



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH 2020

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	19th	09h00	SACC meeting with State President	Pretoria
Sun	22nd	08h30	All Souls Tsakane p/v	
Sun	29th	09h00	St Peter's Brakpan p/v	

Gazette:

➤ **NOTICE TO THE DIOCESE:**

We had a Special Chapter meeting on the 18th March 2020 in regard to the Archbishop's statement in view of the State President's announcement of regulations to curb the spread of the Coronavirus in South Africa.

Firstly, we endorse the latest update by the Archbishop which is attached. Please adhere to it.

Secondly, this is what we are advising members of the Diocese to do:

Request the Church Council members to be assigned the responsibilities to assist during services, checking the numbers and helping people sit a metre apart.

Guilds to spread themselves for service.

Good Friday – minimum of an hour in between the service

Maundy Thursday – have more than one service where numbers exceed 100

Maundy Thursday - Renewal of vows for clergy only

No foot washing service – Eucharist in one kind

Baptisms to be suspended until further notice.

Presentation by Dr Florette Treurnicht to follow

As the Archbishop has said, **No Church will be closed.**

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- **The Diocesan Office:** We appeal to everyone wanting to visit the Diocesan Office to make an appointment before coming to the office so that we can offer maximum protection to all staff members during this difficult time.

- **Hand sanitizers:** We appeal for donations of sanitizers and soap to help our sisters and brothers in the needy areas of our diocese. Please bring them to the diocesan office.
- **Invitation to Prayer Mountain:** See attached
- **MU Lady Day:** Please note that the MU Lady Day scheduled for 26th March in Standerton has been postponed due to the Corona virus situation. A new date will be set at a later stage.
- The Happening Steering Committee has taken the decision to postpone the first Happening Weekend of the year (3rd - 5th April). This is as a result of the current situation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic. We will confirm a new date for the weekend when there is more clarity on the extent of the situation.
- HABSR and BTC Training (AFRICA) (PTY) LTD have collaborated in the initiative to empower young and adult people, through skills development and training and sharing of information. **Please see the attachment for the FREE workshop details.**
- Fr Delani and All Saints Anglican Church Primrose invite any person between the ages of 12- 20 years to attend their Innovation programme (Free of Charge). Come and Learn, Think Out of the Box and Have some Fun with Electronics and Recycling. **Join us for 5 Saturdays and you will get to learn about and play with an Arduino, Rasberry Pi and build a simple projector from cardboard.**
Every Saturday from 21st of March to 18th of April 2020 from 09h30 to 15h30.
- **The African Spelling Bee**
HABSR, All Saints Primrose and the Youth Ministry, Invite all parishes to participate in the 5th African Spelling Bee 2020 to be held in Abuja, Nigeria in November 2020. Firstly, The South African Spelling Federation in September will host a National competition for two groups aged between (10 to 13yrs and 14 to 16 yrs). Interested parishes are kindly requested to identify one or two teachers/leaders involved in Youth and Children Ministry to be trained as facilitators of the programme in their church. The training will take place on 18th April 2020 at the Diocese and it costs R2000.00 for training and material package per parish (due date for submission and payment 5th April 2020). For more information and submissions please contact Ms Lulama Ntuta – mobile: **073 543 6306** OR Email: lnntuta@gmail.com
- **HABSR** has the mandate to promote holistic and inclusive participation of all stakeholders (Priests, Deacons, Parish social reps, Diocesan executive social portfolio members (Guilds) and other Diocesan ministries/institutions) to meet the objectives of Pastoral Care Ministry in our Diocese. Therefore, HABSR made a decision to hold its **1ST Social Responsibility Consultation Meeting** on the 9th of May this year (please see attachment). The HABSR Office have requested relevant stake holders to submit names of their appointed delegates by the end of this month (31st March 2020). It would be most helpful to have all stakeholders involved in social responsibility at this meeting to give us all an opportunity to move forward collectively to serve God's people.

“HABSR seeks to allow us all to play our part in being socially responsible”- words by Bishop Charles May

- **Siyalalela Counselling Courses:** We are pleased to announce that the following courses will take place in 2020: N.B. There will be a R200 non-refundable deposit payable for each of the courses. This will be offset against the total amount for the course.

Marriage Prep: 20/27th June – Cost: R300

Trauma: 15/22 August – Cost: R300

HIV/AIDS: 12/19th September - Cost: R300

- **Registration for Anglicans Ablaze 2020 is now open:** It is with great joy that we advise you that registration is now open. Do take advantage of the early bird price as it will close on 31 March 2020. It will not be extended. You will be delighted to know that conference prices are lower for everyone than it was in 2014!!! The best way to register is online with a computer or smartphone.

- **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:**

- As discussed and agreed at our Diocesan Council on Saturday the 7th March parishes will make a monthly contribution towards assisting with funding for Hope Africa with immediate effect. This will be accumulated and paid over once a year as the Diocese of the Highveld's contribution. The Bishop expresses his thanks for your partnership in this ministry. Payment of contributions can be made to the Diocesan Trust Board account 020900279 at Standard Bank (012-042) using reference 500-080 and (Parish name).

- **Unidentified Items:**

The following deposit has been made with no proper reference:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
28/02/2020	R4140.00	ST PETERS

- **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

➤ **Happy birthday to:**

22nd Fr Justice Mhlungu
24th Reginal Tsubella

23rd Margaret Morris