Lunathi Mdlungu	Waterside Double Date	3 rd	In-Hand Utility: Level 3
		2 nd	Working riding: Level 7
		12 th	Dressage: Elementary test a
		9 th	Dressage: Elementary test b
	Branic Cupidon	1 st	Equitation: Level 2 70cm
Sydney Pollock	Voigtskirch Amarosso	7 ^h	Performance riding: Level 7
	Voigtskirch Kastellan	8 th	Equitation: Intermediate 100cm
		1 st	Stadium Eventing: 95cm



MELANIE BLAIR
TEACHER IN CHARGE

OLD GIRLS' NEWS

Hannah Pearce (class of 2016) has become the first South African to captain the women's hockey team at Harvard University! Please click here to read the article: <https://www.goodthingsguy.com/.../meet-hannah-pearce.../>

Well done, Hannah!



QUIX
DIRECTOR OF SPORTS

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ELECT 2021/2022

Chapel servers (matrics 2022)		
Marelise Avice	Nobuhle Dlamini	Gabriella Kimber
Palesa Mokotjomela	Alexa Papperitz	Rethabile Potse
Diversity committee (matrics of 2022 only)		
Folasade Adebule	Olivia Bean	Hannah de Lange
Danielle Grobbelaar	Nyakallo Kodisang	Zahraa Koor
Isha Madhu	Farai Mazarura	Sally Mohlakola
Azra Nosarka	Bella Rowji	Malaika Runyowa
Yonela Siko		
Environmental Affairs committee (matrics of 2022 only)		
Anoshamisa Dube	Mira Markovitz	Tatiana Williams
GIRLS committee (matrics 2022 only)		
Marubini Koka	Chanté Louw	Caroline Maskell
Mira Markovitz		
Marketing committee (matrics of 2022 only)		
Akani Baloyi	Zoé Cheenne	Mahlatse Chocho
Zamantungwa Khumalo	Marubini Koka	Zahraa Koor
Kristy Leonard	Chanté Louw	Rethabile Potse
Unathi Makhathini	Sally Mohlakola	Aimee Rosmarin
Sasha Steyn		
Peer Counsellors		
Tamlin Klement	Unathi Makhathini	Mira Markovitz
Nyasha Mazarura	Khethile Mukoki	Tannah Proudfoot
Malaika Runyowa	Mokgadi Seema	Shamiso Shirilele
Jessica Spalding-Jones	Lynne Swingler	Veronica Thongoana
Melissa Welch	Tatiana Williams	
Service		
Choir		
Head: Yonela Siko	Deputy: Loyiso Mahlangu	
Community partnership		
Head: Jessica Lansdown		
Diversity		
Head: Zahraa Koor	Deputy: Folasade Adebule	Deputy: Hannah de Lange
Environmental Awareness		
Head: Anoshamisa Dube	Deputy: Tatiana Williams	Deputy: Mira Markovitz
First Aid		
Head: Zamantungwa Khumalo	Deputy: Mira Markovitz	
Girls committee		
Head: Mira Markovitz		

Marketing committee		
Head: Chanté Louw	Deputy: Sasha Steyn	Deputy: Aimee Rosmarin
Resources		
Head: Tatiana Williams	Head: Rethabile Potse	
Pastoral care		
Head: Mokgadi Seema	Deputy: Lynne Swingler	
Spiritual Life		
Head of chapel: Alexa Papperitz	Sacristan: Palesa Mokotjomela	
Head of service		
Head: Bonngoe Pokane	Deputy: Khethile Mukoki	
Culturals		
Art		
Head: Hannah Sherman	Deputy: Tamlin Klement	
Chess		
Head: Ayanda Gwamanda		
Cinematography		
Head: Palesa Mokotjomela		
Dance		
Head: Talsia Rossini	Deputy: Mpho Mudau	
Debating		
Head: Nyasha Mazarura		
Drama		
Head: Khethile Mukoki		
Jazz Band		
Head: Hannah de Lange		
Marimbas		
Head: Nobuhle Dlamini		
Music		
Head: Mira Kathawaroo		
Orchestra		
Head: Zamantungwa Khumalo		
Photography		
Head: Tintswalo Mokhare		
Public speaking		
Head: Aimee Rosmarin		

