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Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive, as a Parish, to grow into disciples of Jesus Christ, reaching out in faith into a wider Community.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

BREAKING NEWS

As you would know and many of you would have witnessed online, Archbishop Mandla Jwara CMM was installed as Archbishop of Durban at Emmanuel Cathedral this past Sunday. This effectively means that Wilfrid Cardinal Napier OFM who has served the Archdiocese as our Archbishop for the past 30 years and who since the appointment of Archbishop Jwara has served as Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese is now released to give full attention to his role as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Eshowe.

We welcome Archbishop Jwara with open arms and support him in our prayer as we continue also to pray for Cardinal Napier in his ministry to the Diocese of Eshowe and subsequent full retirement.

We have been informed from the Chancery that Archbishop Jwara will confer the sacrament of confirmation on our 2021 Teenage Confirmation Candidates (15 in all) on Friday evening, 20 August at a Mass to be celebrated at 17.30. Given that only 50 people may gather for this service under present Covid protocols, the Archdiocese has stipulated that each candidate may only be accompanied by a sponsor and one parent. The Mass will be live-streamed on the parish Facebook page for the benefit of other family members, friends and fellow parishioners.

I have asked the catechists to inform candidates and their parents with immediate effect so that all due preparations may proceed expeditiously.

Please accept my good wishes and affection

Sincerely in Christ

Fr Mike

Fr Michael Foley OMI
Parish Priest

*Candidates with sponsor and one parent = 45
Archbishop, Parish Priest and MC = 3
Coordinator of Music = 1
Technician for live-streaming and photographs = 1*