



# St. Thomas Lenasia

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent B 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009

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From our Archbishop  
in the name of the SACBC...  
continued

### Our Role as Christians

As Christians, we are called to work with all South Africans to ensure the growth and strengthening of democratic values and practices. We believe that Jesus Christ shows us the way to fullness of life. So, in his spirit, at this election time we are particularly called to consider the following demands of our faith:

1. We must promote the central elements of our Catholic Social Teaching, including:
  - a) Respect for life and human dignity;
  - b) Social responsibility and the common good;
  - c) A just sharing of wealth and resources;
  - d) The importance of participation; and
  - e) Compassionate solidarity with the poor and the marginalized.
  - f) We must listen to the needs of the poor and the marginalized and make them our priority;
2. We must have the courage to stand up for our convictions amongst our friends, neighbours and colleagues, and in our political activities; but let us also show respect for the views of others, and be prepared to learn from them;
3. Let us promote family values and the values of ubuntu by challenging individualism and greed;
4. Let us promote respect for the Rule of Law, and demand that our political leaders do the same; and
5. We must be awake and vigilant in challenging all threats to our democracy.

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

### A Call to Prayer

To assist us in realizing our role as Christians, we ask every parish to begin a vigil of prayer from now until the elections. We also ask that, at every Mass during this period, the following prayer, or a similar one, be included in the Prayer of the Faithful:

*"Lord, we pray that our forthcoming elections may bring about a deepening of our democracy, and that we will carry out our duties as citizens responsibly and with respect for the rights of others. May the choices we make bring hope to the poor, unity to all our people and a more secure and peaceful future for our children."*

We hope that all these prayers will inspire us to move to action, so that the Church can become a strong force in bringing justice and peace to our beloved land. May God bless Africa.

**Archbishop Buti Tlhagale**

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself. St. Augustine**

### Deeper YES - 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009

U wanna go deeper... register from today!

**JCJ2** Parents meeting next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am  
**JCJ1** Sponsors formation next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm

**SOUTHERN CROSS** Subscribers: Please pay your subscription R120 (Jan - end of May) and make sure you collect your paper every week.

Do remember the upcoming **"WINTER DANCE"** on 24<sup>th</sup> April - Ticket R50

### Altar Servers Roster

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: *Adrian, Sonam, Kewan*

Fri 20<sup>th</sup>: *Please 4 volunteers for the Way of the Cross*

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>: *Kyle, Sasha, Adrian, Mikayla, Marlene*

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>: *Tiffany, Steven, Bongani, Lincoln, Nicholas, Mitchell*

### Flower List

*Denise Kandan, Franrico & Barbara Keyser, Wayne & Isabel Kisten, Lorraine Laloo*

### Mass Intentions

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>: *Bradley Naidoo, member of SSVIP RIP & Donovan Naiker RIP*

Sun 15<sup>th</sup>: *Bernard Spaan RIP*

Tue 17<sup>th</sup>: *Swamy Tippru RIP*

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: *Sunita Reddy RIP*

Father **Lionel Sham** was murdered last week Saturday at his home in Mohlakeng. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Church on Tuesday at 10am. May God inspire his murderer with remorse and conversion!

### Timetable of the Week

#### Tuesday morning:

Funeral mass of Fr. Lionel Sham at 10am at the Cathedral. Service at 9.00am at St. Thomas. The mass intention will be prayed for by Father at the Cathedral.

#### 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.