Technical skills and service		
Head: Chanté Louw	Head: Kerry Gilmour	
Culturals		
Head: Nyasha Mazarura	Deputy: Kerry Gilmour	
Sport		
Athletics		
Captain: Ella Babaya	Vice-captain: Holly-Rose Brady	
Basketball		
Captain: Boitshepo Mosele	Vice-captain: Zoë Christodoulou	
Diving		
Captain: Tannah Proudfoot	Vice-captain: Sacha Bray	
Equestrian		
There are no matrics in 2022		
Hockey		
Captain: Kristy Leonard	Vice-captain: Ella Babaya	
Netball		
Captain: Shamiso Shirilele	Vice-captain: Robyn Stainforth	Vice-captain: Mahlatse Chocho
Rhythmic Gymnastics		
Captain: Lesedi Mochela	Vice-captain: Reece Williams	
Rowing		
Captain: Lynne Swingler	Vice-captain: Chanté Louw	Vice-captain: Mahlatse Chocho
Squash		
Captain: Tayla Rohana	Vice-captain: Sasha Steyn	
Swimming		
Captain: Emma Franck	Vice-captain: Samantha Faber	Vice-captain: Danielle Grobbelaar
Tennis		
Captain: Tyrah Cook	Vice-captain: Isha Madhu	
Water polo		
Captain: Nyakallo Kodisang	Vice-captain: Samantha Faber	
Sport		
Head: Kristy Leonard	Deputy: Samantha Pearson	
School portfolios		
Boarding		
Head: Yonela Siko		

Communication		
Head: Georgia Pritchett		
School spirit		
Head: Sukoluhle Sibanda	Deputy: Malaika Runyowa	Deputy: Akani Baloyi
House leaders		
Clayton		
Form I: Talsia Rossini	Form II: Kaitlyn Clouston	Form III: Anna Patricios
Form IV: Emily Slettevold		
Furse		
Form I: Gemma Scarcella	Form II: Jessica Spalding-Jones	Form III: Xenia Theorides
Form IV: Unathi Makhathini		
Karney		
Form I: Alison King	Form II: Diana Colafranceschi	Form III: Cholinga Chakwawa
Form IV: Jolien Koen		
Phelps		
Form I: Gemma Ireland	Form II: Olivia Bean	Form III: Tintswalo Mokhare
Form IV: Courtney Barrow		
Heads of houses		
Clayton		
Head: Robyn Stainforth	Deputy: Folasade Adebule	Deputy: Boitshepo Moseitlhe
Furse		
Head: Malaika Runyowa	Deputy: Samantha Faber	Deputy: Mokgadi Seema
Karney		
Head: Shamiso Shirilele	Deputy: Akani Baloyi	Deputy: Rachel Scholes
Phelps		
Head: Goitseone Moalusi	Deputy: Tannah Proudfoot	Sukoluhle Sibanda
Head Girls		
Head: Mahlatse Chocho	Deputy: Danielle Grobbelaar	Deputy: Marubini Koka

HEAD OF HOUSE ELECT 2022



Heads of house:
 Robyn Stainforth, Malaika Runyowa, Shamiso Shirilele, Goitseone Moalusi



Heads and deputy heads of houses:
 Back row: Samantha Faber, Folasade Adebule, Tannah Proudfoot, Sukuluhle Sibanda, Akani Baloyi
 Second row: Mokgadi Seema, Boitshepo Moseitlhe, Rachel Scholes
 Front row: Robyn Stainforth, Malaika Runyowa, Goitseone Moalusi, Shamiso Shirilele

Clayton:



Boitshepo Moseitlhe (deputy), Robyn Stainforth (head), Folasade Adebule (deputy)

Furse:



Samantha Faber (deputy), Malaika Runyowa (head), Mokgadi Seema (deputy)

Karney:



Akani Baloyi (deputy), Shamiso Shirilele (head), Rachel Scholes (deputy)

Phelps:



Tannah Proudfoot (deputy), Goitseone Moalusi (head), Sukuluhle Sibanda (deputy)

ED-ADMIN

St Mary's uses a school management information system called Ed-Admin to distribute termly school reports and to provide parents with an opportunity to inspect and amend personal information recorded in our database.

Below, please find details as to how to access this Ed-Admin St Mary's portal:

- You will require a Parent ID whenever signing into the parent portal. If you are unsure of your Parent ID, please email portal@stmary.co.za with both your and your daughter's names and surnames for assistance.
- To access the St Mary's portal, please click on the link below or visit the school website on www.stmaryschool.co.za and click on the portal login on the top right of the page.
<https://stmarysw.ed-space.net/pparentportal.cfm>
- Enter in your Parent ID and choose 'forgot password'. Please ensure that you enter the email address that St Mary's has on record and enter in the CAPTCHA code.
- You will then receive an email. Once received, click on the link in order to set up your password. Choose a secure password. You will then receive another email to confirm your password has been changed. You can now proceed to log into the portal.

If you experience problems logging into the secure portal, please contact portal@stmary.co.za.