



St. Thomas Lenasia

5th Sunday of Easter

20th April 2008

If faith is at the very heart of our lives, says Archbishop Buti Tlhagale, our prophetic mission ought to translate in our day to day life - especially in the testimony we give to the world through our Christian marriages - and in our public involvement for Justice and Peace.

Where then is the prophetic voice of lay people. Why is there no groundswell opposition to such an injustice? Where is our witness in this society that has turned its back on God's Law? Where is the prophetic voice of priests in the face of such moral disarray? What about the value of family and the virtues of love, perseverance, understanding and selflessness? The words 'until death do us part, have been tragically emptied of their true meaning. We are grateful to those families who bear unwavering witness to the teachings of their faith. We equally appreciate the strain under which some families live.

Priests lead men, women and youth in worship and devotions. But this is not the be-all and end-all of their responsibility. Both lay priests and ordained priests ought to complement each other in their joint prophetic ministry - aimed at the transformation of the hearts of people - a change of mindset, radically influenced by Gospel-values.

There are many Catholics who still verbally profess Catholicism but for whom faith no longer dominates the centre of their lives. They have given themselves up to the influences of the secular world where God has simply become an appendage. The Gift of Fortitude has weakened beyond recognition. We have simply become ashamed of being Catholics. Our faith has been reduced to a private affair. It plays virtually no role in the public square. It probably even has no impact on our own personal lives. Hence the corrosive cynicism. Some of us treat the Church like a shopping

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

mall at the Vaal or Eastgate or Southgate. We pick and choose from the teachings and traditions of the Church. No. This is not right.

"Please wake up. Recognise that the meaning of your life is to offer yourself and all you do to become part of God's own project of saving and claiming creation for eternal life" (Rom 12).

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

Confirmations this year will take place on the Saturday 6th December at 5pm in Saint Kizito. There are two main reasons to that: first, there was a joint preparation for both the candidates of St Kizito and of St Thomas; secondly, during the previous years, the candidates of St Kizito had to come to St Thomas to be confirmed. Yet another occasion for us to accept changes with faith and enthusiasm!!

JCJ 1 & 2 re-opened on Saturday the 19th April. There will be a lesson next week 26th April @ 10am.

Meeting for **parents & sponsors of JCJ1** candidates next Saturday 26th April @ 11.30am.

USHERS' meeting next Thursday 24th April at 1.30pm. Both old and new ushers are expected to attend.

Marriage Preparation Team meeting next Friday 25th April at 7.30pm in Father's Flat.

First Communion parents' update meeting next week Saturday 26th April at 11am.

The **marriage course** is starting this coming Tuesday 22nd April from 7.30pm sharp to 10 pm. The fee for the whole course is R450 per couple, to be paid preferably at the beginning or the course. Supper will be served. Any couple intending to get married this year must attend this course.

The formation for the **new candidates for RCIA** is starting this Sunday at 8am in the Hall.

Newly baptised/confirmed, meeting on Wednesday 7.30pm.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 23rd: Adrian, Jacklyn, Kewan, Janine P., Andrew
Sat 26th: Tiffany, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason, Claudene, Claudette
Sun 27th: Justin, Jacklyn, Janine P., Kylin, Bradley, Andrew

Flower List

Lorna & Kumaran Reddy, Neil & Cindy Richards, Catherine Rose, Govindama Sequira

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19th: Mr & Mrs James Padayachey RIP
Sun 20th: Bradley Naidoo RIP
Tue 22nd: Special Intention
Wed 23rd: Thanksgiving

LITURGY WORKSHOP for EMC

on Saturday 26th April in the Big Hall of the Cathedral Place from 1pm to 4.30pm. All ministers are expected to attend.

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

Justice & Peace meeting this Sunday after mass.

PFC exec meeting this Monday at 7.30pm. Representatives of the Fund Raising Committee are expected to attend.

The **sponsors of the YPC** (Jude & Kenneth, Lerece, Edel, Vicki, Nicole) are invited to meet with Father on Wednesday after mass.

Parents with small children are reminded that their rightful place in Church is at the two first rows on the left side of the building.

Consult frequently the Website of our Parish
www.stthomaslenz.org