



17th Sunday B

26th July 2009

As the marriage course is unfolding, an article from Bob Gass' "Word for today" will be reproduced for your reflection.

Marriage myth 2:

The **myth of the 'right person,'** suggests happiness in marriage depends entirely on finding the right person. It's said to be a matter of luck, Cupid, the alignment of the stars, the moon hitting your eye like a big pizza pie, etc., occasionally even God. Just find the right person and they'll make your life supremely happy, romantic, excited, fulfilled, blissful. They will become, as the song says, 'that old black magic' that holds you in its spell, leading you into the enchanted land of endless love. It's all up to them. And nothing ever felt more convincingly real or right! Despite the advice of friends and family, we'll 'give away the farm' and turn ourselves inside out to keep this addictive, magic happening. When it stops (and it does), three things happen:

1) we cry, manipulate, bribe, and later blame, vilify and consider them phonies for changing on us and making us miserable. 'He's not the man I married,' we complain. He may not be the person you expected him to be (that person doesn't exist outside your myth) but he is the one you married and the problem isn't all his.

2) we label him 'the wrong person' and either search for the right one or give up on the opposite sex as being false, faithless and fickle.

3) we learn the truth: there is no right person to make us happy always. At that point we're set free to find happiness by becoming the right person, the one God created us to be, giving generously, allowing others to be real, limited, changeable humans, and looking to God for our joy!

If you know of anyone looking for a job, we have an opportunity for matriculants to work as data capturers, no work experience is required. We need 6000 people urgently.

Please provide us their ID numbers, full names, province and mobile numbers. This is a national project.

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YES BRANCH MEETING

Saturday 11am, welcome to those interested in reflecting on the FEW programme.

Next Sunday 3pm, Branch YES meeting at Jude & Kenna's home.

"Let us journey together into a Life of friendship with God"

C.I.A Youth Prayer group will be praying in Extension 2 this month. The following homes will be visited - 13 Heather Avenue and 86 Anemone Avenue.

All youth are invited to join us on Friday, 31 July at 7.30pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

1st - 2nd August: Catechism resumes for all

14th - 16th August: JCJ retreat

Tue 18th @ 5.00pm: Visit of Archbishop Buti to the Confirmation candidates.

Wed 2nd September @ 7.00pm: Confirmation. The Archbishop would like to meet at this occasion with the whole congregation.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 29th: Janine J., Bradley, Jacklyn

Sat 1st: Tiffany, Steven, Sonam, Lincoln, Nicholas, Mitchell

Sun 2nd: Justin, Jacklyn, Bradley, Janine, Bongani, Jason

Flower List

Gordon Jackson, Marcel & Lynda Jackson, Neville & Tilly Jackson, Tony & Phyllis Jackson

Mass Intentions

Sat 25th: Mr & Mrs Links Annamalay RIP

Sun 26th: Aunty Bay RIP

Tue 28th: Thanksgiving Mass

Wed 29th: Rosa Sarkhot RIP

MARRIAGE COURSE

The marriage course has started last Thursday. Eight couples are attending. The marriage course is compulsory for all the couples that want to get married within the next 10 months or so. It consists of 6 evenings during which dinner will be served. The fee, payable before the course completion is of R450 per couple. The dates are as follows:

- Thu 9th July - Done
- Thu 16th July - Done
- Thu 23rd July
- Thu 30th July
- Thu 6th August
- Fri 21st August

WELCOME ON THURSDAY IN THE PARISH HALL AT 7.15pm for 7.30pm

The cake sale will resume next week



St. Thomas Lenasia

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