



St. Thomas Lenasia

2nd Sunday of Lent B

8th March 2009

From our Archbishop
in the name of the SACBC

3. Guard against corruption.

Corruption (including favouring family members and friends for jobs) reverses all the gains we have made in our struggle for justice. It leaves people feeling disillusioned, powerless and hopeless. This weakens their participation and destroys the heart of a democracy. We all need to demand continuous accountability and a spirit of service from our leaders at all levels, making full use of all the institutions that exist to work against corruption in our society. Unfortunately, many people are afraid to challenge corruption, as they themselves are also easily tempted at times to engage in some form of it- even through such small actions as seeking favours from friends in positions of authority, or tax evasion. We all need to start by resisting the temptation of corruption ourselves, as we learn in Matthew 7:5: "Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take the splinter out of your brother's eye".

4. Guard against doing nothing.

In a true democracy all citizens are called to participate and respond to issues that arise on an ongoing basis - not only at election time. However, many of us do nothing because we feel that we are powerless to bring about change. This then easily develops into an attitude of dependency, where we simply wait for the government to deliver. When citizens stop participating, and don't bother to vote, those in positions of authority are allowed to do as they please without fear of being challenged. As we are reminded in Matthew 7:21, 'It is not anyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven". Let us commit ourselves to build our country and our democracy together, and to make the effort to become involved in a way that will give hope to all those still waiting for a better future.

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 - 11.30 am
Opaal Street - Extension 5. Contact Vivian 011 854 8523
PRAYER GROUP: every Saturday 3.30 pm in the Hall.
YOUTH CIA GROUP: every Friday 7.30 pm in the Hall - contact Lerece 083 411 5650

TO FOLLOW

JCJ1 Parents' meeting this Sunday after mass.

EMC meeting with father this Sunday at 3pm.

Our prayer will not change God's mind for He is God and knows all our needs long before we ask!

Our prayer actually "connects" us to God's mind and makes us receptive to His will, releasing at the same time all the potential He has put into each one of us!

CCD JCJ Paschal Meal

All CCD 5 to 8 and JCJ 1 to 3 received this weekend an invitation card to the Paschal Meal, which will take place on Sunday 5th April. They need to keep this card secure as it is their entrance ticket to the event. But, to be valid, they will need to affix to their card 3 elements that will be given to them over the next three catechism sessions, each time against R10. So please make sure your child has the money. As usual, talk to Father if you can't afford it.

YOUTH MASS

From next month, the Youth mass will be on every **FIRST SATURDAY** at 5pm. In April, it corresponds to the Passion Walk and Palm Sunday mass.

Father is exploring the possibility of having the children & youths from CCD5 to JCJ3 (ONLY: NO CCD1-4) who have not been baptised yet to be baptised during the Easter Vigil. He will contact the parents of potential candidates shortly.



The story of a community without hope transformed by one man's courage to live out his values.

Watch it with your children
For 6 weeks
Every Tuesday from 3rd March on SABC 2 at 19h30

HEARTLINES series

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 11th: Janine J., Bradley, Jacklyn

Fri 13th: Please 4 volunteers for the Way of the Cross

Sat 14th: Justin, Jacklyn, Sonam, Bradley, Janine J.

Sun 15th: Jason, Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette

All altar servers are kindly asked to fill out a form which will be on the notice board in the sacristy.

Flower List

Clive & Sylvia James, Colin & Ruth James, Vathukattu & Aleyamma Joseph, Melville & Dawn Jossie

Mass Intentions

Sat 7th: Baba, Gladys & Tega Rathinsamy and Martin Sequira

Sun 8th: Thanksgiving

Tue 10th: Tapello, savagely murdered

Wed 11th: Lawrence & Donovan Joseph RIP

EVENTS TO COME IN APRIL

Sat 4th PM: Passion Walk for all
Sun 5th PM: Paschal Meal for Youth
Tue 7th Ev: Paschal Meal for Adults
Wed 8th: Reconciliation Service
Thu 9th AM: Chrism Mass at Cathedral
Thu - Sat: Easter Triduum

Timetable of the Week

Wednesday evening:

Eucharistic service at 7.30pm.
The mass intention is transferred to the Thursday morning mass.

Thursday morning:

During Lent, mass will be celebrated every Thursday morning at 5.30am. First week: 16 people, second week: 25 people.

Friday evening:

The Way of the Cross will be conducted by Father in the traditional way at 7.30pm.

CCD Parents meeting next Saturday at 3pm.

J&P meeting next Sunday after mass