



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 30th 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
Thurs	31st		Mayflower visit	
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	09h00	Christ the Redeemer (C)	Daveyton
Sat	9th	08h00	Diocesan Council	St Peter's Brakpan

#### Gazette:

- Please continue to pray for Deacon Barbara as she recuperates.
- Fr Don Thomson, previously Rector of Germiston, died peacefully yesterday afternoon in Howick. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- **Please note that the revised Diocesan Rules, following Synod 2019, have been printed and are now available for collection at the Diocesan office. As this is a full reprint and not loose page inserts, please bring your own copy of the Rules so that you can get an exchange done (swop old for new!) without charge – NB, the new version will not be swopped without the old copy being presented! You can still use the old covers. If you wish to purchase a new/additional copy these will be charged at R60 per copy.**
- Lectionary in isiXhosa is now available from the Publishers @ R25.00 Advent 2019-December 2020. Please let us know if you want us to place an order.
- There will be **no** Clergy Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November as in the diary. New date to be advised
- **Diocesan Council:** This will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at St Peter's, Brakpan (Cnr Queen & Park St), Eucharist at 8am.

#### ➤ **WORD AND WORSHIP - Year A ~ 2019-2020**

Please place your order with Margaret for the 9th edition of **WORD AND WORSHIP – YEAR A – 2019-2020** so that we can take advantage of the early bird bulk order. **Courier costs will have to be added to the price**

Cost of individual copies – R225 (Early bird orders) OR R250 (orders after 1 Dec 2019)

Cost of Bulk orders (10 or more) – R200 (Early bird orders) OR R225 (orders after 1 Dec 2019)

**Courier cost for client's account (own courier can be used)**

- **Bishop's Golf Day for his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the ordained ministry: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at the Reading Country Club.** Proceeds will go towards Bishop's discretionary fund. More details to follow. Please tell all the golfers in your parishes! Names can be given to Bishop's secretary. **SAVE THE DATE!**
- St George's Home Kempton Park is looking for a cleaner/ house keeper. See attached advert
- **CANON LAW COUNCIL SAVE THE DATE. See attached advert**
- **FELLOWSHIP OF VOCATION 2020:** Please note that all applications, duly signed by Parish Councils, must be in the Bishop's office by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- **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:** Donal Dorr has written *Integral Spirituality: Resources for Community, Justice, Peace and the Earth*. Beginning with a study of 'down to earth spirituality' which enables one to be 'rooted' or 'grounded', Dorr goes on to show how personal prayer plays a key role in spirituality; how to put people in touch with their own personal power and enables them to use this power with integrity. He examines ways in which liturgical prayer can be rescued from empty formalism and given new life. He then considers the different kinds of power and how an authentic spirituality allows power to be used to promote personal growth and how better to foster by putting their gifts at the service of the community. This in turn leads to a lengthy examination of the central role of justice in spirituality today. The final chapter entitled "where does God come in" is an exploration of how a relationship to God is linked to work for justice, peace, the care of the planet and the building of community. Dorr recounts the experiences of a Jesuit priest on his feelings towards a Hindu prayer.

Take Lord unto Thyself my sense of self  
Let it vanish utterly.  
Take Lord my life; live Thou my life through me  
I live no longer Lord, but in me Thou livest.  
Aye, between Thee and me God,  
There is no longer room for "I" and "mine".

He disagreed with it in the morning, was part of a discussion group in the afternoon and changed his mind. He said, "Late that night I went for a walk alone under the stars. I found my heart almost bursting with happiness over what had happened".

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Some clergy have impoverished parishes. A.C. Krass was one such person when he was a missionary in Northern Ghana and is entitled *Go ...and Make Disciples: Applied Theology*. Krass had to understand the area he was in and skills needed as communicator, counsellor and enablers of worship, witness and community service, best to be learned and taught in today's context of social change and unrest. In his review of this volume R Jeffery writes, "An excellent book .... admirable reading for anyone who wants to understand the Christian mission and to revitalize in it".

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- **Birthdays:** Happy birthday to:

30 <sup>th</sup>	Johanna Nkala	30 <sup>th</sup>	Phindile Ntshangase
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fr Hugh Mbatha	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mtr Colleen Winter