



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE 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
Mon	10 th – 14 th		Bishop conducting clergy retreat	Swaziland
Sun	16 th	10h00	Carolina (C)	
Mon	17 th	09h00	Servers Guild Day, Christ the King	Tembisa
Sun	23 rd	08h00	St Bernard Mizeki Patronal Festival, St Matthias	Etwatwa

Gazette:

- **CALLING EVERYONE TO PLEASE PRAY: LOVE CAPE TOWN CITYFEST – 2 to 16 November 2019.**

We are appealing to all Anglicans to please pray for this huge ecumenical endeavour which kicks off with a launch event on Wednesday 29 May.

- **Aids Day:** Please find the liturgy attached to be used for the Diocesan Aids Day service to be held on the 13th June in individual parishes. If no service is held on the 13th we would like to encourage parishes to use it on the 16th June which is national youth day.

Parishes with outreach social responsibility projects attached to their parishes are encouraged to invite everyone from the projects to participate. Please remember to send a photo to the HABSR office to be included on the webpage.

- **Happening/Vocare.** See attached notices re Vocare weekend 28-30th June.
- **St Bernard Mizeki Guild:** Patronal festival – see attached notice of event
- **HABSR NOTICE: Unisa training** :Please 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.
- **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:** After a number of years of preparing and delivering sermons one becomes more experienced in our work. Sangster has described in his *The Craft of the Sermon* a method he uses. He writes at the

top of the page the text or notes on which he will hang his sermon. He then divides the text into three or four points and from this point he refers to the Bible. He is adamant that all his preaching comes from God himself. If he forgets this the congregation will lose interest. Also, he should be aware of the different levels of education of those sitting in the pews. All of them need to feel the love of God flowing through the preacher. Sermons can be classified in various ways:

- 1 their subject matter – the actual content of the sermon;
- 2 their central structure – the sheer architecture of their building;
- 3 the psychological method employed in their presentation – the way of ‘putting it over’.

Depending on the emphasis on which the minister wants to place on the main text, one has a number of points one wants to address. As an experienced Bible Education teacher, through reading this book, I discovered that I was using an approximation of his method. [232 SAN]

Our next book is by C H Dodd *The Founder of Christianity : What do we really know about Jesus? How do we know it?* This book was first published in 1970 but it still has much for us to contemplate on. The historian, Hugh Trevor Roper, wrote about it, “His learning is profound, his style clear and persuasive, his authority commanding. In this book he sets out, confidently, to give us the ‘real’ Christ”. The reviews in the Times Literary Supplement state that: “A first-rate and fascinating book (It) stands as a theological event. It is to be unreservedly recommended and may play a powerful part in the revival of a positive and intelligent Christianity”. Martin Sullivan of the Methodist Recorder says, “In a deceptively simple manner this scholar (and he is surely among the greatest) deals with the gospels. He seems to be writing them for us, before our very eyes. He takes us through the life of Jesus in a way which makes us feel we are meeting him for the first time”.

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- **Birthdays:** Happy birthday to:
12th Fr Total Makhupane