



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

### DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS for WEDNESDAY – 10th APRIL 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
Wed	10th	15h30 17h00	Synod Advisory Committee Legal team
Thurs	11th	10th	JDDJ meeting
Sat	13th	09h00	Fellowship of Vocation
Sun	14th	07h30 09h30	St Edmund's St Edmund's
Thurs	18th	09h00 19h00	Chrism Eucharist St Mary Magdalene
Frid	19th	12h00	St John's Putfontein
Sun	21st	06h00 08h30	Dawn Mass Church of the Resurrection
	23-28		Bishop on leave

#### **Gazette:**

➤ **LENSEN APPEAL:**

Last week of the Lenten Appeal. All congregations should advertise and send monies received for this appeal to the Diocesan office. Deposits to be made to Trust Board account with the reference "Lenten Appeal 500-079".

➤ **Mozambique Cyclone Appeal: We are appealing to anyone who can help with a truck to transport all the donations of clothes to Pretoria on Monday so that they can be sent off to Mozambique and Zimbabwe.** All donations to be in our offices by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. Also we would appreciate volunteers to assist the office staff with the loading of the truck on Monday. Please phone Themba in HABSR if you can help. Our grateful thanks to those who have already given so generously to this cause. The response has been overwhelming!

➤ **The College of Human Sciences at UNISA** which houses the biggest departments of theology in the Southern Hemisphere hereby invite you to a one day summit to reflect on:

1. theological training today and
2. the prophetic voice in South Africa today.

We would appreciate it if you would accept our invitation and take part in the summit.

See attached invitation and please let Bishop know if you would like to attend.

➤ **Diocesan Synod:** The letter sent from the Diocesan Administrator on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 stated:

*"Please note, that the names, postal addresses and contact telephone numbers of your lay representatives together with the average number of communicants of your parish **MUST** reach the Diocesan Office for my attention on or before **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.*

*Parishes whose list of elected representatives does not reach my office by 5<sup>th</sup> April will be entitled to only **ONE** representative."*

**There are still a number of parishes who have not sent in the names of their reps and if we have not received them by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April they will be allocated one representative.**

- **Week of prayer for Christian Unity:** 30<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June
- **Cross of Christ:** Palm Sunday: See attached poster
- **The College of Transfiguration** will be hosting a Clergy and Lay person's spring school from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019. See attached notices.
- **Robert Selby Trust application:** Form attached for 2019/2020 applications
- **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.
- The Cathedral Music Foundation is very pleased to announce **Sing for Joy** 2019. The theme this year is 'Egypt'.  
All singers from the whole Diocese are warmly invited to take part in this annual musical event which this year will be directed jointly by **Japhta Luhupuhi** and **Robert Strijdom**. Rehearsals at the Cathedral:  
Saturday 13 and 27 April 09h00-12h00 Saturday 4 and 11 May 09h00-12h00  
Saturday 18 and 25 May 09h00-12h00 Friday 31 May 18h00-20h30  
Saturday 1 June afternoon & evening performances
- **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:

Date	Amount	Reference
23/10/2018	R660.00	CHURCH CHOIR
26/10/2018	R700.00	CASH

➤ **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:**

11<sup>th</sup> Veronica Laurings