



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 15th JULY 2020

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

Gazette:

➤ **A message from the Bishop:**

Further to my letter sent at the beginning of the month requesting that congregations should have parish COVID 19 teams, I am following up on the progress that has been made and would like parishes to please give feedback to the archdeacons. We need to know as we look at the opening of churches for worship, perhaps in August, but this will depend on the new regulations by the government and guidelines from the Archbishop. We will communicate with the diocese as to when we will open, bearing in mind that we are still facing the peak of the virus.

Let us continue to pray that God gives wisdom to those who are working on getting a vaccine for the Corona virus, all health workers and those infected and affected. There are many in our congregations who have lost family members to COVID 19 related deaths, and I am sure that clergy have lost family members as well. We pray for God's strength.

Please be in touch with your archdeacons as we are in this together; we need to help each other, because none of us has been in this situation before. We appealed for suggestions and I ask you to please keep them coming in.

May God protect us all.

+Charles

- The Archbishop and the Service Committee urges everyone to use the following special Collect for PSC in the months leading up to the meeting:

*Almighty God, our refuge and strength,
As we face the realities of the Covid-19 pandemic
Keep us faithful to you,
Strengthen us to care for one another and your planet,
For you led your people out of exile,
You walked the road to Calvary,
And you continue to equip us for ministry with your Holy Spirit,
One God, world without end.
Amen*

- **Congratulations** to Fr Brent Frieslaar, Priest in Charge of Germiston Parish, on obtaining his Master's in Practical Theology Cum Laude.
- News of ACSA publications.
The Constitution and Canons revised to include changes arising from Synod September 2019.
A5 Blue lever arch file with contents @ R130
Full set of inserts @ R100 (you will need to replace ALL the pages this time!)

NEW PUBLICATION FROM CANON JOHN SUGGIT:
Fifty Gobbets from The New Testament and Some Nuggets
 by John N Suggit @ R70 ISBN - 978-0-620-88016-9

- HABSR: non-perishables for the food bank are welcome
- From the Administrator: Unidentified items:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
25/06/2020	R1689.00	MONICA BANTOM

- **Happy birthday to:**

17 th	Fr Joe Thompson	18 th	Mtr Emily Hlanyane
19 th	Bishop David Bannerman	20 th	Fr Israel Qwelane
21 st	Fr Nhlanhla Ntshagase	21 st	Gill Andrews