

- ① Welcome to Prof Rennie  
and Reps of Nat Monuments ~~the~~ Council  
② Messrs van Zyl + Young  
③ Representatives of G'town TC Old Gule Guild  
Last but not least Mother Mary Eleanor.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH FOR PLAQUE CEREMONY - TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY

→ Welcome Prof Rennie + ~~other members~~ + Nat Mon Council local reps

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UNVEILING OF THE PLAQUE ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHAPEL OF  
ST MARY AND ALL THE ANGELS BEING DECLARED A NATIONAL MONUMENT

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