



St. Thomas Lenasia

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

31st May 2008

Xenophobia or Xenophilia ?

The Archbishop says the Catholic Church is not Xenophobe (fear - hatred of strangers or foreigners) but Xenophile (love of the neighbour - stranger - foreigner). A meeting of priest took place on Tuesday. Shocking reports came from some parish priests:

The situation in Reiger Park was beginning to normalise. Church communities and the Islamic community had worked together in an admirable way. The vast majority of the displaced had been Mozambican. A sizable number would not be returning and had left for Mozambique. However, there are a substantial number of people who had settled, married and had children and these would have to be re-integrated. Once again, service delivery was mentioned as a cause. No specific needs were mentioned.

Fr Cairns reported on the situation in Alex. He noted some of the factors that lead up to the start of the violence, including the problem of the Hostels and the contribution made both to the area and to the situation by the influx of foreigners. He pointed to the failure of the Authorities to deal with the influx and the resulting problems.

There are many people who might not live in informal settlements but in suburbs and other places who have not gone to work for fear of the Taxi's etc. This will be a hidden problem as rent will be due etc.

There is an immediate need for BLANKETS, Non Perishable Food Items, Men's Clothing, Baby Formula, Baby Clothing, Baby Nappies....

Please bring your contribution to the Parish Hall, it will be taken to the Collection point. If you would like to give extra help, please contact Father Louis blondel: blondel.louis@gmail.com

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
INTERSESSION 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

WYD --- COUNTDOWN

Five weeks to go... for our 4 youths to fly to Australia and attend the World Youth Day. As you know, prices have gone up, and there is still R10,000 per person to be collected. Please make it come true!

The Champion league draw was won by Cedric Moodley.

Raffle draw will take place on 15th June.

Crucifix statue is no more an auction but a raffle to be drawn on 8th June. Tickets: R20.

A Koeksisters/cake sale will take place on 7th and 8th June.

Ahhh, if I were 30 years younger...

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**

THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE OF ST THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS

"FLAVOUR OF THE OLD SCHOOL"

at Flame Night Club - Albert St - Lenasia

on SATURDAY, 2nd AUGUST 2008

from 8pm till late

R50-00 per person

Refreshments will be sold

Limited tickets available so get yours ASAP from any FRC members to avoid disappointment!

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 4th: Adrian, Jacklyn, Kewan, Janine P., Andrew
Sat 6th: Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Nathanie
Sun 7th: Tiffany, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason, Claudene, Claudette

Flower List

Henry & Henriette Thomas, Cynthia & Tracy Thomas, Lukase Leticia Tjobe, Michael & Marlyn Valiatham

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 30th: Muriel Naidoo RIP
Sun 1st: Thansgiving
Tue 3rd: Special intention
Wed 4th: Herby Jackson & Louise Damba RIP and Derek Rathinsamy RIP

FULL PPC MEETING

Due to apologies of 5 committed members who have to attend a marriage this Sunday, the PPC meeting is delayed until next Sunday.

Archbishop Buti Tthagale will be on Radio Veritas DSTV Audio Channel 170 - and on the internet, this coming Sunday, 1st of June at 6pm, talking about the recent xenophobic violence in the country and the way forward. www.radioveritas.co.za

Father Philippe will be flying off on Monday for Belgium where he will spend 6 weeks holidays. On his way back, he will spend a week in Iran, visiting Deacon Zain and his family.

During this time, Father Guido will celebrate mass on Wednesdays, 1st Fridays and Saturdays, and Father Ray Fortin on Sundays.

On Tuesdays, there will be a communion service. The mass intention will be prayed for by Father on the same day. For Funerals, contact Fr Guido 011.850.3319