



# St. Thomas Lenasia

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary C 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010

**“The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” (Matthew 13:44)**

While reading last Wednesday's gospel, I was suddenly struck by some apparent discrepancies. At the time of Jesus, most people would not have access to a bank. So, when they had some kind of treasure to keep away from, for example, enemies during wars, they would choose a spot in their field and bury their treasure. If they died in the attack, the treasure would be lost forever unless someone found it out of sheer luck. The Law had it that such a treasure belonged to the one who found it. Why then did the man in the parable of Jesus, who found the treasure hidden in a field, hid it again? He could have just walked away with it... But, instead, he buried it again, sold everything he had and bought the field... Strange, no?

Well, it is a parable ! Jesus is talking about the Kingdom of Heaven. We could say “Eternal Life” or “Eternal Glory” or “Life with God” or... “Life in the Holy Spirit” ! Something that we cannot really possess, something we cannot have a grip on, something that we cannot control, not even utilise for our own interest. It's all about a new relationship with God ! And that is why the man in the parable hides his treasure again, sells everything he owns and buys the field... so that he can “dwell” next to his treasure.

Have you ever made the experience of the Holy Spirit? Have you ever caught a glimpse of the Kingdom of God? Jesus is telling us that the way to prolong the experience is not by hi-jacking the Holy Spirit for our own benefit, but rather by freeing ourselves of anything that would prevent us from “dwelling” with him / her (the man sold everything he had and acquired the field). Do free your heavy schedule for some intimate encounters with God ! “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing...” (Luke 10:42)

<p><i>Weekend masses: SATURDAY 5 pm and SUNDAY 10.30 am</i>  <i>Confessions: SATURDAY 4.30 pm or by appointment</i>  <i>Weekday masses: TUESDAY 9 am and WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm</i>  <i>First Friday of the month: Adoration 6.15 pm and MASS 7.30 pm</i>  <i>First Sunday of the month: Praise and Worship 10am</i>  <i>Other Fridays: Adoration 7.30pm Other Sundays Adoration 9.15am</i></p>
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<p>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</p>

<p><b>Join in the following activities...</b>          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</p>
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### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Some extracts of an email received from the organisers of the LISS of last week.

*Got home last night totally exhausted, but still took time to read the feedback from the participants, and I can only say that it was worth every minute. The long hours of preparations, prayers, meetings, practice etc. Lives were changed, Lenasia will never be the same again. All glory and honour to our Lord Jesus.*

*But could not have done it without each one of you, I do not have the words to express my gratitude, except to say THANK YOU, and Jesus also thanks you, you good and faithful servant. For the first time youth leaders, thank you for your enthusiasm, I can only say that now you understand what I mean when I say, how different and rewarding it is when you yourself start to serve. For the veterans, again, thank you, for always coming through, your availability and faithfulness. So often, we go out there serving and teaching and so often, we come back learning so much and again humbled in what, we ourselves, have learnt from God and the participants themselves.*

*Fr Philippe, thank you for inviting us to Lenasia, for the opportunity and privilege of ministering to your community. Please pass our Thanks to the catechist for feeding us way too much over the weekend, the food was way too delicious and we all ate too much.*

*To all of you, again, thank you, may God bless you and your family, may He richly reward, and may each one of you continue to bear fruit in your life in Christ.*

*Love and God Bless  
Glenda and Nick*

### Safety of Catechism children

In order to avoid unwanted accidents, the children of levels A B & C will remain with their Catechists near the Parish Hall after the Sunday lesson, where they can be collected from by their parents. At 10.25, they will proceed with their catechists to the Church for the Sunday mass.

### Roster for Catechism refreshments:

#### LEVEL A, B, C

101 children aged 6-14.  
Served outside the hall btw 10:00-10:15

08-Aug: Ursula & Myles Jackson + Penny & Gino Patel

15-Aug: Desiree & Marlon Anamalay + Marilyn & Michael Valiatham

#### LEVEL D

62 children aged 14-18.  
Served in the hall kitchen, 16:30-16:45

08-Aug: Lorna Reddy + Shainaaz & Ralph Morgan

### Altar Servers Roster

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> : Adrian, Sonam, Mitchell

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> : Janine, Bradley, Jacklyn

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> : Kyle, Nathanie, Adrian, Mikayla, Marlene, Reece

Sun 8<sup>th</sup>:Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette, Sasha-Lee

### Flower List

Peter Moses, Hazel & Natasha Naidoo, Glen & Beverly Naidoo, Vincent & Maya Naidoo

### Mass Intentions

Sat 31<sup>st</sup>: Lawrence & Donovan  
Joseph RIP and Special Intention

Sun 1<sup>st</sup>: Fred & Marcia Jackson and Rose Abrahams RIP

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>: Elsie Morgan RIP

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>: Vacant

Fri 6<sup>th</sup>: Vacant

### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday is first Friday of the month. It is also the feast of the transfiguration. Ordinary adoration from 6.15pm followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm.

Father Philippe has to attend an important meeting in Kwa Zulu Natal. He will be absent from Sunday afternoon to Thursday afternoon. Communion services on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Mass Intention of Tuesday will be prayed for by Fr. Philippe during his daily mass.

Fr Mathieu was supposed to come back on Monday. Unfortunately, a scanner of his arm disclosed two badly torn muscles in his shoulder. He is due for an emergency operation on Monday. As one of the muscles needs to be disconnected from the bone, straighten up and reattached, the recovery time will take up to three months. We assure Father Mathieu of our prayers and wish him a speedy recovery. Those who would like to send him greetings, here is his mail address: mathieuvanvlierden@gmail.com