



# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A

20<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Today, we end the presentation of the Social Teaching of the Church with the themes: "Reconciliation" & "Integrity of Creation". You can also access the full text of those themes and download a copy from our website. Credit: LUMKO Institute.

## Reconciliation

- Unfortunately, there is little global peace. Instead, there is much conflict. Any conflict involves at least two groups or people who do not agree with each other. As long as each group or person insists that they are right and the other is wrong, the conflict will continue.
- The conflict will only end when two things happen. Firstly, when each group or person accepts that they are not passive victims, but active participants in the conflict and so have to accept some responsibility for the conflict. Secondly, when each group or person is willing to talk to the other and to find a way to resolve the conflict.
- This is part of the process of reconciliation. Reconciliation is not about revenge and retribution, but involves exploring forgiveness. The teaching on reconciliation teaches us that putting energy into conflict will destroy us, our community, our country and our world, and that the only true way to end a conflict is through a reconciliation process.

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

## Integrity of creation

- God created the world and made us its stewards. This is an important responsibility. What we do to the world today will affect the lives of our children in the world tomorrow.
- If we litter, dump toxic waste into the sea, cut down all the forests, pollute the air, pollute the rivers, destroy plants and make entire species of animals extinct, what kind of world will our children inherit? What kind of care have we taken of this wonderful world God has given to us?
- The world's environment is precious and can only take so much abuse. It is our duty to protect and care for the environment we live in. As good stewards, we are to use carefully the resources of the world for the benefit of all, both now and in the future.
- The teaching on the integrity of creation teaches us that it is our responsibility what happens to the environment and our duty to protect our environment.

## PPC EXECUTIVE MEETING

on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August after mass.

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!

## Altar Servers Roster

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>: Bradley, Justin, Shadé, Kylin, Janine J.  
 Sat 26<sup>th</sup>: Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Nathanie, Maegan  
 Sun 27<sup>th</sup>: Justin, Jacklyn, Janine P., Kylin, Bradley, Andrew

## Flower List

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>: Muriel Naidoo RIP  
 Sun 20<sup>th</sup>: Monica Gopal RIP  
 Tue 22<sup>nd</sup>: Vacant  
 Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>: Vacant

## LITURGY WORKSHOP ART & ENVIRONMENT

Next week Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> July from 9am to 3pm in the small hall at the Cathedral Place.

The ministry of flowers, as well as representatives from the Sacristans are warmly invited to attend.

## OPEN YES WE

There will be an OPEN YES WEEKEND (18 to 118 yrs) on the 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> August. All potential candidates please register with Edel W.(083 556 6040) or Kenna J. (011 854 1759)

## SOUTHERN CROSS

From August the first, the Southern Cross will be available upon a monthly subscription of R20 (to be confirmed), which will be payable in advance to Colin Francis on Saturdays or Colin James on Sundays. This to ensure a better distribution of this excellent publication.