



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS for WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 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
Sat	14th	14h30	Ordinations, St Andrew's	Kwa Thema
Sun	15th	09h00	Standerton, Sakhile (C)	
Tues	24th	23h00	St Dunstan's Cathedral	

Gazette:

- **Ordination:** Please pray for Kholo Sithole and Deacon Nandipha Dudula as they prepare for their ordination to the diaconate and priesthood respectively on Saturday 14th December 2019 at 14h30 at St Andrew's Kwa Thema.
- **Bishop's Golf Day :** Many thanks to all those who participated and helped in any way to make the day the success that it was.
- **ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**
CANON LAW COUNCIL [ACLCSA]
ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020
Thursday 23 - Saturday 25 January 2020 – See attached
- **Maharishi Institute:** 9 Ntemi Piliso Street, Johannesburg, 2000
Interested students or their parents/guardians can submit names of those students who have passed Grade 12 and their results to the Diocesan office.
The dates for open days at the above Institute are as follows:
 - Saturday, 04 January 2020 at 09h30
 - Saturday, 11 January 2020 at 09h30
 - Saturday, 25 January 2020 at 09h30

All are welcome

- **Advent Evensong:** See attached
- **Diocesan Youth Elections:** See attached notices.
- **Insurance Claims**
Please take note that we will close reporting of 2019 claims on **31 Jan 2020**.

Parishes to make sure they report all incidents that happened during November and December by that date or the claims will not be accepted.

Steve Anderson Diocesan Administrator

- **Siyalalela Counselling Courses:** We are pleased to announce that the following courses will take place in 2020:
Basic: 1/8/15/22 February and 7/14/28 March and 4th April : Cost R750
Marriage Prep: 20/27th June – Cost: R300
Trauma: 15/22 August – Cost: R300
HIV/AIDS: 12/19th September.- Cost: R300
Please give your names to the Bishop's Secretary.
 - **Registration for Anglicans Ablaze 2020 is now open:** It is with great joy that we advise you that registration is now open. Do take advantage of the early bird price as it will close on 31 March 2020. It will not be extended. You will be delighted to know that conference prices are lower for everyone than it was in 2014!!! The best way to register is online with a computer or smartphone.
 1. Go to www.anglicansablaze.org , then click on the button that says **Register Here** and follow the prompts.
 2. If you are not sure what to do, ask a friend to assist you. You can also use our very detailed registration guide – “How to register and pay”.
 3. You can also download and print a copy of the registration form. Then fill it out and email, post or fax it to us. The guide also gives advice on how to make payment. The registration form has lots of information on it.
 4. We have also produced an accommodation guide – “How to book accommodation”.
 5. If all else fails, you can contact our office at: office@growingthechurch.org.za / info@anglicansablaze.org Tel. 021 712 0408 / 021 712 5447
 6. We are expecting this conference to be booked out – so do book early.
 - **HABSR FOODBANK:** Confirmation candidates should please remember to bring non-perishable items for the HABSR foodbank on the day that they are confirmed.
 - **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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
10/10/2019	R500.00	DONATION SAMU
08/11/19	R750.00	CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION WATTVILLE
11/11/19	R300.00	REBECCA

- **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 Sunday

- **Birthdays:** A very happy birthday to:

11th Diane Amoore

12th Thoko Mvuma

- **From the Library:** In the last “From the Library” I reviewed a book by Henri Nouwen. This time it is an edited version taken from these writings of *Henri Nouwen : Seeds of Hope* by Robert Durback, who has created an anthology of his message. The inspirational writings of Nouwen have touched and moved many people. Internationally acclaimed lecturer, author and spiritual guide, he has taught at renowned universities, travelled and lived in some of the poor countries of Latin America, and participated in the peace movement in the United States. The last part of his life was as a priest of Daybreak, a home for severely handicapped people just outside Toronto, Canada. This book brings together a selection of Nouwen’s best work. In these pages he addresses the human hunger for success, for knowledge, for peace and for love. He explores the mysteries of life and death, of prayer and compassion, of loneliness and intimacy, of God and man. He looks at the controversial issues of our day – and he points to a new way forward. The editor realized that if Nouwen had a single consistent message it is of hope in a despairing world. [248.4 SEE]

Our second book is compiled by Selwyn Hughes and is *If Jesus Were Our Counsellor : 50 Questions About Life's Greatest Issues Answered by Christ*. Who do you turn to when you need help? Jesus said, “Come unto me all you that are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”. Would it not be wonderful if Jesus could be your personal counsellor? In this book, the words of Christ offer 50 responses to some of the most difficult issues surrounding life and faith:

- How can I make my prayer life more effective?
- When people hurt me, I find it hard to forgive
- What is the secret of living under God’s blessing?
- Is there a point of my being in the world?
- I worry about money and material things
- I am afraid to surrender to God’s will for my life
- When someone has hurt me what should I do?
- Why does God let bad things happen to good people?
- I feel desperately insecure about the future.
- I have committed a serious sin. Can I be forgiven?

Here are just 10 questions of the 50 in this book. Each one is answered by scripture verses from the bible version. The Message by Eugene Peterson. If at times you are tempted to think Jesus raises the standards to almost unbelievable heights, then remember also that he provides the strength by which we can reach up to them. All we have to do is to provide the willingness to put into action what he advises; he supplies the power. [253 If J]

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MOTHERS UNION: The Mother's Union office will be closed from today, 11th December and will reopen on the 14th January 2020.