

2011 REPORT of LOG Reunion on 1 October 2011 (PTA & DBN)

Mass was said at 13h00 by Father Chris Townsend in the Convent Chapel of Loreto Convent Skinner Street.

Our thanks to Father Chris Townsend for saying the Mass and to Felicity Mullan for playing the piano.

The Mass Readings and Prayers of the Faithful were as follows.

Note 1: Readings from the "Weekday Missal"

Note 2: Hymns from the "Celebration Hymnal for Everyone"

Entrance Hymn: Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Opening Prayer

Lord God,
give your people the joy
of continual health in mind and body.
With the prayers of Virgin Mary to help us,
guide us through the sorrows of this life
to eternal happiness in the life to come.

First Reading – Margaret Collins

1 Peter 4:7-11

Each one of you has received a special grace, so put yourselves at the service of others.

Keep a calm and sober mind. Above all, never let your love for each other grow insincere, since love covers over many a sin. Welcome each other into your houses without grumbling. Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others. If you are a speaker, speak in words which seem to come from God; if you are a helper, help as though every action was done at God's orders; so that in everything God may receive the glory, through Jesus Christ, since to him alone belong all glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm – led by Margaret Collins and said by All
Psalm 18

Your words are Spirit, Lord, and they are life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)

2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R)

3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R)

4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. (R)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord.

Alleluia !

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.”

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

No Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Let us direct our prayers and petitions to the Lord our God in a manner befitting the fine tradition of the Loreto Family.

1. In general, for ourselves

All: Let us pray for harmony and cheerfulness among ourselves that we may embrace one another and be ever kept in a mood of approval and consideration of one another.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

2. For the Loreto Family as a binding factor

All: Let us pray that we may never cease to believe in the Loreto Family which binds us in a loving relationship with all who have passed through the many Loreto Convents.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

3. For enduring loyalty to Loreto Sisters

All: Let us pray that we may have enduring loyalty to all our Loreto Sisters, whether gone to their eternal rest, in retirement, or in active ministry.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

4. For thankfulness for friendships forged in our school years

All: Let us pray that we be ever grateful to our special friends at school where they supported us in our dark moments and rejoiced with us in happy times, as well as the friends who have remained special and supportive of us throughout our lives.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

5. For inspiration, motivation and innovation

All: Let us pray that the precepts and learning gleaned in our School years may help and direct us to retain inspiration, motivation and innovation in the precarious moments of our lives.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

6. On this day, the feast day of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, we pray for her intercession to God

All: Let us pray that we may follow the way of Saint Theresa whom the Lord Himself nurtured and taught. Like Saint Theresa may we seek silent and still spaces in life to be able to sense the presence of God more clearly and discern what His will is for us.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

7. For Katlego Phalatse

All: Let us pray for Katlego Phalatse, Loreto Old Girl of 2002, who is very seriously ill and has been in hospital for the past month.

Let us also pray for all other Old Girls or members of their families who are ill or recuperating.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

8. For special blessings for Sister Shirley

All: Let us pray that the Lord may smile kindly on Sister Shirley, now retired to Ireland. May we ever remember her enthusiasm for all things pertaining to Loreto Old Girls and her complete dedication to recording the paths of the Loreto Sisters in South Africa. May we ever remember that she strove to build the Loreto Old Girls Database to serve as a recorded history of Loreto pupils in Southern Africa.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest: May these prayers rest at the feet of Christ the King of our hearts to lead us in our daily lives, to deliver us from the pangs of misery in life and to benefit us for the rest of our days. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Glorious God, King of creation

Glorious God, King of creation,
 we praise you, we bless you, we worship
 you in song.
 Glorious God, in adoration,
 at your feet we belong.

*Lord of life, Father almighty,
 Lord of hearts, Christ the King.
 Lord of love, Holy Spirit,
 to whom we homage bring.*

Glorious God, magnificent, holy,
 we love you, adore you, and come to you
 in pray'r.
 Glorious God, mighty, eternal,
 we sing your praise ev'rywhere.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord,
 we praise the wonder of your grace in Saint Theresa.
 As you were pleased with the witness she offered,
 be pleased also to accept this service of ours.

