



St. Thomas Lenasia

Fifth Sunday of Easter C 2nd May 2010

21 DAYS TO PENTECOST

A recent survey has compiled all the qualities that people expect from the perfect priest. Here we share some of them with you.

Results of a computerized survey indicate that the perfect priest preaches exactly 12 minutes. He frequently condemns sin but never upsets anyone. He works from 8.00am until midnight and is also a janitor, does the maintenance and is a cook. He makes R50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car and gives about R50 weekly to the poor.

He is 28 years old, has been preaching for 30 years. He is wonderfully gentle and handsome. He gives of himself completely, but never gets close to anyone, lest he be criticized. He speaks boldly on social issues, but must never become politically involved.

He has a burning desire to work with teenagers: he spends all the time with senior citizens. The perfect priest smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humour that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, visits the house-bound and the hospitalised, spends all his time evangelising the unchurched, and is always in his office whenever he is needed.

If your priest doesn't measure up, simply send this letter to six other parishes that are tired of their priest, too. Then bundle up your priest and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1 463 priests ... and at least one of them should be perfect enough to suit your parish.

Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its old priest back in less than three months.

A priest's life is hard enough. Yet people make it harder by wanting priests to shape up to all their dreams and desires of what a priest should be! Accept his humanity, support his ministry and love him for the person he is ~ and don't forget to pray for him!

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

Are you ready for PENTECOST?

Is Jesus at the very center of your life?

In the secularised world of today, Church has become for many traditional Christians an activity among others. If it deserves a place at all, it is often at the periphery of our lives. As a result, when it comes to choose what "to do", Church is at best one of choices, almost always overpowered by more "attractive" ones. But the Church is not a "club", it is the community of Jesus, where all his followers worship Him together and draw from Him all the energy to continue His Mission in the here and now. The problem is indeed not that we put the Church at the periphery of our lives, but it is that we tend to place Jesus on standby at the periphery of our lives!

All the Easter stories of appearance indicate that Jesus was at the very centre of His friends' lives. The result was Pentecost, an outpouring of the Spirit onto the Apostles, which empowered them to take up courageously the Mission of Jesus - the transformation of the world into the creation God dreams of. Are we continuing the Mission?

Maintenance GET TOGETHER

We invited last week the parishioners to get together on Freedom day to execute a few maintenance works at the Church. The response has not been very encouraging. Thank you to the faithful ones: Brian, Marc and Donovan Jackson and Francis Morgan.

St. Patrick's SIX-A-SIDE Soccer Day

Date: Saturday 15th May 2010 from 9am to 5pm
Venue: Marist Brothers Linmeyer - Marian College
Registration: Closes on 8th May 2010 - Teams of 6 players plus 2 reserves (Children, Youth & Adult teams).
Fee: R200 per team towards charities
Contact: Dean Jackson 082 601 8462 or Jacky Moonsamy

INVITATION TO AN OPEN DISCUSSION ON

IS IT TIME FOR VATICAN III ?

Panel: Prof Douglas Irvine
Ms Marlene Jardine
Fr Anthony Egan sj
Sr Judith Coyle ihm

Venue: St. Vincent's school for deaf
Date: 8th May 2010 from 8h30 (registration) to 13h00

Refreshments will be served - Donations welcome

RSVP: Shelagh Mary 011 402 6400 or 083 256 1422
or by email: shfcorrie@icon.co.za

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 5th: Janine, Bradley, Jacklyn
Fri 7th: Adrian, Sonam, Mitchell
Sat 8th: Tiffany, Steven, Sonam,
Lincoln, Nicholas, Mitchell
Sun 9th: Justin, Jacklyn, Bradley,
Janine, Bongani, Jason

Flower List

THE BOB's FAMILY

Mass Intentions

Sat 1st: Sidney Moonien RIP &
Thanksgiving Mass
Sun 2nd: Kelvin Naidoo RIP
Tue 4th: Vacant
Wed 5th: Marlene Dukhi RIP

CATECHISM CLASSES RESUME THIS WEEK SUNDAY FOR ALL LEVELS. Please send your children on time.

OFFICE TIMES CHANGES

The Parish Office will be open every Tuesday and Friday from 9am till 1pm. Most services can be requested by email (Mass intentions, Baptism certificates, etc). To see Father, please request an appointment, preferably by email or by telephone to Shanta

STOLE FEES CHANGES

Effective from the 1st of May, the stole fees are:

BAPTISM: R50 - WEDDING: R300
FUNERAL: R150 - TOMBSTONE: R250
MASS: R40 (At St Thomas, we have already been practising R50 for some time)

