



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2018

*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
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct –		Cursillo	eMseni
Sun	7th	12h00	St John's (C)	Putfontein
Tues	9th	17h00	BOM Panel	
Wed	10th		Visit to Mayflower	
Sat	13th	08h30 14h30	Servers morning Christ the King (C)	St Barnabas Tembisa
Sun	14th	08h30 14h00	St Matthias (C) MU Family Day	Etwatwa Resurrection, Wattville
Frid	19th	18h30	HABSR Gala Dinner	Boksburg Town Hall
Sat	20th	08h00	Board of Ministry MU Elections of deputy president	
Sun	21st	09h00 14h00	St Augustine's (C) St Dunstan's Cathedral (C)	Geluksdal

#### **Gazette:**

- **Lectionaries:** The new lectionaries are available from Funeka.
- **Word & Worship books 2018/19:** These are now available to order as per attached. I will put in a bulk order and would be grateful if you let me know as soon as possible the no. of copies you would like.
- **Choir Fellowship Invitation:** See attached
- **Servers Guild:** See attached
- **MU Clergy Family Day:** This is an invitation to all clergy and spouses to attend the M.U. family day which will be held at the Church of the Resurrection, Wattville at 14h00 on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October. This was previously done in Archdeaconries but is now an Ekurhuleni Diocesan Family Day.
- **Igwa Family Day:** This will be held in Kinross on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 14h00. More details to follow.
- **Lay Ministers Licences:** Clergy and participants have been enquiring about the new licences. The delay in issuing the new lay minister's licences has not

been with the Bishop's office. They were only received in our offices during the week of 21<sup>st</sup> September. The Bishop issues licences according to the recommendations received from the course facilitators who train and check the scripts of those attending. The Bishop does not decide who should or should not be licensed.

- **Unisa C2A:** See attached notice of courses offered
- **4 Day Retreat:** See attached notice
- **HABSR:** A Gala Dinner which will take place on the 19th October. Tickets for this event are now available from the H.A.B.S.R office, and the details are as follows:  
 Date & Time : Friday 19th October 2018 , 6:30pm, Boksburg City Hall, Trichardt Rd, Boksburg.  
 Dress code : Smart/Traditional  
 Cost of ticket : R 250.00 per person or 2500.00 per table(Including three course meal) RSVP TO : <[mailto:reports@habsr.org.za/](mailto:reports@habsr.org.za) or [reports@habsr.org.za/](http://reports@habsr.org.za/) (011) 422 2231 A cash bar is available  
 The Gala dinner is open to everyone including non-parishioners. We only have 25 tables available, with ten people per table. We encourage you to buy a table as a collective, however, anyone can still purchase an individual ticket if they so wish. The draw for the raffle will take place on the evening, as well as an auction of art from the winning children from the H.A.B.S.R art competition. For more information don't hesitate to contact the H.A.B.S.R office between 08:30 and 13:00( Monday to Friday)

- To all Parishes.  
 Final Reminder for the Counselling Course. Deadline for payment being Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October for monies to be paid into Diocese of the Highveld, Standard Bank Brakpan. Branch Code 012042. Account No 020900279. Reference is: 500-315 and name of participant

The Siyalalela Counselling Course, normally conducted on Saturdays over a period of two to three months, is once again on offer as a block residential option. This is particularly suitable for all those wishing to attend a counselling course who live in the South of our Diocese, or who would prefer to complete the training in a block, rather than over a series of weekends. Those who live close by may attend on a non-residential basis. The cost then would be R520 per person.

1 X 4 DAYS TRAINING WED 16H00 – SUNDAY 16H00 DATE: 31 OCT- 04 NOV 2018

Four nights of accommodation at Bird Life in Wakkerstroom. Twin bedded rooms. Shared ablutions. Use of communal kitchen, dining-room and conference room included.	@ R180 pp per night x 4 = R720.00 pp
4 lunches and 4 dinners , 8 x tea and coffee; <b>Note: Breakfast to be brought to the workshop by each participant according to their own needs.</b>	@ R65 per meal per person = R520.00 pp
Total Cost	R1240.00 pp

Please note: Wakkerstroom is 280km away from the Diocesan Office. Travel time is approx. three hours. Please register with Deacon Gwynne Lawlor 083 2299984.

- **New Happening dates:**  
Happening # 83 Fri 05<sup>th</sup> - Sun 07<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018
- **St Vincent: Reiger Park:** Golf Day, see attached
- **National Day of Prayer for South Africa :** 25 November 2018, FNB Stadium. Please diarise.
- **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>
15/06/2018	R300.00	CASH St Boniface
01/08/2018	R100.00 cash	LYDIA MATSHEDI
23/08/2018	R5 000.00	KAMOHELO LEKHANYA
05/09/2018	R1600.00	TRANSFER 030942705

- **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:** Paula Sandford wrote *Healing Victims of Sexual Abuse: Garlands for Ashes....* This book gives love, acceptance and healing to the victims of sexual abuse – the abused, the abuser and their families. It is an invaluable tool for those who counsel and minister to lives fractured by sexual abuse. As a professional counselor, Paula Sandford has helped hundreds of sexual abuse victims successfully deal with their fears, guilt, confusion and depression. In her personal life, she has seen beloved family members

victimized by this cruel enemy of childhood and family life. She knows the pain that all victims share, but she also knows the way of healing. This book leads the reader into new dimensions of hope, healing and wholeness.

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Gregory Jones and Kevin Armstrong have written a book on *Resurrecting Excellence: Shaping Faithful Christian Ministry*. The context of this book flows from a conference held by Duke Divinity School in the USA in 2001. The delegates came from many congregations and this work follows from the conference. As the authors write in their Introduction “Our conversations always seemed to circle back around to give account of the vocation of pastoral ministry rich enough to hold the joy we sensed in each other’s ministries, the intellectual excitement, the work of pastoral ministries, the compassion, intelligence and creativity the work requires”.

Christians are at two minds about excellence. We commend excellent teaching, seek our excellent health care, and celebrate excellence in the arts. When a Christian life or congregation is described as excellent, however, we suspect that ambition or success may be getting the better of us. This book aims to rekindle and encourage among Christian leaders an unselfish ambition for the gospel that shuns both competition and mediocrity and rightly focuses on the beauty, power and excellence of living as faithful disciples of the crucified and risen Christ.

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