



2nd Sunday of Easter

30th March 2008

In the next few newsletters, the homily of Archbishop Buti Tlhagale given on the Chrism Mass this year will be reproduced for your meditation. In this first part, he explains that all baptised lay people are sharing in the priesthood of Christ through their daily activities.

“As we renew our commitment as Priests to a life of service in the church and obedience to the Holy Spirit, it appears appropriate to also reflect on the Priesthood of the laity. Lay people are also consecrated to the Priesthood through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Their Baptismal Priesthood is exercised through their participation in the Mission of Christ. They practice their Priesthood according to their vocations. The Ordained Priest offers the sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist on behalf of the People of God. Lay people offer sacrifices through their daily activities.

Lay people are, according to the First Letter of Peter “like living stones built into a spiritual house” (1Pet. 2.5). Both the Ordained Priest and Lay Priests do not live for themselves, they live for Christ.

If we live for Christ, every decision we make is not exclusively about ourselves, such decisions have an impact on our role as witnesses who demonstrate messianic virtues and values of the Gospel.

St. Paul in Galatians writes that: “It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me” (2:20). Christ is the centre of power within me. Whatever made up my former self has now ended. This new power now gives direction to my entire being - that is: if I surrender to it sincerely, and totally. This leads to a genuine Christian transformation or conversion. The energies of a genuine Christian are directed by the power of Christ.”

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| <p>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</p> |
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| <p>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</p> |

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

Christ is truly risen, Alleluia!

Holy week was particularly intense at Saint Thomas'. The Risen Christ was present at all times and in all the celebrations. Let Him be praised above all!

The para-liturgy of the Paschal Meal on Tuesday set the mood for the greatest week of the year. Then the Easter Triduum started off with Holy Thursday, followed by Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, which lasted three and a half hours.

All glory be rendered to Christ for the spiritual depth experienced by many of us. Yet it is thanks to the obedience and the dedication of so many 'ministers' that the celebration of New Life was so awesome.

Thank you to those involved in the Passion walk, in the preparation of the Paschal Meal, thank you to the sacristans, to the maintenance team, to the “deco” team, to the ushers, to the music ministry, to the cultural group, to the extraordinary Eucharistic ministers, to the proclaimers, to the altar servers, to the Youth; thank you as well to the Men's fellowship, to the prayer group, to those who prepare faithfully the prayers of the faithful. Thank you to the team of catechists, which prepared a very successful and meaningful Easter Liturgy for our children on Friday morning.

A special thank you to the Liturgy committee, and a very very big thank you to Zain - and his family - for being with us, with his community, to celebrate the great “Mysteries”. It would be very unfair not to mention the very efficient and discrete presence of Julias, our care taker.

The Lord is truly risen indeed! Let it show through the life of the Community and let it be known to all the residents of Lenasia that Easter never occurs without great transformation within His Community.

Meeting for parents who want their child baptised at Pentecost this Sunday after mass.

Candidates for RCIA are requested to present themselves next Sunday after mass.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 2nd : Bradley, Justin, Shadé, Kylin, Janine J.
Fri 4th : Justin, Janine J., Jacklyn, Sashni, Andrew
Sat 5th : Jacklyn, Janine P., Kylin, Bradley, Andrew
Sun 6th : Tiffany, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason, Bongani

Flower List

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29th : Mariemuthu Reddy RIP
Muriel Naidoo RIP
Sun 30th: Freddy Francis & deceased family
Tue 1st : Sas Lalloo & Rachael Marrian RIP
Wed 2nd: George Bernard Jossie RIP
Fri 5th : Mass for Successful Operation

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary

When indicating the position of our church to visitors, we often mention the high blue house opposite the Church. Now, the neighbours have decided to shed some shadow onto our Church as well. So, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Church, Father has decided to level up the church building by seven meters forty and to build a second floor on half the length of the building so as to combine Saturday and Sunday masses into one unique Sunday mass. The works are due to start on Tuesday. During the time of the construction work, the parishioners will be invited to join the congregation of St. Kizito. Father is sorry for the inconvenience.

Full PPC Meeting this Sunday after the 10.30 mass.

Altar servers' Fun Day this coming Wednesday from 10 am in the Parish Hall. Please contact Kyle or Father for info.