



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 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
Wed	15th	10h30 15h30	Chapter Trust Board	BR BR
Thurs	16th	09h30	Motsepe Foundation	Sandton
Frid	17th	10h00 11h00	DRC Brunch Women's Day follow up meeting	
Sat	18th	07h00 08h30	AMF Remembrance Honouring Service Siyalalela Trauma Course	St Peter's Chains SR
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	09h00	St Phillips (C) Flight to London	Thokoza
Mon	20th – 25th		Monmouth	
Sat	25th	10h00	Deacons	BR
Sun	26th	09h00	St Peter's Chains (C)	Katlehong

#### Gazette:

- **Monmouth Link visit:** The Bishop will be travelling to the UK on the 19<sup>th</sup> August to visit Monmouth. He will return on the 25<sup>th</sup> August.
- To all Clergy attending the **Anglican Men's Fellowship & Evangelism** Remembrance and Honouring Service on Saturday, the colour of the day is white and Eucharist Service starts at 9:00am
- **Invitation to St Bernard Mizeki Men's Guild Spiritual Revival:** See attached
- **Iviyo Invite:** Swaziland conference
- **Clergy Retreat:** The retreat will be held at Lumko Retreat Centre from the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> until after breakfast on the 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Young Peoples Ministry:** See attached invitation to Indaba Planning meeting
- **HABSR Raffle:**  
To Rectors and Churchwardens:  
The closing date for raffle lists is the 15<sup>th</sup> September so please make sure that you announce this to your congregations. It has come to our attention that no

announcement of the HABS Raffle is being made in the parishes. Please make sure that you do this. The money should be deposited into the HABS R bank account with the raffle as the reference. +Charles

➤ To all Parishes.

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. Us 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 = R520.00pp
Total Cost	R1240.00 per person
per person	

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

- **Theological Education Endowment Fund: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August** has been set as a Special Day of prayer. Theological Education. On this Sunday we highlight the importance of theological education for both the laity and ordained, the critical role played by our theological college, CoT and we also use this day to raise funds for the Theological Education Endowment Fund. We invite you, your parish, your guild and family to contribute a minimum of R20 towards this fund. These funds should **be sent to the Diocese** from where it will be sent to the College of the Transfiguration.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Deacons:** 13-16<sup>th</sup> September in Stellenbosch. See attached registration form
- **New Happening dates:**  
Happening # 83 Fri 05<sup>th</sup> - Sun 07<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018
- **Godly Play South Africa Conference** -  
Good news - the early bird registration fee has been extended to the August. Don't miss this opportunity to hear some of the world's foremost speakers on the topic of children's spirituality and how to address it with the Godly Play approach - this is not to be missed! And don't lose out on the chance to get experience in making materials with experienced Godly Play materials makers - and you will leave with a story. Register now...!

Flyer with link to online registration attached

- **Diocesan Cursillo** weekend: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> ( 5pm) – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at eMseni Retreat Centre Benoni. Please see attachments for cost & information on the weekend.
- **College of Transfiguration 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary** : Refreshment in ministry from 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September and Transfiguration Open week 30<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August.
- **2018 Bp David Beetge Memorial Lecture 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018**: See attached

➤ **Anglicans Ablaze 2018**

After many requests, we have agreed to **extend the early bird of R650 for adults and R450 for students to end of August**. We also want to close registration at that time to do conference preparation.

You **must register for the conference**, not simply pay for it, or we will not know that you are coming. You must also **book accommodation** if you need it. The prices quoted are per night and you will need to book for 3 nights.

**NB! Please bring your proof of payment along to the conference. Please don't forget!** Please pray, pray, pray!

- **National Day of Prayer for South Africa** : 25 November 2018, FNB Stadium. Please diarise.
- **Diocesan Fellowship of Choirs**: The CD that was recorded can be bought from Mr June Tsotetsi on 082 742 7463.
- **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
09/07/2018	R1460.00 cash	Sibongeseni
17/07/2018	R1120.00 cash	Julia Kemp

- **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:**

15 <sup>th</sup>	Fr Thabang Phakoe	16 <sup>th</sup>	Deacon Gwynne Lawlor
16 <sup>th</sup>	Maarda Irvine	20 <sup>th</sup>	Themba Maseko

- ***From the Library:*** A story which has had an influence on my own concept of personal sin comes in a short story written by the German author Herman Hesse. Two hermits lived together in the desert with older, Dion Pugil, being the superior to the younger, Josephus Famulus. For years they dwelt together, were famed for their holiness of living so were consulted by those who could brave the desert to do so. "Once, after a man had confessed to murder and adultery", Dion said to his assistant: 'Murder and adultery – it sounds atrocious and grandiose, and certainly it is bad enough, I grant you. But I tell you, Joseph, in reality these people in the world are not real sinners at all. Whenever I attempt to put myself entirely into the minds of any of them, they strike me as absolutely like children. They are not decent, good and noble; they are selfish, lustful, overbearing, and wrathful, but in reality and at bottom they are innocent, innocent in the same way as children.'

'And yet,' Joseph said, 'you often belabour them mightily and paint them a vivid picture of hell.' 'Exactly. They are children and when they come to confess, they want to be taken seriously and reprimanded seriously. At least that is my view. You went about it differently; you didn't scold and punish and deal out penances but were friendly and sent the penitents off with a brotherly kiss. I don't mean to criticize you, but that wouldn't be my way.'

'No doubt,' Joseph said hesitantly. 'But then tell me why, after I made my (first) confession (to you), you did not treat me as you would your other penitents, but silently kissed me and said not a word about penances?'

Dion Pugil .... (stood) in front of (Josephus) and laid his hand on his shoulder. 'Worldly people are children, my son. And saints – well, they do not confess to us. But you and I and our kind we ascetics and seekers and eremites – we are not children and are not innocent and cannot be set straight by moralizing sermons. We are the real sinners, we who know and think, who have eaten of the Tree of Knowledge and we should not treat one another like children who are given a few blows of the rod and left to go their way again. After a confession and penance we do not run away back to the world where children celebrate feasts and do business and now and then kill one another. We do not experience sin like a brief bad dream which can be thrown off by confession and sacrifice; we dwell in it. We are never innocent; we are always sinners; we dwell in sin and in the fire of conscience, and we know that we can never pay our great debt unless after our departure God looks mercifully upon us and receives us into His grace. That, Joseph, is the reason I cannot deliver sermons and dictate penances to you and me. We are not involved in one or another misstep or crime, but always and forever in original sin itself. This is

why each of us can only assure the other that he shares his knowledge and feels brotherly love; neither of us can cure the other by penances. Surely you must have known this?

Softly Joseph replied: 'It is so. I knew it'.