



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER 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
Sun	8th	08h30 11h00	All Saints (C) Golf Day	Primrose Reading Country Club
Tues	10th	10h00	Clergy lunch	Diocese
Sat	14th	14h30	Ordinations, St Andrew's	Kwa Thema
Sun	15th	09h00	Standerton, Sakhile (C)	
Tues	24th	23h00	St Dunstan's Cathedral	

Gazette:

- **Ordination:** Please pray for Kholo Sithole and Deacon Nandipha Dudula as they prepare for their ordination to the diaconate and priesthood respectively on Saturday 14th December 2019 at 14h30 at St Andrew's Kwa Thema.
- **Diocesan Servers Closing party.** Please see attached invitation.
- **End of year Clergy lunch:** All clergy, spouses and retired clergy and spouses and clergy widows are invited to the Diocese on **Tuesday 10th December at 10 a.m.** for an end of year lunch. Please pass on the invitation and rsvp to the Bishop's secretary for **catering purposes by tomorrow. We need to know numbers.**
- **The 16 Days of Activism** run from 25 November (the International Day against Violence Against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day). See attached notice.
- **Maharishi Institute:** 9 Ntemi Piliso Street, Johannesburg, 2000
Interested students or their parents/guardians can submit names of those students who have passed Grade 12 and their results to the Diocesan office.
The dates for open days at the above Institute are as follows:
 - Saturday, 04 January 2020 at 09h30
 - Saturday, 11 January 2020 at 09h30
 - Saturday, 25 January 2020 at 09h30

All are welcome

- **St Peter & St Paul, Springs:** We will be holding a Christmas Carol Concert in conjunction with the Cenestra Male Choir on the 7th of December at 2pm.

See attached notice. Interested parties can contact the Parish Office on 011 811 2587.

- **Advent Evensong:** See attached
- **Diocesan Youth Elections:** Parishes are requested to send delegates on Saturday 18th January 2020 at 09h00 to St Phillips Thokoza
- **Siyalalela Counselling Courses:** We are pleased to announce that the following courses will take place in 2020:
Basic: 1/8/15/22 February and 7/14/28 March and 4th April
Marriage Prep: 20/27th June
Trauma: 15/22 August
HIV/AIDS: 12/19th September.
Please give your names to the Bishop's Secretary. The cost of the courses will be advertised in due course.
- **Bishop's Golf Day for his 30th anniversary to the ordained ministry: this Sunday 8th December 2019 at the Reading Country Club.** Proceeds will go towards Bishop's discretionary fund. . **Please tell all the golfers in your parishes! Names can be given to Bishop's secretary.**
- **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”**
- **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>
10/10/2019	R500.00	DONATION SAMU

- **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:** *Summons to Life: The Search for Identity Through the Spiritual* by Martin Israel is our first book reviewed this week. Israel was born in South Africa and came to England as a young man. He trained as a medical doctor who later taught pathology in the University of London and worked in a London hospital. He is a priest in the Church of England.

To what does the heart vibrate ... money or meaning

What is the spirit of man?

How is it experienced?

How do I find my true self, my soul?

What is reality?

It is to these and similar profound questions that the author, as a pathologist, mystic, and spiritual guide, addresses. Life, he says, in its real, ultimate sense, can only be found through awareness of the spiritual. It is with the spirit of man, and what it is and how it works that this book deals. It is about the quest for true identity, the discovery of the true self, the soul *Summons to Life* is a profound in-depth analysis of the spiritual dimension that will thrill the younger seeker and revitalize the older struggler. Dr Israel also comments with authority on many subjects of contemporary importance including mysticism, meditation, the occult, yoga, spiritualism, reincarnation, etc. [248 ISR]

Henri Nouwen has written *The Wounded Healer : Ministry in Contemporary Society*. It could also be entitled as : In our woundedness, we can become a source of life for others or what does it mean to be a healer in the modern world? In this hope-filled and profoundly simple book, Nouwen offers a radically fresh interpretation of modern ministry. Here he inspires devoted men and women who want to be of service in their church or community, but have found the traditional of ministry alienating and ineffective. According to Fr Nouwen, ministers are called to identify the suffering in their own hearts and make that recognition the starting point of their service. Ministers should be willing to go beyond their professional, somewhat aloof role and leave themselves open as fellow human beings with same wounds and suffering as those they serve. In other words, we heal from our wounds. Generally recognized as one of his finest works, this book is a modern classic. [253 NOU]