



St. Thomas Lenasia

Second Sunday of Easter C 11th April 2010

It was on the evening of the first day of the week. Two disciples were going back to their home village. They actually were in retreat, leaving Jerusalem, scared, discouraged and perplexed. Jesus had been for them a mentor, the Hope they had all been waiting for! Yes, Jesus was no doubt the Messiah who was announced in the Scriptures. But what now? Instead of defeating the Romans, instead of restoring the Kingdom of Israel, instead of putting back the Pharisees in their place once and for all... Jesus was now dead, hanging on a wooden cross in the company of two criminals. And as they were commenting and lamenting on the way, Jesus appeared to them, but they could not recognise them.

But who were they, those two disciples? They were just nobody's, in fact they could be any one of us... talking, commenting, lamenting, with no understanding of the Scriptures. For just being together to talk, share our experiences and ideas for the purpose of comforting one another cannot truly answer the main problems and questions of life or even give us peace. We need much... much more!

Jesus then started to teach them all what concerned Him in the Scriptures, starting with Moses and the prophets. As He was talking to them, their hearts were burning. When He broke the bread for them, they eventually recognised Him, but then He disappeared from their sight. Having had a personal encounter with the Lord, they went back "running" to Jerusalem to give testimony of what had become for them "faith as strong as a rock"!

Jesus appeared to his disciples to strengthen them in their faith, but also and mainly to show them how he would be present to them in the Church. Today, we are actually meeting with the risen Christ every time we come together to listen to His Word, explained and actualised in the homily, sharing together in the One bread, One Body of Christ at the table of the Lord. Are we aware of His presence?

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



How was your experience of Holy Week?

Did the washing of the feet make you humbler, a more loving and serving friend of Jesus?

Did the veneration of the Cross help you to become more aware of Jesus' true presence in your life, especially in your areas of crisis?

Could you identify with the People of God, longing for freedom? Have you welcomed in your life the freedom Jesus has won for you? Has the celebration of baptisms revived your baptism?

Are you "Easter People", aware that Jesus is alive, filled with joy and enthusiasm to make the dream of His Father come true? How do you show that joy to your brothers and sisters in the community? How do you exercise that enthusiasm in your everyday life?

Are you on the road to Emmaus, back to your old ways until Ash Wednesday 2011? Pay attention, sharpen your spiritual senses, become aware of His presence on the road. Let yourself be challenged by His Word. Receive communion with extra consciousness that He is offering you today the joy of salvation. Do receive the gift!

42 DAYS TO PENTECOST

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2:1-4)

Let us prepare ourselves to celebrate our New Life in Jesus Christ, the Risen One. In Him, we have become a New Creation! He is calling us to walk against the stream and to see the differences of races, colours, culture, education and languages as an expression of God's loving care and patience for all His creatures. In the truly redeemed, a New World is coming!

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 14th: **Adrian, Sonam, Mitchell**
Sat 17th: **Kyle, Nathanie, Adrian, Mikayla, Marlene, Reece**
Sun 18th: **Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette, Sasha-Lee**

Flower List

Cynthia & Tracy Thomas, Tjobe Lukase Ledia, Michael & Marilyn Valiatham, Edel Williams

Mass Intentions

Sat 10th: **Donovan Naiker RIP**
Sun 11th: **Gladys & Baba Rathinsamy RIP**
Tue 13th: **For all the youths of catechism**
Wed 14th: **Thanksgiving**

"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself." (Kahlil Gibran)

Are you giving the best to your children?

Catechism is resuming next weekend. Level A to C in the morning. Level D at 2pm (for 2.30pm) ending with mass around 6.30pm.

Let's prepare the great festival !

To experience our togetherness in the New Life Jesus won for us, we will share with each other our culture at its best - the best foods, the best smiles, the best shows...

As last year, we are going to have a second collection until Pentecost towards transport for those who come from far and towards the costs of extra meat for the occasion. Thank you for your generosity.

Infants Baptisms

So far, we only have two babies registered. You can still register until next Saturday morning. Formation starts next Sunday at St. Kizito 10am.

We need sponsors for the dance we are looking for sponsors of 2LT drinks COKE, SPRITE, if anyone can sponsor us please contact Indhir 082 566 3763