



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS for WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 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
Tues - Friday	10 th – 13th	14h00	Clergy Retreat Golden Girls Retreat – Opening Eucharist	Cullinan
Sat	14th	11h00	Choirs Fellowship Conference	Safari Lodge
Sun	15th	09h00 12h00	Christ the King (C) St John's (C)	Nigel Putfontein
Mon	16th	17h00	Meeting with Provincial Synod Reps	Room 7
Sat	21st	09h30 14h30	St Manche Masemola (C) Meeting with executives of Diocesan Organisations	Spruitview LT
Sun	22nd	09h30 14h00 17h00	St Edmund's (C) St Matthias (C) Elective Assembly	Kempton Park Etwatwa Kopanong
Mon-Tues	23 rd – 24 th		Synod of Bishops	Kopanong
Tues	24 th – 27th	15h30	Provincial Synod	Kopanong
Sun	29th	08h30 14h00	Holy Name (C) St Francis (C)	Tembisa Alberton

Gazette:

- **Lectionaries:** have arrived. Please place order with Funeka (R25 per copy)
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- BACK to CHURCH SUNDAY - 15 Sept 2019 - See attached
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- **Mother's Union:** The Mother's Union will be leaving on a fund raising campaign to Durban from 12th – 15th September. We wish them a safe and fruitful trip.
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- **Clergy spouses retreat:** There will be a retreat for clergy spouses starting this weekend 13-15th September at Emseni. Please pray for them as they meet together.
- **Diocesan Cursillo Training:** The Cursillo weekend will be held at eMseni retreat centre in Benoni from Thursday 17th October(5 pm) till

Sunday the 20th October 2019. See details of contacts & cost in the application form attached

- **Happening.** See attached notices
- **HABSR NOTICES:**
 - **Gala Dinner** : Bishop has expressed his concern that the Gala Dinner tickets have not been advertised in many of the parishes. Please ensure that **every effort is made to advertise these tickets**. Please direct any concerns to Themba in the HABSR office (011 422 2231)
 - **Gender Sensitisation Workshop:** see attached notice
- **Sunday School teachers:** There will be a meeting of all Sunday School teachers on Saturday 28th September 2019 from 09h00 – 10h30 in preparation for the workshop to be held on Saturday 26th October.
- Iviyo Iofakazi BakaKristu Convention: See attached notice
- **CANON LAW COUNCIL** **SAVE THE DATE. See attached advert**
- **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.
- **HABSR FOODBANK:** Confirmation candidates should please remember to bring non-perishable items for the HABSR foodbank on the day that they are confirmed.
- **EDEN PARK(St Matthew & St Luke) 5km Walk against Drugs and Substance Abuse**
Please come and stand in solidarity for advocacy against Drugs and Substance abuse, let us protect the **“future of our communities and our country”**
- **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 deposits have been made with no proper reference:

Date	Amount	Reference
02/03/2019	R250.00	CASH – LUNGISWAMGEDLE
26/08/2019	R1730	CASH - MBONI

- **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

- **From the Library:** Both works this time are about violence. The first one is about violence in society and the second one is about it in a family.

I have given four reviews of Brown's book by senior academics that well describe *Religion and Violence*. (Robert McAfee Brown, author of numerous books, is Professor Emeritus of Theology and Ethics at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California).

- "For fifteen years Robert McAfee Brown's RELIGION AND VIOLENCE .. has disturbed and encouraged people who care about justice and peace. This new edition, with its fresh introduction, 'The Examples Change, the Problems Persist', highlights contemporary issues of nuclear war, terrorism, capital punishment, the drug culture, disinformation and revolution. The total book is notable for its piercing polemics and its honest confession of perplexities about the valid role of revolutionary violence in an oppressive world."
- "For those struggling to understand violent revolution, to determine whether to be pacifist, or to formulate more than a passing stance on terrorism, this is an important book. In it the reader will find helpful definitions of violence, descriptions of the cycle or 'spiral' of violence, and particularly a discussion of the meaning of structural violence...In a day characterized by the escalation of violence of all types, this book is a classic text for beginning an ethical discussion."
- "The second edition of the widely used handbook on a Christian's approach to violence links earlier arguments to the challenges of the '80s.... Robert McAfee Brown is the North American Karl Barth of the '80s. Clear as a bell, his voice makes us inescapably aware of the spiritual threat to which North American churches too often continue to close their eyes."
- "RELIGION AND VIOLENCE is a very special book. I know of no other like it. It achieves a balance seldom found in introductory texts: comprehensive scope, sufficient depth, and a readable and lively prose ... It remains the best basic text in the field."

Jane Boucher has written *Escaping Domestic House: How Women get out and stay out*. In this revealing book, you will meet courageous women who broke away from abusive relationships to escape the agonizing pain and find lasting peace. Physical battery is the number one cause of injuries among women in the United States and probably the same in Southern Africa. In America it is more than car accidents, rapes and muggings combined. Boucher asks the question, are you one of the women who is being abused? She covers the material as how to:

- Recognize the signs of abuse
- Conquer timidity and helpless dependency
- Protect your children from experiencing abuse
- Destroy the controlling power of an abuser
- Heal your emotional and physical scars
- Defeat the fear of being alone
- Enjoy healthy relationship

YOU CAN GET OUT AND STAY OUT!

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- **Birthdays:** Happy birthday to: 12th Gladys Koloti