



# St. Thomas Lenasia

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

13<sup>th</sup> April 2008

The Christian vision of transformation, says Archbishop Buti Tlhagale, implies a share in the Prophetic Mission of Christ.

*Christian transformation calls both lay people and ordained priests to go beyond the exclusive observance of rituals and to embrace the teaching and Prophetic Mission of Christ. This is aptly underlined by the Psalmist:*

"Sacrifice gives you no pleasure.

Were I to offer holocaust, you would not have it"

*Isaiah on the other hand is more forthright:*

"For I, Yahweh, love justice.

I hate robbery and all that is wrong" (Is. 61.8).

*The Gospel invites both lay people and priests to become agents of a new creation, artisans of a new order inspired by a vision of transformation way beyond the machinations of politicians and political parties who by and large serve their own partisan interests. Christians are to promote a vision that appeals to Christian idealism, and Gospel values which are oriented towards others. They are to promote moral and spiritual values which conform to what is right for the good of all. These moral and spiritual values embrace the value of life so much under threat in our days. Threats to life and limb lurk at virtually every corner and virtually outside every gate, where gangs of lawless men plot and commit heinous crimes against innocent people and children. They are driven by sloth and greed that know no bounds. Then there are innocent lives of unborn babies threatened by the very laws which ought to protect life. Is it not the genius of women to know that life begins at conception? If so, why then this denial that has translated itself into a cruel law that completely negates God's life-affirming law?*

To continue next week...

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

## World Youth Day Sydney 2008

Our Youth have taken up the challenge to represent St. Thomas' at the World Youth Day. And they are winning... at least if you continue to support them raise the necessary funds!

Please **DO COME TO THE DANCE** they have organised for **next Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April** at the **FLAME NIGHTCLUB** in Lenasia. There are still about 30 tickets to be sold this weekend after mass for R100 each.

**CCD classes resumes next week**, Saturday 3.15pm for CCD 5-8 and Sunday 9.30 am for CCD 1-4. Please **DO REMEMBER** that Mass following classes is part and parcel of the Catechism lessons, and that all children **MUST** attend. We encourage all parents to accept the possible sacrifice wholeheartedly for the Highest Glory of God!

Second **baptism prep session** for parents and sponsors this Sunday after mass in the Hall.

Father Philippe will be absent from Monday morning till Thursday evening. Eucharistic Service will be held on Tuesday morning (the Mass Intention will be prayed for by Fr Philippe). Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Guido on Wednesday evening.

**Meeting for JCJ3** candidates with their parents and sponsors **NEXT SATURDAY** at 12.30 at St. Kizito's (ext 10). Please Attend.

The PPC Strategy Session, initially planned for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May has been adjourned until further notice due to a clash of meetings with the Diocese.

**Justice & Peace meeting** next Sunday after mass with Tony & Father Philippe.

**Marriage Preparation Team meeting** next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Father's Flat. Any couple interested to join the team, please contact Father.

### Altar Servers Roster

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>: Bradley, Justin, Shadé, Kylin, Janine J.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>: Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Nathanie, Janine J.

Sun 20<sup>th</sup>: Tiffany, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason, Sashni

### Flower List

Roderick & Tanya Pillay, Raakee Ponsamy, Stanley & Cynthia Rangan, Errol & Patricia Reddi.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>: Donovan Naiker RIP

Sun 13<sup>th</sup>: Martin Sequeira 40 Days

Tue 15<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving

**LITURGY WORKSHOP** for **EMC** on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April in the Big Hall of the Cathedral Place from 1pm to 4.30pm. All ministers are expected to attend.

The first session for **new RCIA candidates** will take place next week Sunday at 8am sharp in the Parsih Hall. All registered as well as potential candidates are expected to be there.

From next week until Pentecost, the newly baptised/confirmed are to attend the sessions on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

**Marriage classes** start on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Couples that want to get married this year and have not yet registered are urged to contact Father as soon as possible.

The **YPC** (Youth Pastoral Council) will have a meeting on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9am in the Parish Hall. Please make it an absolute priority!

Consult frequently the Website of our Parish  
[www.stthomaslenz.org](http://www.stthomaslenz.org)