



# St. Thomas Lenasia

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary B 30<sup>th</sup> August 2009

*What difference do you want Confirmation to make in your life?*

*Many of us were confirmed before we were ready to make this serious commitment. We said we were willing to be confirmed Christians, and the bishop anointed us with the sign of Christ's cross.*

*In some ways, it's a question of maturity. If you've already been confirmed, you're older now than you were then. You've recited the Creed, a statement of your beliefs, Sunday after Sunday at Mass. You've learned more about the meaning of your faith. But have you taken the time to make your Christian living more mature as well? Does the meaning your head already knows take shape in actions from your heart?*

*God always offers you the grace to live up to your baptismal promises and to the commitment that your parents made for you at Baptism. So the important question is, what difference do you allow the sacrament of Confirmation to make in your life? If Confirmation does not seem to have the expected or desired effect, it is not that God has in any way failed you.*

*When you were confirmed, you renewed the promises that your parents made for you at your Baptism: to believe in God, to be a member of the Church, to avoid sin and lead a moral life. As you are probably aware, there's a lot packed into those simple phrases. There's also a lot of commitment that is demanded of you if you take them seriously.*

*And how seriously do you take these promises? I believe that being a Christian, especially a confirmed Christian, should make a noticeable difference in a person's life. Jesus once said, "Not everyone who calls me Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of my Father" (Matthew 7:21). He meant that saying the words was not enough; choosing to know and do God's will was necessary. Being a confirmed Christian, like being a confirmed soccer player or a confirmed music lover, is a matter of deeds, not words.*

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

## CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

Eighteen of our youths will receive the sacrament of confirmation from the hands of Archbishop Buti Tlthagale this coming Wednesday at 7pm. The Archbishop insists on conferring himself this sacrament, for it is also a privileged occasion for him to meet with the Community.

I am humbly asking that all the members of the Community make a special effort to attend the event. Just think how ready you are to attend birthday parties, family reunions, anniversaries etc.

**Christ is actually calling you to witness and support the commitment of our youths to live the Catholic way in all the areas of their lives.**

Please be seated in the Church at 6.45pm. Some refreshments will be served after mass.

All the PPC members are expected to be present with their names tags.

### PPC EXECUTIVE MEETING

Tomorrow Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> August at 12 o'clock in Father's Flat.

### FULL PPC MEETING

On Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> September at 12 in the Parish Hall.

### YPC MEETING

On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8 am in the Parish Hall.

### JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE

Meeting this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August, right after the 10.30 mass.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**  
*Sixteen St Thomas women, out of the 40 participants enjoyed a morning breakfast together this Saturday. The parish hall looked like the dining room of one of those luxury B&B's that are the pride of South Africa. Such a pity that the many women from our so called staunch Catholic families did not seize the opportunity! By the way, do you know the meaning of staunch? Faithfulness, fervour, loyalty, zeal...*

## Altar Servers Roster

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> : **CONFIRMATION**: Steven, Sonam, Lincoln, Nicholas, Mitchell, Jacklyn, Jason

Frid 4<sup>th</sup> : Adrian, Sonam, Kewan

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>: Tiffany, Steven, Sonam, Lincoln, Nicholas, Mitchell

Sun 6<sup>th</sup>: Justin, Jacklyn, Bradley, Janine, Bongani, Jason

## Flower List

Harry Marrian, Peter & Yvonne Moodley, Priscilla Moonsamy, Irvin & Vanessa Mariemuthoo

## Mass Intentions

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>: Valerie Naidoo RIP  
Sun 30<sup>th</sup>: Nellie Naidoo RIP  
Tue 1<sup>st</sup>: Communion Service  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>: THE NEWLY CONFIRMED  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup>: George Singh RIP

## CCD 1 to 4 attendance

Attendance to Catechism classes is not good at all, especially for the classes of CCD1 and 2, as well as for some of the children of CCD3. Parents, please, do show some support and commitment.

This weekend, a second collection will be taken for the World Communication Day.

## 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

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

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> September: Catechetical Sunday

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> September: Youth event for all JJCJ2