



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 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                    |
|------|------------------------|----------------|---|--------------------------|
| Frid | 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Oct | 17h00          | Opening Eucharist MU Conference                 | Kopanong                 |
| Sat  | 5 <sup>th</sup>        | 10h30<br>12h00 | St Boniface (C)<br>Choirs Fellowship Festival   | Germiston<br>St Phillips |
| Sun  | 6 <sup>th</sup>        | 08h30<br>14h00 | St Chad's (C)<br>All Souls (C)                  | Edenvale<br>Tsakane      |
| Mon  | 7 <sup>th</sup>        | 17h30          | BOM meeting of Panel                            |                          |
| Tues | 8 <sup>th</sup>        | 10h30<br>12h30 | Theological Board<br>Diocesan Counselling Board |                          |
| Wed  | 9 <sup>th</sup>        | 10h30<br>15h30 | Chapter<br>Trust Board                          |                          |
| Sat  | 10 <sup>th</sup>       | 08h00          | Board of Ministry                               |                          |
| sun  | 11 <sup>th</sup>       | 09h00<br>14h00 | St Dunstan's Cathedral (C)<br>MU Clergy Day     | St James Katlehong       |

#### **Gazette:**

- Please pray for Deacon Barbara Morrison who is seriously ill in the Glynwood ICU.
- **Lenten Appeal fund for Balfour.**  
A heartfelt thank you to all those parishes who have already contributed to the balance of **R132 675** which has been received so far and we encourage those who are still going to contribute to deposit the funds in the Diocese of the Highveld Trust Board account 020900279 at Std Bank, code 012-042 using Ref (parish name)Balfour Lenten.
- **Diocesan Cursillo Training:** The Cursillo weekend will be held at eMseni retreat centre in Benoni from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October (5 pm) till Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019. See details of contacts & cost in the application form attached
- **Happening.** See attached notice
- **HABSR NOTICES:**
  - **Gala Dinner** : Only **10 days** to go to this exciting event. Please ensure that **every effort is made to sell these**

**tickets** and support a worthy cause. All money for tickets to be in by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**.

- **Gender Sensitisation Workshop:** see attached notice
- **Bishop's Golf Day for his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the ordained ministry: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Reading Country Club.** Proceeds will go towards Bishop's discretionary fund. More details to follow. Names can be given to Bishop's secretary. **SAVE THE DATE!**
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- **The Anglican Church of Southern Africa rises to the challenge of the the Fifth Mark of Mission** Last week at the Provincial Synod held in Benoni, the ACSA took several important steps forward in terms of the Fifth Mark of Mission – To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth
- First, we looked at our Canons – and updated them in several ways to reflect our call to care for Creation. <http://www.greenanglicans.org/the-anglican-church-of-southern-africa-has-greened-their-canons/>
- Secondly we declared a Climate Emergency. We saw the impact on Mozambique of Cyclone Idai and the resulting floods and heard about the impact on Namibia of the drought. <https://www.facebook.com/GreenAnglicans/videos/356870524960901/> <http://www.greenanglicans.org/the-anglican-church-of-southern-africa-declares-a-climate-emergency/> ACSA also agreed that our Lenten appeal for 2020 should be for the rebuilding of the Dioceses in Mozambique.
- Thirdly, we agreed to tackle the huge problem of waste. Churches are invited to become #zerowaste churches. We will be inviting you as a parish to commit to becoming zero waste and getting a certificate to show your commitment. The Bishops will also write to their respective countries to support a ban on single use plastic <http://www.greenanglicans.org/the-anglican-church-of-southern-africa-calls-for-a-ban-on-single-use-plastic/>
- Fourthly we agreed to environmental sustainability on the parish level, putting in jojo tanks, solar water heaters if possible etc. We also called for Coordinators in each Diocese <http://www.greenanglicans.org/the-anglican-church-of-southern-africa-calls-for-parishes-to-install-water-tanks/>
- Season of Creation is coming to a close with the feast of Saint Francis , and attached is a prayer of lament with some creative ideas that you might like to include in your service. #seasonofcreation
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- **CANON LAW COUNCIL SAVE THE DATE. See attached advert**
- **Links Sunday 27th October** see attached for ideas for celebrating Links Sunday and Prayer of Intercession for use in services
- **Servers Guild Patronal Festival:** Attached is the invitation to the Patronal Festival. There will also be a prize giving for academics and for the sports team that won in the games orchestrated in the Renewals of vows.
- **HABSR FOODBANK:** Confirmation candidates should please remember to bring non-perishable items for the HABSR foodbank on the day that they are confirmed.
- **EDEN PARK(St Matthew & St Luke) 5km Walk against Drugs and Substance Abuse**  
Please come and stand in solidarity for advocacy against Drugs and Substance abuse, let us protect the **“future of our communities and our country”**
- **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.

- **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>      |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 02/03/2019  | R250.00       | CASH – LUNGISWAMGEDLE |

- **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**

- **From the Library:**

*Heart of the Flesh* presents a very real look at what it means to have a feminist spirituality in a world that glamorizes violence and legitimates domination. The author unmaskes the effects of sexism on both men and women and describes a spirituality that makes healthier, happier human being of us all. [256 CHI]

Joan D Chittister, an internationally known lecturer and author, is executive director of Benetvision: A Resource and Research Centre for Contemporary Spirituality, Erie, Pennsylvania.

"Feminist spirituality is not about women but about the possibility of human survival in a violent and blinded global system. Joan Chittister's special genius is to state issues so simply that they liberate with the liberation Jesus came to bring but which is not yet accomplished. Through poignant and shocking anecdotes, through history and theology, she shows how male-only power has distorted the minds, hearts, and faith of men as well as women, and she shows us what that perception calls us to". – Rosemary Luling Haughton author of *The Catholic Thing* and *The Re-Creation of Eve* "Anyone who reads this book will realise what a blessing feminism is to the church and to society. Chittister's skill at identifying the structures of patriarchy in the church and in society ad at demolishing the unwarranted basis for this social evil prepares the way for a new approach to human relationships and a whole new way of relating to God. This is surely a spirituality that will bring us into the fullness of what God calls each of us to be. Chittister's dynamic style of writing makes you stop to catch

your breath every so often. But when you do, you are taking in the 'breath-spirit' of God". Bishop Thomas J Gumbleton Archdiocese of Detroit

"After preaching in many cultures, I know that a healthy feminism is central and essential for the life and liberation of all God's people – men and women. Joan Chittister has moved feminism beyond mere power struggles to its rightful place as Gospel 101. I encourage my brothers – and sisters – to read and enjoy such liberation truth". Richard Rohr, OFM, Holy Family Parish, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sandra Glahn and William Cutrer have written: *When Empty Arms Become a Heavy Burden: Encouragement for Couples Facing Infertility*. This provides a continuous minefield of ethical dilemmas, complicated by hormonal shifts, compound losses and rational stress. When should you seek medical attention? What tests should you take? When should you confide in family members? Is adoption right for you? The two authors provide a sensitive look at the physical, emotional, marital, ethical and spiritual struggles of infertility.

- **Birthdays:** Happy birthday to:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fr Emmanuel Molefi