



St. Thomas Lenasia

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18th May 2008

The recent attacks on those who were not born in South Africa are a cause of real shame and concern.

Basic Human rights are part of our basic human dignity, given by God. God creates us all equal and creates us all for community. God does not have borders. Jesus, the Son of God, broke all social conventions by showing God's Love to all. No one has the right to remove our God-given dignity and our human rights, as we have shown in the battle against apartheid.

But a new apartheid mentality is killing our country and our dignity.

Let us remind ourselves of a few basic points: the Ten Commandments extend to our treatment of foreigners. This means that the statement "you shall not kill" stands in condemnation of the actions of the South African mob which is currently running amok in Alexandra. There have been over 15 incidents of violence against foreigners in South Africa in the last 5 months.

It also means that the statement "you shall not covert your neighbours goods" stands in condemnation of those thugs who out of envy attack others who have the skills and industry to get jobs.

I am being blunt because bluntness is called for in this situation. Everyone who takes a step in a march in a township to protest "foreigners" is taking a step closer to hell.

I forbid any catholic in this archdiocese from assisting these unruly people or approving of their behaviour. I call on the Catholics and people of good will in Alexandra to be the first to come to the aid of their neighbours who have been so ill treated.

I call on the police to enforce the human rights guaranteed in our constitution for all human beings. This is a guarantee of rights of which our country is justly proud.

I call on the victims of this violence to forgive us for our sins.

Archbishop Buti Tlhagale o.m.i, Archbishop of Johannesburg, President of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference.

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

A NEW YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

is taking GOSPEL MUSIC to a higher level !!

Interested?

Then please **COME ALONG** with your Vocals and Spirit every Wednesday after the 7.30pm Mass.

For more details, please contact **Josh** on his cell: **072 608 7386**

USHERS

All current Ushers and **THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN**, please attend an important meeting this coming Wednesday 21st May after Mass. If unable to attend or for more information, please contact: **Joeline 071 517 8560** or **Tamzyn 082 048 0244**

Marriage session 5

This Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Come hungry! Do invite your parents to join us at 8.30pm for chat and desert.

Please note the following dates:

27th May: *Marriage Priyesh Hira and Tracy-Lee Thomas*

30th May: *Session 6 with celebration braai.*

Mass of Solidarity with the People of Zimbabwe.

Archbishop Buti Tlhagale invites the Faithful of the Archdiocese to show their solidarity with the People of Zimbabwe.

A Mass has been organised for SATURDAY 31 May at 2pm at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Saratoga Ave, Berea, Johannesburg.

Liturgy CORE GROUP

Meeting on Wednesday 21st May after mass in Father's flat.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 21st: Adrian, Jacklyn, Kewan, Janine P., Andrew
Sat 24th: Justin, Jacklyn, Janine P., Kylin, Bradley, Andrew
Sun 25th: Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Nathanie, Bongani

Flower List

The Bob's Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17th: Donovan Naiker RIP
Sun 18th: Thanksgiving
Tue 20th: Siga & Rosy Moses and deceased Moses Family
Wed 21st: Queenie Moses RIP

MINISTRIES

The nominated candidates for all the ministries are kindly requested to write a letter of motivation to Father before next weekend.

Please state your intention to be fully committed to and responsible for the service and indicate what are your plans as for the practical training and for the spiritual growth of your members.

FIRST COMMUNION

Next Saturday, the candidates for first communion will have:

at 3pm: Evaluation with Father

at 4pm: Reconciliation

Presence is not negotiable!

NEXT SUNDAY, MASS WILL START AT 10 AM, due to a short procession with the Blessed Sacrament at the end of mass.

DEDICATION this weekend. Do respond generously!