



St. Thomas Lenasia

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

27th July 2008

An extract from the Pope's message to the Youth at WYD.

Dear friends, life is not governed by chance; it is not random. Your very existence has been willed by God, blessed and given a purpose! Life is not just a succession of events or experiences, helpful though many of them are. It is a search for the true, the good and the beautiful. It is to this end that we make our choices; it is for this that we exercise our freedom; it is in this - in truth, in goodness, and in beauty - that we find happiness and joy. Do not be fooled by those who see you as just another consumer in a market of undifferentiated possibilities, where choice itself becomes the good, novelty usurps beauty, and subjective experience displaces truth.

Christ offers more! Indeed he offers everything! Only he who is the Truth can be the Way and hence also the Life. Thus the "way" which the Apostles brought to the ends of the earth is life in Christ. This is the life of the Church. And the entrance to this life, to the Christian way, is Baptism.

On the day of your Baptism, God drew you into his holiness. You were adopted as a son or daughter of the Father. You were incorporated into Christ. You were made a dwelling place of his Spirit. Indeed, towards the conclusion of your Baptism, the priest turned to your parents and those gathered and, calling you by your name, said: "you have become a new creation".

Dear friends, in your homes, schools and universities, in your places of work and recreation, remember that you are a new creation! As Christians you stand in this world knowing that God has a human face - Jesus Christ - the "way" who satisfies all human yearning, and the "life" to which we are called to bear witness, walking always in his light.

To be continued next week

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.
YOUTH CJA GROUP: every Friday 7.30 pm in the Hall - contact Lerece 083 411 5650

One day, a man went to visit a Catholic Church. He got there early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up and the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Mass, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet.

Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

PPC EXECUTIVE MEETING

next week Sunday after mass.

Welcome back from Australia to the Youth representatives. After they have fully recovered from the jet-lag, we hope to get full report from them.

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 30th: Adrian, Jacklyn, Kewan, Janine P., Andrew
Fri 1st: Justin, Jacklyn, Janine P., Kylin, Bradley, Janine J.
Sat 2nd: Tiffany, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason, Claudene, Claudette
Sun 3rd: Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Andrew, Bongani

Flower List

P. Warnasuriya, Shantha & Xavier Aron, Roseline Annamalay, Marlon & Desiree Annamalay

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26th: Angeline Ah-lee RIP
Sun 27th: Aunty Bay RIP and Mertill Pillay RIP and Gwen Sequira 40 Days
Tue 29th: Vacant
Wed 30th: Lawrence & Donovan Joseph RIP
Fri 1st: Thanksgiving Mass

SOUTHERN DEANERY YOUTH EVENT

Scheduled for 9 August, from 8am until 5pm at Eugene de Mazenod Church in Eldorado Park. All JCJ candidates are expected to attend as this forms part of the syllabus. Registration fee is R30.

Parents or sponsors who can assist with transport kindly contact facilitators Kenna 083 444 3085, Indhir 082 566 3763, Jacky 082 297 4595 or Michael 072 703 0334.

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Sponsors are expected to join candidates for our next session on 2 May, 12:30 - 14:30. Please bring a snack and/or drink to share during our tea break.

SOUTHERN CROSS

Don't forget to book your copy of Southern Cross with Colin Francis on Saturdays or Colin James on Sundays.

ZULU TEACHER... please bring in applications!