



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

### DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS for WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

#### *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**

Archbishop Thabo has asked that at midday, every day, please could we ring our church bells around Southern Africa for 10 or 15 seconds as a signal to those, in every country in our Province, who are ill or live in fear, despair and perhaps anger, assuring them that God is here, that He loves us, that we are not alone and that this too shall pass.

It would also be a wonderful way of demonstrating our presence, our solidarity with our communities, and the fact that we are praying and worshipping at home.

If you are at home, pause whatever you are doing, and clink a glass or cup to ring the same message out to yourselves and your loved ones, resurrecting the use of the Angelus and saying this prayer:

*God bless the world,  
Give it wisdom at this time,  
Grant us relief and release,  
Be with those who are ill,  
And bless the carers fighting this pandemic,  
For Jesus Christ's sake,  
Amen*

Pope Francis has also invited all Christians, of various Denominations, to pray together the 'Our Father', at 12h00 Roman time (which means **13h00 in South Africa**) today.

#### **Gazette:**

- **The Diocesan Office:** Closed until further notice.
- **Hand sanitizers:** We appeal for donations of sanitizers and soap to help our sisters and brothers in the needy areas of our diocese.
- **MU Lady Day:** Please note that the MU Lady Day scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> March in Standerton has been postponed due to the Corona virus situation. A new date will be set at a later stage.
- The Happening Steering Committee has taken the decision to postpone the first Happening Weekend of the year (3rd - 5th April). This is as a result of the current situation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic. We will confirm a new date for the weekend when there is more clarity on the extent of the situation.
- **The African Spelling Bee**  
HABSR, All Saints Primrose and the Youth Ministry, Invite all parishes to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> African Spelling Bee 2020 to be held in Abuja, Nigeria in

November 2020. Firstly, The South African Spelling Federation in September will host a National competition for two groups aged between (10 to 13yrs and 14 to 16 yrs). Interested parishes are kindly requested to identify one or two teachers/leaders involved in Youth and Children Ministry to be trained as facilitators of the programme in their church. The training will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at the Diocese and it costs R2000.00 for training and material package per parish (due date for submission and payment 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020). For more information and submissions please contact Ms Lulama Ntuta – mobile: **073 543 6306** OR Email: [Intuta@gmail.com](mailto:Intuta@gmail.com)

- **Siyalalela Counselling Courses:** To be announced
- **Registration for Anglicans Ablaze 2020**
- **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:**
  - As discussed and agreed at our Diocesan Council on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> March parishes will make a monthly contribution towards assisting with funding for Hope Africa with immediate effect. This will be accumulated and paid over once a year as the Diocese of the Highveld's contribution. The Bishop expresses his thanks for your partnership in this ministry. Payment of contributions can be made to the Diocesan Trust Board account 020900279 at Standard Bank (012-042) using reference 500-080 and (Parish name).
- **Unidentified Items:**  
The following deposit has been made with no proper reference:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
28/02/2020	R4140.00	ST PETERS

- **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**

➤ **Happy birthday to:**

29<sup>th</sup> Mia den Blaauwen

29<sup>th</sup> Noyolo Zantsi

April birthdays:

2<sup>nd</sup> Fr Thabo Masweu

2<sup>nd</sup> Joshua Bodibe

4<sup>th</sup> Tholani Mnyandu

7<sup>th</sup> Heather Henning

8<sup>th</sup> Fr Ziphozonke Mnyandu

9<sup>th</sup> Nolusindiso Sikhakhane

11<sup>th</sup> Veronica Laurings

17<sup>th</sup> Chiratidzo Mkarondo

18<sup>th</sup> Hombakazi Letsolo

18<sup>th</sup> Fr Doug Cutter

18<sup>th</sup> Fr Robert Rajagaupaul

24<sup>th</sup> Vatiswa Ndaba

22<sup>nd</sup> Dcn Sonja van Loggerenberg

30<sup>th</sup> Nomawushe Barnabas

24<sup>th</sup> Zamokuhle Sithole