



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY – 17th APRIL 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
Thurs	18th	09h00 18h00	Chrism Eucharist St Mary Magdalene	Cathedral Actonville
Frid	19th	12h00	St John's Putfontein	
Sun	21st	06h00 08h30	Dawn Mass Church of the Resurrection	Cathedral Wattville
	23-28		Bishop on leave	
Sat	4 th May	09h00	Ekurhuleni training	tba
Sun	5th	08h30	St Andrew's Kwa Thema (C)	

Gazette:

➤ **Bishop's Easter Message:**

The whole point of Easter is that God the creator has dealt with everything that messes up his wonderful world, and has set in motion his plan to sort it all out, to put it all right, to remake it so that it is filled with his glory and beauty. And we, who hear the news of this, even though it doesn't make much sense to the world around, are called to be the advance runners for this project.

From one point of view this means working for justice – to put things right, to remind our rulers and authorities that that's their job and to hold them to account for it, to be alert to the places where injustice is done and speak up about it.

It means working to heal and renew our wonderful planet, making it fruitful and abundant and preventing it from being poisoned. Easter is about God's new creation and we are called, surprising though it may seem, to be agents of that new creation here and now.

Second, to be agents of new creation we must ourselves become, and live as, people of new creation. And that means holiness, which means rediscovering what a full and genuine human life was always meant to be like. Our world has lived on so many lies and half-truths about what it means to be human.

We are called to be Easter people, resurrection people, leaving behind in the grave all that spoils and downgrades our human calling. To be people of new creation, people of justice and beauty, we must be people of worship. We have heard the great story which carries us forwards as God's people, the story of God's mighty acts from creation to new creation.

That story is the heart of our worship, and as we find ourselves caught up in it again we turn it into prayer and praise and Eucharist. Christian worship, and the carefully structured liturgy which makes sure we are really paying attention to the whole Counsel of God, shapes us as communities, and shapes our personal characters, so that we really are worshipping the living God made known in the resurrection of his Son, and so that our habits of life, communal and personal, may bit by bit be brought into line with the new day that has dawned.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen
May you have a Blessed Easter.

+Charles and Tebogo

- **The College of Human Sciences at UNISA** which houses the biggest departments of theology in the Southern Hemisphere hereby invite you to a one day summit on 30th April to reflect on:
 1. theological training today and
 2. the prophetic voice in South Africa today.We would appreciate it if you would accept our invitation and take part in the summit.
See attached invitation and please let Bishop know if you would like to attend.
- **Week of prayer for Christian Unity:** 30th May – 9th June
- **The College of Transfiguration** will be hosting a Clergy and Lay person's spring school from the 11th – 14th Sept 2019. See attached notices.
- **Robert Selby Trust application:** Forms available
- **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.
- The Cathedral Music Foundation is very pleased to announce **Sing for Joy 2019**. The theme this year is 'Egypt'.
All singers from the whole Diocese are warmly invited to take part in this annual musical event which this year will be directed jointly by **Japhtha Luphuzi** and **Robert Strijdom**. Rehearsals at the Cathedral:
Saturday 13 and 27 April 09h00-12h00 Saturday 4 and 11 May 09h00-12h00
Saturday 18 and 25 May 09h00-12h00 Friday 31 May 18h00-20h30
Saturday 1 June afternoon & evening performances
- **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

➤ **Birthdays:**

17 th	Chiratidzo Mkaronda	18 th	Hombakazi Letsolo
18 th	Fr Doug Cutter	18 th	Fr Robert Rajagaupaul
22 nd	Deacon Sonja van Loggerenberg		