



St. Thomas Lenasia

# The Ascension of the Lord C 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010

## 7 DAYS TO PENTECOST

We have been waiting for this event ever since we started Lent. We booked the day in our diaries and, for six weeks now, a group of motivated parishioners from all four churches have prepared enthusiastically the feast. The Novena to the Holy Spirit is being prayed. Now comes the official invite:

### The Holy Spirit Who is the Love between the Father and the Son Invites you to the birthday of Mother Church

Which will be celebrated on Pentecost Day  
at the Civic Centre in Lenasia

From 9am to 4pm

Dress code: Cultural in the broad sense  
( Indian, African, Young, Casual... Be yourself ! )

An Agape meal will be shared together.

Feel the Love, feel the vibe.

Expect an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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 Fridays from 9.30 to 13.00  
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 Church.  
**MAINTENANCE**: contact Brian 011 854 4688  
**LITURGY**: contact Mandy 082 770 6655

Today we are celebrating the Ascension of the Lord. "While Jesus was going, and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said: 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'"



If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 2 meters by 2.5 meters and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will remain a prisoner. The reason is a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of at least 3 meters. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

### Altar Servers Roster

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>: Janine, Bradley, Jacklyn  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>: Tiffany, Steven, Sonam,  
Lincoln, Nicholas, Mitchell  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>: Justin, Jacklyn, Bradley,  
Janine, Bongani, Jason

### Flower List

Vicky Basson, V. Badal, Amelda Chetty, Norman & Josephine Dass

### Mass Intentions

Sat 15<sup>th</sup>: Phillip Ah-lee RIP  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup>: Michael Lazarus RIP &  
Thanksgiving Mass  
Tue 18<sup>th</sup>: Vacant  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup>: Annama Thomas  
Plathottam RIP

There will be a mass on Saturday next week for those who, for health reason or other grave reason, cannot make it on Sunday. But please GIVE PRIORITY TO THE SUNDAY CELEBRATION.

Bring non perishable foods for the poor. Items will be collected during Offerings.

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle with all our problems and frustrations, never realising that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem! Just look up.

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, but faith looks up! Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and trust in our Creator who loves us.

**NOVENA to the Holy Spirit ... day 3 and going !**