



St. Thomas Lenasia

1st Sunday of Advent

2nd December 2007

HAPPY CHRISTIAN NEW YEAR

Last Wednesday, we celebrated with representatives of all the ministries and apostolic groups a Thanksgiving Mass for all the blessings we were bestowed upon during the past liturgical year. It was also a good occasion to do a bit of evaluation about our faithfulness to Jesus and our dedication to his Church. Here below the penitential prayer prepared by one of the ministries.

Lord, we know how hard it is to follow you. You said it yourself that "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven." As we look back on 2007, we acknowledge our shortcomings and selfishness:

For the times when we chose television programmes above time with you – Lord forgive us

For the times when we gave up hope and failed to trust in You – Lord forgive us

For the times when we despaired and tried to take life into our own hands – Lord forgive us

For the times when we failed to recognize You in our brothers and sisters – Lord forgive us

For the times when we ignored the needs of others - Lord forgive us

For the times when we turned our backs on our brothers and sisters – Lord forgive us

For the times when we used our bodies for impure acts – Lord forgive us

For the times when we failed to set a good example to our children – Lord forgive us

For the times when we failed to speak up for the truth – Lord forgive us

Weekend masses: **SATURDAY 5 pm** and **SUNDAY 10.30 am**
Confessions: **SATURDAY 4.30 pm** or by appointment
Weekday masses: **TUESDAY 9 am** and **WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm**
First Friday of the month: **ADORATION 6.15 pm** and **MASS 7.30 pm**

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For **Mass intentions** and **appointment** with Father, please contact Shantha by phone at the office on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9.30 to 12.30
OR leave a message on the mailbox OR send an email.
For **Sick calls**, please contact **Clive Padayachee** on **011.854.5060** or **072.493.4773**
For **Funerals**, please contact **Vivian Patel** on **011.854.8523** or **Cynthia Thomas** on **011.854.5490**
In case of emergency only, **Fr. Philippe's** cell is **082.729.3758**

Join in the following activities...
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP : every Monday 7.30 pm in the Hall. Contact Edgar 011 852 4960
INTERCESSION PRAYER GROUP: every Friday 10 am - 24 Opaal Street - Extension 5. Contact Vivian 011 854 8523
PRAYER GROUP: every Saturday 3.30 pm in the Hall.
STOP: every Wednesday @ 7.30pm in the Hall. Contact: Sebastian 078.111.9991 or Gregory 082.902.6721

For the times when we instigated hatred towards others – Lord forgive us

For the times when we ran away from our responsibilities – Lord forgive us

For the times we were ashamed to proclaim You as King – Lord forgive us

For the times when we betrayed and condemned others – Lord forgive us

For the times when we failed to recognize you in the Blessed Sacrament – Lord forgive us

For the times when we did not love our brothers and sisters like ourselves – Lord forgive us

For the times when we hurt others through our indifference – Lord forgive us

For the times when we knowingly broke our commitment to You and our brothers and sisters – Lord forgive us

Forgive us, Lord, and help us with your grace. Replace our hearts of stone with a heart of flesh that burns for love of You.

To forgive

Is not to forget.

To forgive

Is really to remember that nobody is perfect

That each of us stumbles

When we want so much to stay upright

That each of us says things

we wish we had never said

That we can all forget that love

Is more important than being right.

To forgive

Is really to remember that we are so much more than our mistakes

That we are often more kind and caring

That accepting another's flaws can help us accept our own.

To forgive

Is to remember that the odds are pretty good that we might soon need to be forgiven ourselves.

That life sometimes gives us more

Than we can handle gracefully.

To forgive

Is to remember that we have room in our hearts to begin again... and again,... and again.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 5th: Adrian, Jacklyn, Kewan, Janine P., Andrew.

Sat 8th : Justin, Jacklyn, Janine P., Kylin, Bradley, Andrew.

Sun 9th: Bongani, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Nathanie.

Flower List

Clemens & Kisty Williams, Anne Williams, Cynthia & Tony Williams, P. Warnasuriya .

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 1st : Muriel Naidoo RIP

Sun 2nd : Elizabeth Basson RIP

Tue 4th : Thanksgiving for prayers answered

Wed 5th : Mrs.Rosamma Varghese RIP

FIRST Y.P.C.

EVER...

Our first YPC meeting is scheduled next Saturday 8th December at 10am in the Parish Hall. All those elected or appointed to the YPC, please attend.

The RCIA invites all parishioners above 50 for a reception in the Parish Hall next Sunday after mass. Please do respond to the invitation.

The Fund Raising Dance was a total success. Thank you for the response and congratulations to the Fund Raising Team, which organised the event with great professionalism.