



St. Thomas Lenasia

Holy Week & Easter

20th March 2008

A WALK WITH A REAL PASSION

We had never expected that the rain would be so challenging last weekend. So much work had gone into the preparation of the Passion Walk! By midday, on Saturday, the mobile phone networks were jammed due to the numerous phone calls going on between the leaders of St. Thomas' and the parents of our Kids. Should we still go for it? At 12.30, the decision will not be reversed: "We shall march... with a real Passion... for Jesus!"

And what a reward! The best memory I have of the walk, as we were walking around the streets of Greyville, is to see the cross lifted up by the JCJ Youths at its heavier side and by the CCD boys at its lower side. At the same time, some of the girls behind the cross had improvised a choir, singing loud and proud to the Glory of God. All that under heavy rain that soaked us all through the bones! I hope the youths will remember that event for a long time, especially when the challenges of their lives are too heavy to be carried alone.

A special thank you to all the "older" folks who braved the rain and cold. You're a fine example for our youth, and an inspiration to us all. Keep up the good work.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Sunday Walk. But the children from CCD 1 to 4 did show their enthusiasm for Jesus before mass, as they presented their skits and songs. Thank you to all for a fine celebration.

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 6523
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

Timetable of the Holy Week

Thursday: *Mass of the Last Supper @ 7.30 pm, followed by half an hour of adoration.*

Friday: *Children's Liturgy (pre-CCD and CCD 1 to 4) @ 10 am.
Good Friday Liturgy @ 3 pm
During the liturgy, the relevant part of the movie "Jesus of Nazareth" will be shown in the hall to the children who attended the morning liturgy.*

Saturday: *Easter Vigil @ 7.30 pm.*

Sunday: *Easter Celebration @ 10.30 am.*

Follow-up meeting for the parents of first communion candidates on Saturday the 29th March @ 11 am.

WYO FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The **Easter bunny** is visiting St Thomas on Sunday, 23 March 2008!!!

Join us at 10am to help us find the Easter eggs!!

Entry fee: R5

Egg-citing prizes to be won!!

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

- 1st Prize Sun International - Week-End for 2 at the Sun City Cabanas (B+B)
- 2nd Prize Southern Sun or Garden Court Hotel - 2 night Week-End for 2 (B+B)
- 3rd Prize SPA voucher for a hand treatment by Africology Male or Female
- 4th Prize A Pilaanisberg One day Trip for 2
- 5th Prize Entry into Gold Reef City Theme Park

Raffle tickets: R50 each

Altar Servers Roster

Good Friday: Tesania, Nathanie, Janine J., Justin, Janine P., Sashni, Tiffany

Easter Vigil: Kewan, Andrew, Jason, Mitchel, Jacklyn, Steven, Tiffany

Easter Sunday: Claudene, Claudette, Kewan, Andrew, Tesania, Adrian, Bongani

The roster for next Sunday will be published on Internet as well as distributed on Saturday and Sunday.

Flower list

Clive & Vanessa Padayachee, Sabina Patel, Vivian & Chiman Patel, Krishnan & Paula Pather

FULL PPC MEETING

next Sunday after mass. Please, all representative to attend.

In the liturgy of Good Friday, we are invited to be intimately united with Christ in his Passion. Let us take time to pour all our worries and hardships onto the Cross. You are welcome to remain as long as you want by the cross after the celebration.

The Youth will give out Easter candles before the Saturday celebration against a donation. We suggest a R5 donation as they are struggling raising the funds necessary for the WYD.

"A 70'S-80'S & 90'S EXTRAVAGANZA"

St Thomas Catholic Church -Youth

invites you to experience disco fever

on the 19th April

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