



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY 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
Sat	29 th – 7 th		Bishop on leave	
Wed	10 th July	18h00	Opening of Diocesan Synod	
Thurs	11 th	07h00	Registration – Diocesan Synod	
Frid	12 th	07h00	Registration – Diocesan Synod	

Gazette:

- Please pray for the success of the Diocesan Synod to be held from 10-12th July.
I would encourage young people who are not at school or working to attend Synod on Thursday 11th July at 11h30 to listen to the presentations by our guests.
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- **Lost property** : Did you leave a small bag at the Servers Guild Day on the 17th June? The Diocesan office has this which contains gloves, eye drops and a medal.
- **Clergy spouses**: There will be a meeting of clergy spouses on Saturday 13th July at St Mary Magdalene, Actonville, from 10h00 – 14h00. There will also be a retreat for clergy spouses from 13-15th September at Emseni. A deposit is needed to secure the venue. The cost for the weekend will be approximately R1000-00.
Tebogo May
- **Happening/Vocare**. See attached notices re Vocare weekend 28-30th June.
- **HABSR NOTICES**:
 - **Unisa training** : See attached notice.
 - **Women's Day**: See attached notice
 - **Silent Day**: See attached notice
 - **Gala Dinner** : See attached notice.

- **Siyalalela:** All interested parties, especially clergy, are invited to the next Siyalalela meeting on 20th July. Prof Maria Frahm Arp will be speaking on the fourth industrial Revolution and the rise of miracle churches and what it means for us as Anglicans.
- A thanksgiving service for Fr Mnyandu and his wife on their retirement will be held at St Barnabas Parish, Kwa Thema, on Saturday 10th August. The service will start at 08h30 and lunch will be provided at their home from 12 noon. All are welcome.
- **Godly Play:** Our next Godly Play Core Training will take place at Northfield Methodist Church between 23 and 31 August. It will run over 2 weekends: Friday evening and full day Saturday. Come and be enriched by learning more about children's spirituality and nurturing it through this wonderful method of story-telling and being with children.
- **HABSR FOODBANK:** Confirmation candidates should please remember to bring non-perishable items for the HABSR foodbank on the day that they are confirmed.
- **The College of Transfiguration** will be hosting a Clergy and Lay person's spring school from the 11th – 14th Sept 2019.
- **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 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
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 Sundays

- **From the Library:** This week our first book is the winner of the 2002 Louisville Grawemeyer award for religion. It is by Miroslav Volf and its title is *Exclusion and Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness and Reconciliation*. Life at the beginning of the twenty-first century presents us with a disturbing reality. *Otherness*, the simple fact of being different in some way, has come to be defined as in and of itself evil. The author contends that if the healing word of the gospel is to be heard today, Christian theology must find ways of speaking, that address the hatred of the other. Reaching back to the New Testament metaphor of salvation as reconciliation, Volf proposes the idea of *embrace* as a theological response to the problem of exclusion. Increasingly we see that exclusion has become the primary sin, skewing our perceptions of reality and causing us to react out of fear and anger to all those who are not within our (ever-narrowing) circle. In light of this, Christians must learn that salvation comes, not only as we are reconciled to God, and not only as we “learn to live with one another”, but as we take the dangerous and costly step of opening ourselves to the other, of enfolding him or her in the same embrace with which we have been enfolded by God. At the time of writing, Miroslav Volf was Professor of Systematic Theology at Yale University Divinity School. A native Croatian, he writes out of his own first-hand experience of teaching in Croatia during the war in the former Yugoslavia. The well-known theologian Jurgen Moltman, of the University of Tübingen in Germany, wrote of this volume, “This book is a major contribution to political theology today. Born out of the suffering of his people in the Balkans, biblically grounded and future-orientated to a new human community, it is a great witness to the God who forgives and does remember forever, creating a new community out of enemies. There is no better theology of the present-day context of life and death”.

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I gave our second book to a student who returned it and said that he would love to own it. Thus it is recommended. Wesley Carr has written *Handbook of Pastoral studies*. This book is a comprehensive introduction to the theology and practice of pastoral studies, and offers an authoritative view of the distinctive contribution of Christian pastoral care. It gives those involved in pastoral work an accessible guide to the theological, psychological and sociological concepts which inform both the role of the pastor, and the expectations of those who turn to the Church for help. Students will find it a valuable compendium of information and argument. Experienced ministers will be able to scrutinize their practice with the help of an author who values their work highly. Congregations can use it as a source book. It is structured for reference and dipping into, and there is an extensive bibliography and index.

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- **Birthdays:** Happy birthday to:

5th Heather Fester

7th Erika Cutter

8th Mtr Audrey Andrews