



# RECTOR'S LETTER



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Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to all of you!

It was a wonderful start to our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations last Sunday. God indeed blessed us with a glorious day, and the experience was overwhelming. The presence of Archbishop Thabo made the day even more special. I still recall how, at the 2016 annual parish vestry meeting, it was proposed that we consider inviting the Archbishop. Finally, this was realized, and I could see the joy on many of your faces last Sunday. Especially the faces on two of our most senior parishioners. Well done! St Oswald's, St Francis and St Luke's.

It is also important for me, to recognize and say a big thanks to all those who worked behind the scenes, making sure that everything was in place when and where it needed to be. You know who you are, thank you and well done!

We still have more events and celebrations planned for the next 11 months, so please **WATCH THIS SPACE!** and continue to give your support as you did last Sunday.

As you know, I will be on sabbatical from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023. It is a sabbatical that I am really looking forward to. Without divulging what I will be doing on my sabbatical, it is my good hope, that I will come back renewed, refreshed and well rested.

All parish ministry will continue. I do encourage you to fully support and give your full co-operation to the parish and chapelry leadership. For any necessary pastoral ministry, please contact the Churchwardens, who in turn will ensure that a clergy person will be available for you.

I thank God, for the faithful and committed leadership we have in both parish church and chapelries.

Soon we will move into the season of Spring and I do hope and pray that many of you will take up your place in the pews, especially on a Sundays. For the past few months, we have all experienced the cold weather and there are already signs that this is changing. Thank God for it!

Next Saturday, St Oswald's will be having a Morning Market. I do know that you will all be there and that you will enjoy the fellowship together. If you want to assist by making any form of donation, please contact Nadine 0834480422 or Loretta 0713420353.

This is all for now,

With love,

Selwyn