



The Lord's Resurrection C 4th April 2010

The Paschal Festival is a chance for Christians to return to the basics of faith in Jesus Christ. Palm Sunday reminds us of the contradiction between the acclamation of Christ as messiah and the crowds (and ourselves) calling for his crucifixion. On Holy Thursday, we commemorate the community of healing, teaching and service the Church should be as we commemorate the washing of feet. Good Friday is about remembering how much Jesus loves – a love that is to death. On Holy Saturday, the Church waits for the resurrection that we know will happen – we tell stories of history so that we can see the Lord's hand at work – and celebrate his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The current crisis facing the Catholic Church internationally – the crisis of child abuse and a lack of appropriate response – helps us realise that the church is always in need of reformation and a return to basics. The primary message of the Church must be the fundamental dignity of all people from conception to natural death. Any action by the church that compromises this dignity is an offence against the common Good and against God. Any loss of focus on the holiness of God and the call to holiness for all people leads to hurt, pain and anger – a betrayal of all that Jesus is. Facing up to this means facing up to a failure to lead all to the holiness of God and their own holy dignity.

Our dignity is not given by politics or power or the church even – It is God given. In South Africa, we need to return to basics, to the basic principle of the dignity of all. This will mean honest dialogue about ethics and culture, about service delivery and the very real danger of some being more favoured than others. If we all return to basics, such as remembering that God sees beyond the outside, then the very necessary, core effort of encounter between people must be our priority. If we can listen to each other in humility from the most important to the small, then we are making the biggest contribution to enhancing dignity and the common Good.

I wish all a blessed Easter – may the Risen Lord draw us all to deeper humility and dignity.

Wilfrid Cardinal Napier
Archbishop of Durban

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 011.852.6691 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



CARPE DIEM...

God made it again! Are we going to seize the chance?

Forty days of desert, forty days of Lenten efforts... Where does that lead us to?

Christ died for us on the cross because He wanted to experience our human darkest plans in order to redeem us from inside. He allowed himself to enter into the very heart of the rotten apple to restore it to wholeness.

Attitude, pride, self-centredness... are destroying the potentiality of the New Life that He is giving us. To rid ourselves of those negative behaviours requires a choice, a decision and a steadiness in making those real. Then the grace of Jesus' Easter victory will allow us to start growing into the wonderful human beings God has always intended us to be.



ST THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS
A PRE-WINTER BALL

FRIDAY 30th APRIL 2010 - TIME 20H30 - PRICE R50-00
LENASIA CIVIC CENTRE

Entertainment Provided by **E'SPLENDOS**

Right of admission : reserved
Refreshments will be sold

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 7th: Janine, Bradley, Jacklyn

Sat 10th: Tiffany, Steven, Sonam,
Lincoln, Nicholas, Mitchell

Sun 11th: Justin, Jacklyn, Bradley,
Janine, Bongani, Jason

Flower List

Geni Singh, Michael & Amanda Subjee, T Velse
& Mary Alice, Henry & Henriette Thomas

Mass Intentions

Sat 3rd: For the Youths of the
Parish

Sun 4th: For the newly baptised
and confirmed

Tue 6th: Lawrence & Donovan
Joseph RIP

Wed 7th: For our Street Children
and the Tuesday People

Passion Walk & Youth Paschal meal

Less than half of the children and youth that should have taken part in those very important celebrations were present. The lack of commitment of the children and the lack of co-operation of the parents is disconcerting.

Thank you to those who participated and over all, thank you to the catechists and members of the congregation for their dedication.

The success of the events was our reward nevertheless.

Infants Baptisms

Infants will be baptised on Pentecost Sunday. To qualify, your child must be under 5 years of age. If he/she is older, baptism will be given after a few years of catechism. You can download a form from the parish website, fill the electronic form sent by father to all parishioners who have registered their email with him, follow the link to the form on the website or... obtain a form from the office.