



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 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
Wed	26th	09h00 18h00	All Souls, Northmead St Barnabas, Kwa Thema	
Sun	1 st Mar	08h00 11h00	St Luke, Duduza p/v Cathedral Vestry	
Tues	3rd	17h30	Finance Board	
Thurs	5th	08h30	Motsepe Foundation	Sandton Convention Centre
Sat	7th	08h00	Diocesan Council	St Francis Alberton
Sun	8th		60 th anniversary of ordination of Fr Montjane	Johannesburg Diocese
Tues	10th	09h00	Orientation with new clergy	
Wed	11th	10h00	JIF	
Frid	13th	10h00	CUC Central Committee	eMseni
Sat	14th	08h00	Youth Indaba	Lecture Room
Sun	15th	08h00	St Francis Modderfontein p/v	

Gazette:

- **Diocesan Youth Elections:** See attached notices.
- Next **Godly Play Core** Training in Gauteng will be from 6 - 8 March in Benoni.
- The HIV Education Committee has taken an initiative to publish three articles annual, to share general information about HIV/AIDS. "My people are destroyed for they lack knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

The first article titled: "Our Personal and Social Response to HIV", is the introduction of more journals to be published on the subject. Please view attachment!

- **Invitation to Prayer Mountain:** See attached
- **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:**
- **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
11/11/19	R300.00	REBECCA
11/11/19	R2700.00	REBECCA

- **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:** By this time most parishes will have organized the time of Lent 2020. Here is *The Time has Come : A Lenten Journey with St Mary* by Peter Sills. St Mark's gospel was the first to be written and the shortest. There is an urgency in the writing, immediacy and freshness and humour. Throughout the story there runs a strong undercurrent reminding us that this is not just an account of the best man who ever lived, but of the Son of God, the One who makes plain for all to see the nature and will of God himself. The shadow of the cross is never far away, a constant reminder of how the story will end. But there is also the conviction that whatever happens God will not be defeated, and out of death he will bring new life. Mark's message is about the new life, Jesus begins his ministry with the urgent announcement. "The time has come; the Kingdom of God is upon you; repent and believe the gospel". Were Mark writing today, his message would be no less urgent; with its radical challenge to our modern ways and values his gospel is very much the gospel for our age.

Echoing the pace and concern of Mark's writing, *The Time Has Come*, let the message of St Mark speak out clearly. It offers a Lenten journey that relates the faith of Jesus to our everyday concerns and to the problems of the modern world.

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Eugene Peterson has written our second book and he has entitled it, *Subversive Spirituality*. Peterson is a respected pastor and author and this book has much to teach its readers. *Subversive Spirituality*, "This gathering of articles, essays, poems and conversations, is a kind of kitchen midden of my (Peterson) noticing of the course of living out the Christian life in the vocational context of pastor, writer and professor. The randomness, repetitions and false starts are rough edges that I am leaving as in the interests of honesty. Spiritually is not, by and large, smooth. I do hope, however, that these pieces will be found to be freshly phrased". Freshly phrased and refreshingly honest, these reflections help lead into a deeper understanding of the spiritual of the Christian life.

Here is one of his poems:

Holy Luck "Blessed are the poor in spirit"

A beech tree in winter, white
intricacies unconcealed
Against sky blue and billowed
clouds, carries in his emptiness
ripeness: sap ready to rise
On signal, buds alert to burst
to leaf. And then after a season
of summer a lean ring to remember
The lush fulfilled promises
Empty again in wise poverty
that lets the reaching branches stretch
a millimeter more towards heaven,
The bole expand ever so slightly
and push roots into the firm
foundation, lucky to be leafless:
Deciduous remember to let it go.

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