



St. Thomas Lenasia

21st Sunday Ordinary B 23rd August 2009

JCJ Retreat at Hartbeespoort

The outbreak of the swine flu in one of the Lenasia schools did not scare the JCJ candidates to take part in the exciting annual retreat. Friday 6.30pm, all the participants were enjoying the traditional "spaghetti bolognese" offered by the Good Shepherd's retreat centre in Hartbeespoort.

Saturday was very intensive and fruitful. Father spelled out what it meant to be a "practising Catholic". The Sunday mass is, of course, central to being a Catholic, but only as being the source and expression of a life style made of choices that have to be in line with the mission and teaching of Jesus. The seven groups, formed with candidates from the different JCJ years, presented sketches around different themes relevant to the life and challenges of the young persons they are. Gangsterism, economic crisis or child abuse at home, inter-religious marriages, teenage pregnancies, drug and alcohol abuse affecting the family, all the themes were related to family life which is the basis of our Catholic practice. Good discussions sprang from the well prepared sketches. In the evening, each one had to climb the wild hill behind the centre, in the dark, with a lit candle as only light... a good symbol of what it's like to navigate in the darkness of the world with the gospel as only light! Before reaching the top of the hill, each one had to enter a rocky bush site to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Not easy to acknowledge one's sins... Satan will always give you lots of reasons for avoiding it.

On Sunday, we had a very good celebration with parents and other parishioners who joined us, followed by lunch in the beautiful surroundings of the Good Shepherd's Centre that looks out over the Hartbeespoort Dam.

The only drawback was the lack of participation and commitment of many parents, be it for helping with transport or for taking part in the Sunday morning celebration. But we are sure that next year parents will feel more concerned and will plan the day in advance.

<p>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</p>
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<p>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</p>

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

August is Women's month...

To honour them and always in the drive of raising funds, the YES ministry - which is a family based ministry - is hosting a Women's Day Breakfast next Saturday 29th August. This is the last chance for purchasing a ticket for R80.

The YEAR OF THE PRIEST

Jesus himself was a living stone rejected by others, yet precious in God's sight. We, the members of his body, are also living stones who suffer rejection, but together these stones form a spiritual house. Within that temple we all function as priests, offering acceptable spiritual sacrifices and announcing the praises of the one who calls us.

CATHOLIC YOUTH INVITE BISHOP FOR SUPPER

On Tuesday evening, the Confirmation candidates met with the Archbishop for a good couple of hours, around a meal, pretty much like the meals Jesus liked to have with people. They introduced themselves and told the Archbishop how they like to see themselves in eight years time. That was followed by a good Q&A, where the Youth and the Bishop challenged each other, in a good, open and honest way. Archbishop Buti was quite impressed by the maturity of our Youth and wants to meet with them again after three months, together with their sponsors, to discuss two encyclicals from Popes JP2 and Benedict 16.

PPC EXECUTIVE MEETING

On Sunday the 30th August at 12 o'clock in Father's Flat.

FULL PPC MEETING

On Sunday the 6th September at 12 in the Parish Hall..

YPC MEETING

On Saturday the 5th September at 8 am in the Parish Hall.

LET US JOURNEY TOGETHER INTO A LIFE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

C.I.A Youth Prayer group will be praying in Extension 6 this month. The following homes will be visited - 6 Teak Avenue & Pine Avenue.

All youth - not only those who usually attend the Friday evening prayer group - are invited to join us on Friday, 28 August at 7.30pm.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 26th: Janine J., Bradley, Jacklyn
 Sat 29th: Tiffany, Steven, Sonam, Lincoln, Nicholas, Mitchell
 Sun 30th: Justin, Jacklyn, Bradley, Janine, Bongani, Jason

Flower List

Tyrone & Marisa Lazarus, Jimmy & Nerisha Letchman, Emelda Mabitse, Desmong & Eva Marrie

Mass Intentions

Sat 22nd: Billy Francis RIP
 Sun 23rd: Danny Rayapen RIP & Ronnie Paul RIP
 Tue 25th: Nellie Naidoo RIP
 Wed 26th: Special Intention

MARRIAGE COURSE

We give thanks to God for the eight couples that completed the marriage course on Friday. We wish them well in their married life.

A big thank you as well to Clive and Vanessa, Victor and Marian, Jude and Kenna, Mark and Shireen, Arnold and Neela, and to Brian, for their dedication to the Marriage Course. You are doing the right thing, keep it up.

Infants' BAPTISM

If you have a child you would like to have baptised (not older than 5), please fill up the appropriate form and return it to the office or to Father as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 29th August: Creativity Day
 Wed 2nd September @ 7.00pm: Confirmation. The Archbishop would like to meet at this occasion with the whole congregation.
 Sun 13th September: Catechetical Sunday
 Sat 24th September: Youth event for all JCJ2

ALL CCD'S CHILDREN

Due to training of our Catechists, there will be no catechism next weekend.