



# St. Thomas Lenasia

## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A 8<sup>th</sup> June 2008

For the next few weeks, the editorial will present "The Social Teaching of the Church". Do read and study it. Keep the newsletters, cut off the articles and glue them in an exercise book for future reference. You will also be able to access the full text on our website. Credit: LUMKO Institute.

The Catholic Church has always recognised, commented on and responded to issues of justice and injustice in the world. As Christians we respond to the injustice we see around us and actively work for Justice and Peace. The Social teaching of the Church provides us with guidelines for working for Justice and Peace.

The Social teaching of the Church does not consist of a single document that provides us with a clear model for responding to the world around us. It is a collection of documents written by Popes, Church Councils, Bishops, national Bishop's Conferences and special commissions. These documents challenge us to look at our society and the world in a new way and question the things we take for granted and just accept, because "that's the way things are". Instead of just accepting the world as we find it, we must analyse our world and our community using the teaching of the Church. Then we will be able to act appropriately and responsibly as Christians. The Church's social Teaching provides us with guidelines for planning the action we should take as Christians in response to the issues and problems around us.

One of the documents of the Social Teachings, "A Call to Action", by Pope Paul VI, notes that the responsibility of the Christian community is to:

- Be aware of the signs of the times and the main changes taking place in the world around it,
- Analyse the situation in one's own country and community;
- Use the Gospel and the Church's social Teaching to guide this analysis,
- Decide on what it should and can do about the situation, and lastly;
- Implement the plans and put the Ideas into action.

The Church's social teaching is based on the example of Jesus we read about in the Gospel. The Social teaching exists to support and free people both spiritually and in the world as they go about their daily lives. It deals with all the aspects of our lives - economic, political, social, gender, environmental and cultural life. As conditions change in the world, so different social teachings are needed to guide us and help us to respond appropriately to these changes. The teachings were written in response to what is happening in the world. Current Church social teaching deals with topics such as human rights, politics and democracy, economic justice, marriage and the family, education, peace, disarmament, relationships between nations, leisure and private property, etc.

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 Opal 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

## WYO -- Countdown

Four 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!

Raffle draw will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Crucifix statue is no more an auction but a raffle to be drawn this Sunday.

A Koeksisters/cake sale is taking place this weekend after both masses.

## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

## FULL PPC MEETING

This Sunday after mass. All representatives are expected to attend.

## Altar Servers Roster

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>**: Bradley, Justin, Shadé, Kylin, Janine J.  
**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>**: Justin, Jacklyn, Janine P., Kylin, Bradley, Andrew  
**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>**: Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Nathanie, Bongani

## Flower List

Edel Williams, Clemens & Kisty Williams, Anne Williams, Cynthia & Tony Williams.

## Mass Intentions

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup>**: Devan Pakari RIP  
**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>**: KP Abraham  
Debby Balakisten  
**Tue 10<sup>th</sup>**: Special intention  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>**: Rose Poonen and Harry Singaram RIP

Father Philippe left for Europe on Monday afternoon. He arrived safely home.

## CARITAS SOUTH AFRICA

I remind you of the appeal from the Archbishop to help the many victims of Xenophobic violence. Needed: blankets, clothes, supplies for babies, foodstuff to be brought to the Parish Hall. A money donation is also very welcome at the following bank account:

Standard Bank of SA, Ellis Park 00 46 05  
Acc Nr 002125757 of Catholic Diocese  
Treasury Account  
Reference: Caritas Johannesburg

Next week, workshop of Justice & Peace at the Cathedral Place (small Hall) from 9am to 1pm. Content: Learn and understand:  
- What are the STC (Social Teachings of the Church)  
- What are the Principles of the STC  
- How the STC link with J&P ministry  
- How the STC link to our faith  
Expected outcome is to enable us to deal with different issues and injustices that affect us in our lives today so that we can take actions to transform society and bring about the Kgd of God.

## SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the formation of the priests.