



St. Thomas Lenasia

6th Sunday of Easter B 17th May 2009

DEDICATION

This weekend is "Dedication Weekend". What does that mean? Well, the Church, as any human organisation, needs money to function. There are construction, upgrade and maintenance of buildings, running expenses like water and electricity, office supply, liturgy and pastoral expenses, salaries of people working for the parish, upkeep of priests, etc. But the Church is not just "any" human organisation, it is the community of Jesus, who always had a fundamental option for the poorest. So, part of our budget (10% in St. Thomas') is normally going straight to the poor. The diocese, the Episcopal Conference and eventually the Vatican, also need a budget to function. Hence, each parish has to pay 20% of their income as "Church tax" to the Diocese. Part of the income comes from

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

This coming Thursday we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a Holy Day of obligation. Three masses will be celebrated:

Vigil mass on Wed 7.30pm

Mass of the day on Thu 9am

Mass of the day on Thu 7.30pm

the Sunday collections.

However, the Church asks from all her confirmed members to "dedicate" part of their income as regular contribution towards the building up of the Kingdom of God and the upkeep of the Church. Obviously the choice is personal and the only controller is your conscience - no tax collector in the Church!

How much should you give? Mother Theresa used to say: "Give till it hurts!" Think about it... the choice is really yours!

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
INTERSESSION 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 CIA GROUP: every Friday 7.30 pm in the Hall - contact Lerece 083 411 5650

"Angels & Demons: Not much to worry about here, except it's not a very good film" says the director of the Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting.

The Jesuit director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, Fr Richard Leonard, says the worst things about "Angels & Demons" is that despite its huge budget and many admirable features, it is not a good film. "In fact, as with the book, there are a host of mistakes in the film, but the ridiculous plot even stretches the imaginations of the greatest fans of the thriller genre."

Angels & Demons moves at a far brisker pace than the more provocative Da Vinci Code, but the Illuminati are a fictitious vengeful, evil sect made up of scientific terrorists who have a highly placed plant at the Vatican. "They are portrayed as evil men doing evil things. The other Vatican officials are earnest and suspicious types who are trying to do their best to save people's lives by finding the bomber and the bomb. For a change, the Catholic Church is seen as being on the side of the good guys," Fr Leonard said.

"The most objectionable thing for the church in this film is when the Chief Cardinal Elector, who cares more for the good order of the Conclave than the safety of tens of thousands of pilgrims and all the citizens of Rome, says dismissively of their security, 'we all have to die sometime.' No Dean of the Sacred College would be unmoved by the city's well being," said Fr Leonard.

Fr Leonard praised the art direction, set design, set dressing, costumes, computer animation effects and cinematography. "The technical elements are spectacular but when the story does not hang together and is accompanied by some cringing dialogue all the best technical attributes in the world cannot save Angels & Demons."

UPDATE ON SVDP

So far, two persons have approached Father to tell him of their interest in getting involved with SVDP. As soon as there are 5 candidates, we shall kick-start! **IT IS AN URGENT MATTER!**

Formation for EMC and READERS

EMC : this Sunday 17th at Kizito @ 3pm
READERS : this and next Sunday 17th and 24th at St Thomas @ 3pm

Second Collection towards "Pentecost transport" for Lenasia ext 10, Vlakfontein and Zakariyya Park

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 20th: Janine, Bradley, Jacklyn

Thu 21st: Kewan, Justin, Steven, Tiffany, Sasha-Lee, Bradley

Sat 23rd: Kyle, Sasha-Lee, Adrian, Mikayla, Marlene, Reece

Sun 24th: Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette, Nathanie

Flower List

Errol & Patricia Reddi, Lorna & Kumaran Reddy, Neil & Cindy Richards, Govindama Sequira

Mass Intentions

Sat 16th: Donovan Naiker RIP & Muriel Naidoo RIP

Sun 17th: Thanksgiving

Tue 19th: vacant

Wed 20th: Special Intention

The fun raising committee likes to place a special tank you to all sponsors, to the finance committee members, to the youth leaders and the youth and the PPC members that helped on the night of the event.

We like to thank all in our church for their support.

A very, very special well done to all the fun raising member for all there had work in making this event a huge success.

The money raised at the dance was R29 870.00

Next week, mass will be celebrated by Fr Mathieu on Saturday and there will be a Communion Service on Sunday.

Preparations for PENTECOST

The liturgy core group is responsible for the global co-ordination. Gordon is the overall co-ordinator.

Phyllis is the food co-ordinator

Edel is the events co-ordinator

Brian is the logistics co-ordinator

3 persons from each of the 3 other churches are co-ordinating locally transport, food, events.