



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS for WEDNESDAY 7th AUGUST 2019

Mission of the Diocese of the Highveld

To be a unified Diocese where the spiritual growth of an increasing number of people is fulfilled through experiencing the fullness of God

BISHOP'S DIARY

Day	Date	Time		Venue
Frid	9th	07h30	Women's Day celebration	St Boniface Vosloorus
Sat	10th	08h30	Service of Thanksgiving for Fr Mnyandu Piet Retief	St Barnabas
Sun	11th	09h00	Piet Retief, St Michaels (C)	
Mon	12th	10h00	SACC NEC	
Tues	13th	10h00	SACC NEC	
Frid	16th	16h00	Opening of MU Prov Executive	Kempton Park
Sat	19th	07h30	Eucharist – MU Prov Executive	
Sun	18th	09h00	St Phillips Thokoza (C)	
Mon	19th	17h30	HABSR B.O.D.	
Tues	20th	17h30	Finance Board	
Sat	24th	08h30	Lay Ministers morning	St Francis, Alberton
		10h00	Deacons meeting	
Sun	25th	08h30 18h00	Church of the Resurrection (C) Bible Soc Celebratory service	Wattville Cathedral
Wed	28th	10h00	Pension Board	
Sat	31st	14h00	St James Leslie (C)	
Sun	1st	09h00	Daggakraal (C)	

Gazette:

- Our deepest sympathy to Fr Sanele Nhlapo and family on the death of his brother. The funeral service of the late Shakespeare Mohami Kabai Nhlapo will be held on the 9th August 2019 at Kwamhlanga.Tweefontein G.Mpumalanga at the Charity Christian Church, Tweefontein G. Service: Requiem Mass : Time: 07h00 to 09h00.
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- **Lay Ministers morning:** The Bishop would like to meet with **all** the lay ministers on Saturday 24th August at St Francis, Alberton. It will start with the Eucharist at 08h30 and the theme will be "Conducting Funerals".
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- BACK to **CHURCH SUNDAY - 15 Sept 2019** - See attached
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- **Clergy Retreat:** the Clergy Retreat will be held at Lumko from **9th – 13th September**. Cost to be advised.
- **Clergy spouses retreat:** There will be a retreat for clergy spouses from 13-15th September at Emseni. A deposit is needed to secure the venue. The cost for the weekend will be approximately R1000-00.
- **Happening.** See attached notices
- **HABSR NOTICES:**
 - **Women's Day:** Walk will start at 07h30 from Corner Mabuya street and MC Botha Drive behind the Engen Petrol Station in Vosloorus. See attached notice.
 - **Silent Day:** See attached notice
 - **Gala Dinner :** See attached notice
 - HABSR is looking to employ a part time bookkeeper two mornings per week. Duties include:
 - preparing EFT payments, petty cash, and reconciling bank accounts. Knowledge of pastel accounting system is required.

Please contact HABSR on 011 422 2231 or send a short CV to habsr@habsr.org.za. Applications close on the 28th Aug 2019. Should you not hear from us, you may assume that your application was not successful.
 - **Gender Sensitisation Workshop:** see attached notice
- **The Diocese of Monmouth** has asked for the prayers of the people of the Highveld diocese as they prepare for the election of a new bishop. The Electoral College of the Church in Wales will meet on 17, 18 & 19 September in St Woolos' Cathedral, to fulfil that task.
- A thanksgiving service for Fr Mnyandu and his wife on their retirement will be held at St Barnabas Parish, Kwa Thema, on Saturday 10th August. The service will start at 08h30 and lunch will be provided at their home from 12 noon. All are welcome.
- **St Peter's Brakpan** are looking for a caretaker. See attached notice.
- **Godly Play training:** Our next Godly Play Core Training will take place at Northfield Methodist Church between 23 and 31 August. It will run over 2 weekends: Friday evening and full day Saturday.
At this training you will immerse yourself in our Christian faith stories done in the Godly Play way, learn more about children's spirituality and how to nurture it, and find out how learning from children can help all of us. You will come away spiritually refreshed.
Please share this with anyone who works with children and their faith formation. Book your place - see attached flyer.
- **HABSR FOODBANK:** Confirmation candidates should please remember to bring non-perishable items for the HABSR foodbank on the day that they are confirmed.
- **The College of Transfiguration** will be hosting a Clergy and Lay person's spring school from the 11th – 14th Sept 2019.

- **Diocesan Counselling Board:** there are no counselling courses scheduled for 2019. However, interested persons can give their names to the Bishop's secretary and, should there be enough people to warrant a course, then such courses will be arranged and advertised accordingly. Names can be submitted with immediate effect.
- **Ministerial Practice Declaration:** all those in the parish who hold office should fill in the form to be kept on file in the parish
- **Diocesan Youth Indemnity Form:** All people in charge of young people's ministry, groups or organisations, are reminded by the PYC and the Diocese to:
 - get the permission of the Rector/Priest in Charge to transport youth especially those 18 years and under
 - complete the Diocesan Indemnity forms and hand over to Churchwardens; and
 - send a list of those young people to the Bishop's office prior to the trip/journey.
 This is to protect all those in youth ministry. Failure to do so becomes your own liability.
- **From the Administrator's desk:**
- **Unidentified Items:**

The following deposit has been made with no proper reference:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
02/03/2019	R250.00	CASH - LUNGISWAMGEDLE

- **Bookings for Diocesan Venues:** Please note that the Diocesan Administration Offices and facilities are normally open from 08:30am until 16:00pm from Monday to Thursday and from 08:30am until 13:00pm on a Friday. **For security reasons, no access to the property or the facilities will be allowed outside of these times unless proper arrangements have been made.**

Please note that **all** after hour's use of the Diocesan facilities for meetings must be booked through the **Administrator's Office**. Please use the correct booking forms for this purpose.

- Saturday meetings must please be completed by **3pm** and any car-guard must be arranged privately at your own cost.
- Access will not be granted if proper bookings are not done.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

N.B. – no bookings on a Sunday as the campus is closed on Sundays

- **Birthdays:** Happy birthday to:

12 th	Mtr Mickie Lucas	15 th	Fr Thabang Phakoe
16 th	Dcn Gwynne Lawlor	16 th	Maarda Irvine
20 th	Themba Maseko	22 nd	Fr Louis Magwanishe
22 nd	Mtr Sheila Hlobelo	22 nd	Eunice Kwakwari
27 th	Nkamoheng Ramantsi		

The next newsletter will be on Wednesday 28th August as the Bishop's Secretary is on leave until the 27th.