Communion Hymn: Peace is flowing like a river

Peace is flowing like a river,
 flowing out through you and me,
 spreading out into the desert,
 setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing like a river ...

Joy is flowing like a river ...

Hope is flowing like a river ...

Prayer after Communion

Lord,
 fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit
 to free us from our sins
 and make us rich in love for you and one another.

Final Hymn: Bind us together

*Bind us together, Lord,
 bind us together with cords*

*that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together,
bind us together with love.*

There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one Body.
That is why we sing:

We are the fam'ly of God,
We are His promise divine,
We are His chosen desire,
We are the glorious new wine.

Mass was followed by Celebrations in the Shirley Kay Skinner Street School Hall.

In general, all agreed that the 2011 LOG Reunion was a happy affair, scintillating, yet relaxed and uplifting. There was much to celebrate – convivial chatting, renewing old friendships, catching up of news, and presentations, followed by tea and delicious finger snacks.

The presentation of a Red Rose to each of the following was done by Kathy in a cheerful and informal manner, and Felicity Mullan led the singing of “For they are Jolly Good Old Girls” with light-hearted piano playing.

Golden Girls of 2011 in Pretoria

(Hogeboom)	Gloria	Bouwer	Mrs	1961	Hillcrest
(Van Den Heuvel)	Margo	Bowen	Mrs	1961	Hillcrest
(Brassel)	Maureen	Brassel	Ms	1961	Skinner
(Carbonnato)	Giovanna	Di Carlo Felice	Mrs	1961	Skinner
(Harenberg)	Elke	Stollarz	Mrs	1961	Skinner

Diamond Girls of 2011 in Pretoria

(Brink)	Lola	Neethling	Mrs	1950	Skinner
(Kilfoil)	Colleen	Newton	Mrs	1950	Hillcrest
(Wickham)	Margaret	Collins	Mrs	1951	Skinner
(Swacina)	Frances	Olver	Mrs	1951	Skinner
(Williams)	Maud	Pickup	Mrs	1951	Hillcrest

Note: Shirley Johnson received the presentation on behalf of Maud Pickup.

Ruby Girls of 2011 in Pretoria

(Atteridge)	Gail	Carreira	Mrs	1971	Skinner
(Andreatta)	Alida	Cosani	Mrs	1971	Skinner
(Argyrou)	Athenia	Couvaras	Mrs	1971	Skinner
(Mackintosh)	Judy	Joubert	Mrs	1971	Skinner
(Acker)	Joan	Kerswill	Mrs	1971	Skinner
(Walles)	Teresa	Neville	Mrs	1971	Skinner
(Tilley)	Clare	Sloan	Mrs	1971	Skinner
(Greet)	Carol	Stegmann	Mrs	1971	Skinner

Golden Girls of 2011 in Durban

(Van Wissel)	Helene	Boucher	Mrs	1961	Skinner
(Taylor)	Pat	Hayward	Mrs	1961	Skinner
(Eicke)	Carlene	Roux	Mrs	1961	Skinner

Gloria Bouwer (1961) and Margo Bowen (1961) write as follows.

“Thank you for a most enjoyable afternoon. It was good to see so many faces that we knew and being able to catch up on the missing years.”

Shirley Korsman (1957) writes as follows.

“Everyone enjoyed themselves, the catering was perfect and I am sure most will be there again next year.”

Carlene Roux (1961) writes from Durban as follows.

“I thought it was great fun. We missed the Pretoria Reunion but you were all in our thoughts and hope you had a good day up there. Our lunch was delicious and the company great. Just to meet and discuss our lives and things that have happened in the past is so interesting.”

Lola Neethling (1950) commented on the pleasant atmosphere of the Pretoria Reunion and her sister, Winifred Snyman (1955), was bubbly with commendations for the Pretoria Reunion, for the first time without long speeches!

Our special thanks to all who helped with the arrangements and preparations for the Reunion, both Old Girls and Staff, and a very special word of thanks to Kathy for all she has done for us.
