



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY – 6th March 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
Thurs- Frid	7 th - 8 th		CUC Central Committee eMseni
Sat	9 th	08h00	Diocesan Council
Sun	10 th	08h00 17h00	Bethal p/v St Thomas Kriel p/v
Tues	12 th	09h00	Clergy Day
Thurs	14 th	10h00	Pension Board meeting
Sat	16 th	09h30 09h30 10h30 14h00	Opening of Bishop David Bannerman counselling room Fellowship of Vocation Growing the Church Link meeting
Tues	19 th	15h00	SACC Church Leaders meeting
Sun	24 th	07h00 09h00	Boksburg p/v (St Gabriels) Boksburg (St Michaels)

Gazette:

- Our condolences to Fr John Rodda and Fr Peter Mbatha and family on the death of their sisters. The funeral for Fr John's sister will be on Thursday at St Margaret's Bedfordview and in Polokwane on Saturday for Fr Peter's sister. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
- Mapule Mbatha is recovering at home after a few days in hospital and we continue to pray for her speedy recovery.
- **Clergy Day:** Tuesday 12th March at 09h00. Rev Wilfred Noble will talk on Ethics
- **LENTEN APPEAL**
My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At the last Diocesan Council meeting at St Peter's Chains in Katlehong, I mentioned that we need to have a Lenten Appeal for the Development of St Agnes Balfour. The Council received this request.

We are asking that all congregations 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".

The envelopes marked Lenten Appeal will be given to all congregations with the post on Saturday.

May God bless you as you consider making a difference in the life of the congregation of St Agnes Balfour.

†Charles

- **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.
- **Fellowship of Vocation:** meeting to be held on Saturday 16th March at 09h30 at the Diocesan Office.
- **Growing the Church:** Would all those who volunteered to be part of the Diocesan GTC team, please give their names to Fr Justice Mhlungu. Any person interested is still welcome to submit name to the Diocesan office. The first meeting will be held on 16th March at 10h30 to prepare for the meeting with Fr Trevor Pearce
- **Link Committee:** Please note that the date of the meeting has been changed from 9th to 16th March at 2 p.m.
- **Annual Statistical return 2018:** It is important for the calculation of Synod reps that these forms are sent in to the Diocesan Office.
- **Gender Sensitization Workshop:** this will be held on Thurs 21st March in the Lecture Theatre from 10h00 to 15h00. See attached notice.
- **Happening Ministries:** #84 5-7th April; #85 4-6 Oct. See attached notices for more details.
- **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>
23/10/2018	R660.00	CHURCH CHOIR
26/10/2018	R700.00	CASH
20/11/2018	R225.00	Book Table Goods

- **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:**

6th Mmabatho Kekana 8th Jennifer Thompson