



# St. Thomas Lenasia

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary time**

**22<sup>nd</sup> August 2010**

## What is Authority For?

Quotation: The common good is 'the reason the political authority exists' (Catechism of the Catholic Church).

Reflection: I remember a philosophy lecturer once arguing that no authority exists of and for itself. All authority, he maintained, is there for the sake of something else and has therefore to be justified by something outside of itself. So the authority of a pastor exists for the sake of the congregation, that of the principal for the good of the school and that of the politician for furtherance of the peace and prosperity of the country and people.

According to this school of thought, human authority certainly does not exist for its own good or the gratification of the one holding it. It is established to serve. Jesus saw himself as employing his undoubted authority as 'Lord and master' to 'serve rather than be served'. Many South Africans claim to follow, or be inspired by, this remarkable leader who washed his followers' feet like a lowly servant.

Prayer: Father from whom all authority on earth finds its origin, recall to our minds the responsibilities that come with the authority with which you invest us - be it great or small. Grant that we may cherish this weighty gift and use it carefully but eagerly in loving and serving those whom you love and thereby love and serve you the author and giver of this gift.

Amen.

## ANNUAL WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

for women of all ages, and a few good men  
4 September, Parish Hall, 9am till 1pm

<p>Weekend masses: <b>SATURDAY 5 pm</b> and <b>SUNDAY 10.30 am</b> Confessions: <b>SATURDAY 4.30 pm</b> or by appointment Weekday masses: <b>TUESDAY 9 am</b> and <b>WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm</b> First Friday of the month: <b>Adoration 6.15 pm</b> and <b>MASS 7.30 pm</b> First Sunday of the month: <b>Praise and Worship 10am</b> Other Fridays: <b>Adoration 7.30pm</b> Other Sundays <b>Adoration 9.15am</b></p>	<p><b>Join in the following activities...</b> <b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</b> : every Monday 7.30 pm in the Hall. Contact Edgar 011 852 4960 <b>INTERCESSION PRAYER GROUP</b> : every Friday 10 am - 24 Opaal Street - Extension 5, Contact Vivian 011 854 8523 <b>PRAYER GROUP</b> : every Saturday 3.30 pm in the Church. <b>MAINTENANCE</b>: contact Brian 011 854 4688 <b>LITURGY</b>: contact Mandy 082 770 6655</p>
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<p>For <b>Mass intentions</b> and <b>appointment</b> 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 <b>Sick calls</b>, please contact <b>Clive Padayachee</b> on 011.852.6691 or 072.493.4773 For <b>Funerals</b>, please contact <b>Vivian Patel</b> on 011.854.8523 In case of emergency only, Fr. <b>Philippe's</b> cell is 082.729.3758</p>	

## TAKING BACK OUR STREETS

Spokesman for the Lenasia Community Patrollers, Shiraz Pelwan, said that every community, business, religious, social welfare and educational organisation, including churches, mosques and temples, in Lenasia and surrounding informal settlement, is requested to send two delegates to the meeting (*Avryl Murgan and Vicki Basson represented St Thomas on this Saturday meeting*). To combat crime will require the involvement of every resident in every street and from every organisation.

"The meeting will design a practical plan of action to combat crime in our area," he said. Pelwan added that the community must defend itself against criminals and make our streets safe again.

The LCP also thanked the community for the "massive show of strength at the soccer stadium" (*last Sunday*) and called upon the community to intensify the campaign against criminals.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

As per Archbishop's request, we are going to start rotating a CROSS weekly from family to family. When the cross is in a particular family, the members of the family commit themselves to invite neighbours and pray daily with the cross for vocations. Families interested in praying for vocations advise us so that we can draw up a roster, with the rotation to begin the first week of September. Avryl's family will take the first week.

## Thinking of joining the Catholic Church?

You would like to know more about God, explore the Catholic faith and possibly commit yourself to the Church... Or maybe you know someone who is interested... Please contact Avryl (011 852 4228), Edgar (082 775 4414) or Cedric (082 785 3517). A new RCIA journey will start in October.

## Infants baptisms

Soon we will have baptism for infants (under 5 yrs of age). If you are requesting baptism for your child, please fill up a form (available from the website or the office) and return it to the office.

## Roster for Catechism refreshments:

### LEVEL A, B, C

101 children aged 6-14. Served outside the hall before 9.30  
22-Aug: Karen & Deeran Govender + Michelle & Anton Khan  
29-Aug: Marisa & Tyrone Lazarus + Melanie & Derek Pillay

### LEVEL D

62 children aged 14-18.  
Served in the hall kitchen, 16:30-16:45  
22-Aug: Manila & Francis Morgan

## Altar Servers Roster

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> : Janine, Bradley, Jacklyn

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> : Tiffany, Steven, Sonam,  
Lincoln, Nicholas, Mitchell

Sun 29<sup>th</sup>: Justin, Jacklyn, Bradley, Janine, Bongani, Jason

## Flower List

Colin & Neala Pillay, Mark & Shireen Pillay, Paul & Angeline Pillay, Roderick & Tanya Pillay

## Mass Intentions

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>: Noel Williams RIP

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Late Sequira Family  
and James & Mary  
Padayachee RIP

Tue 24<sup>th</sup>: Vacant

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: For unborn babies &  
Special Intention

## USHERS' MEETING

Sunday next week, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, after mass, Ushers' meeting. People who like to join the ministry are welcome to join the meeting.

If you can't make it, please contact Joeline 082 069 8761

## SOCIAL SERVICES...

If you - or someone you care about - need(s) acquiring an ID document or registering for a social grant, or has any other administration problem, the Department of Social Services will come and inform people on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August after the 9am mass. Please talk about it to your neighbours, home helpers, gardeners, etc. This has been arranged by the Justice & Peace Group.

## CALENDAR

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Sept: Women's breakfast

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Sept: Fund raising lunch towards the project "Share the Load" (New Chancery building).

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Sept: Remedy Youth Rally at the Marian College.

## FORMATION ALTAR SERVERS

The first session of formation for the altar servers will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. Compulsory for all new and old!