



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 24th MARCH 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
Thurs	25th	10h00	M.U. Lady Day, Christ the Redeemer (Benoni & Cathedral)	Daveyton
		18h00	St Dunstan's College Council	
Thurs	1st	10h00	Chrism Eucharist	Cathedral Actonville
		18h00	St Mary Magdalene	
Frid	2nd	12h00	St Matthew & St Luke	Eden Park
Sun	4th	06h00	Dawn Eucharist	Cathedral Wattville
		09h00	Church of the Resurrection	

### Gazette:

#### ➤ Services for Holy Week:

Important information regarding the services starting on Sunday.

I promised to send information concerning the services starting from Palm Sunday. With the warning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of the virus, and with some countries in the Northern Hemisphere experiencing the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave, we need to be very careful and play safe. The 2<sup>nd</sup> wave was devastating with many infections and deaths. We have just under 200 000 frontline workers who have been vaccinated and we still have a long way to go. So we have to continue to follow the protocol: wearing of masks, washing hands/ sanitizing, social distancing and going out only when necessary.

**Palm Sunday:** There will be NO processions. Please follow the service without procession from the APB page 174. Congregations can have the palm branches in the church as a symbol. I suggest that each person takes a piece of palm (no palm crosses) as they register. Make sure that the register of attendance is done.

Services in Holy Week Monday to Wednesday can be done. Please keep to one hour.

**Maundy Thursday:** Chrism Eucharist for Clergy at the Cathedral at 10h00.

**Maundy Thursday evening service-** NO WASHING OF THE FEET as this is likely to cause touching, albeit unintentionally. Parishes are encouraged to

consider innovative ways to show the humility and servanthood which Christ demonstrates in this action, in other ways.

The stripping of the altar to be done following strict health protocols. This service may likely be a little longer but should not exceed 1 hour 20 minutes maximum. The longer people are in closed spaces, the higher the risk of infection.

**Good Friday:** No veneration of the cross and no 3 hour service.

**Saturday:** Paschal candle may be lit

**Easter Sunday:**

All the above services not to be longer than 1 hour 20 minutes

- **Information from WHO on vaccines:** The information received from WHO has been circulated by HOPE Africa and is attached for all to read.
- **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.
- **Northmead parish:** Please note the new telephone number for All Souls Northmead – it is 063 770 8604. New email addresses:

[fr.doug@all-souls.co.za](mailto:fr.doug@all-souls.co.za) – Father Doug

[admin@all-souls.co.za](mailto:admin@all-souls.co.za) – All accounting matters

[secretary@all-souls.co.za](mailto:secretary@all-souls.co.za) – All parish administrative matters

[warden1@all-souls.co.za](mailto:warden1@all-souls.co.za) – Church warden – Currently Jonathan Ely

[warden2@all-souls.co.za](mailto:warden2@all-souls.co.za) – Church Warden – Currently Samfana Mahlangu

- A resolution from Diocesan Synod 2019 asked that **each parish** has a **liaison person** who will deal with issues of the care of the earth linking to the Province's Green Anglican Desk. **Please send the names to the office as soon as possible.**
- **Note from the Administrator:**

#### LIST OF UNIDENTIFIED PAYMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
17/10/2020	R 1020.00	ALL SOULS CHURCH
16/11/2020	R 1300.00	MQOMBOTHI

- Parish post can only be collected from the offices by appointment in future. Please call to make your arrangements and follow the guidelines for the protocols:

#### DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD COVID-19 PROTOCOLS UNDER

#### ALERT LEVEL 1

1. **No casual visits will be allowed - no mask, no entry allowed.**  
Access will still be by appointment so please call in advance to arrange suitable times for your visit and to arrange access. A record must be kept of the names and contact details of anyone entering the premises. If a visitor presents with any symptoms they will not be granted access and will be asked to leave the property immediately.

2. Please make prior arrangements when you wish 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, speedy and efficient.
3. **Bishop's meetings.** Everyone must sanitise on entering the meeting venue and record their contact details on the Meeting Register. Attendees are please to practise proper social distancing at all times.
4. No Group or Guild Meetings allowed on the premises until further notice as we cannot accommodate large groups.

➤ **Birthdays:**

24<sup>th</sup> Regina Tsubella

29<sup>th</sup> Noyolo Zantsi

29<sup>th</sup> Mia den Blaauwen

30<sup>th</sup> Samukelisiwe Khanyile