



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021

Mission of the Diocese of the Highveld

To be a unified Diocese where the spiritual growth of an increasing number of people is fulfilled through experiencing the fullness of God

BISHOP'S DIARY

Day	Date	Time		Venue
Frid	3rd	15h00	Opening Eucharist - Golden Girls retreat	Lumkho
Sun	5th	08h30	St Chad's (C)	Edenvale
Sun	12th	09h00	St Barnabas (C)	Kwa Thema

Gazette:

- **Diocesan Food Bank:** This is a special appeal to all parishes, guilds and individuals to consider donating non-perishable food items to the Diocesan food bank.
- **Our Website** is up and running. Go and have a look at it dioceseofhighveld.org.za. The parish details will be updated shortly.
- **Provincial Youth: (See attachments)** Thank you for supporting and upholding the 2019 Provincial Synod resolution that Children's Sunday be celebrated annually in the month of August. We trust that your Diocese appreciated the Children's Liturgy that was compiled by our very own AYSA/PYC which was approved by the Liturgical Committee. Thank you for praying, worshipping, and fellowshiping with our children and young people in your respective Dioceses.

According to our ACSA calendar, September month is identified as the time to celebrate the young people in our Church. What an honour to the youth of our Church to be given this special attention. This is an indication that the Church takes her young people seriously as part and parcel of the Body of Christ. Maybe there could be no better affirmation of our youth than this honourable gesture. As the Youth Liaison Bishop, I always emphasise to our young people that they are not just the Church of tomorrow, lest they walk out and wait for tomorrow. But that they are the Church of Today, the Church of Now, they are the Continuation of the Church. This for me stems from the fact that young people and children sit with us their parents and elders in church for worship and prayer, hence, the Church of Now. We therefore need to be careful with our language when addressing the intelligence of the Young Church.

One of the interventions that AYSA/PYC & ASF have been calling for is that the Church should initiate professional counselling opportunities for the youth of the Church. This call is due to the myriad of challenges that the youth are currently faced with in their daily lives. The scourge of unemployment, the temptation of falling in the trap of alcohol and substance abuse, the intentional teenage pregnancy that could be a means to state grants, the many intrapersonal questions that may seem to have no answers. All these now compounded by the global pandemic that seems to be stealing and paralysing the future of many young people. AYSA/PYC & ASF believe

that the best least thing that the Church could do is to uplift the morale, the confidence, and the dignity of the young people by dedicating a Sunday to the celebration of the Young Body of Christ.

We are therefore, as with the Children's Liturgy, humbly requesting that the attached youth Liturgy be allowed to be used in your Diocese for the celebration of the young people in ACSA. We trust that this will be one of the few available means our young people will be able to set an example to some of their peer-believers as they speak the Word of God, as they seek to increase their Christian faith, as they endeavour to model their life around that of their Friend and Saviour Christ Jesus by keeping themselves pure and loving one another. Becoming true to the slogan 'Lift Others As You Rise.'

May the ACSA youth, as scattered as they may be, be encouraged to remain a 'Church Gathered,' the One Holy Catholic Church, the Body of Christ.

Thanking you with youthful prayers and blessings

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Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Free State

- **Anglicans Ablaze:** Programme and brochure – see attached
- **Note to Clergy: Police clearance certificates:** Please make sure that the Bishop's office has a copy of your police clearance certificate as a matter of urgency.
- ***Note from the Administrator:***

DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD COVID-19 PROTOCOLS UNDER
ALERT LEVEL 3 FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STAFF

1. Access will be by appointment **ONLY** so please call in advance to arrange suitable times for your visit and to arrange access. A record **WILL** be kept of the names and contact details of anyone entering the premises. If a visitor presents with any flu-like symptoms they will not be granted access and will be asked to leave the property immediately.
2. Please make prior arrangements when you need to collect items from the offices so that we can avoid crowding. We would like to have your things ready for you to help make the transaction safe and efficient.
3. No Group or Guild Meetings allowed on the premises until further notice as we cannot accommodate large groups.

- **Birthdays:** A very happy birthday to:

3 rd	Fr Elijah Kholoti	4 th	Fr Gary Day
5 th	Vincent Hlobelo	6 th	Fr Ntshukumo Zantsi
7 th	Eva Zwane	9 th	Sylvia Magwanishe
10 th	Fr David Korasi	12 th	Gladys Koloti

The next newsletter will be on Wednesday 15th September as the Bishop's Secretary will be on leave from 2nd to 14th

