



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

### DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS for

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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	28th	18h00	College Council Meeting	SDC
Sat	30th	09h30	AWF Festival Service	
Sun Link	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	09h00	eMzinoni (C)	
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	09h30 14h00	Post Ordination Training: (Canon Law Presentation) Finance Board	LT
Sun	7th	09h00 18h00	Confirmation Confirmation	
Tues	9th	09h30	Clergy Day	

#### **Gazette:**

- **Monmouth Link:** Link Sunday on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. See attached intercessions for use on this Sunday.
- **Post Ordination Training:** See attached notice – all clergy welcome
- **Lay Ministers Training:** the next training will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 9 – 12 (**one session only**) at St Chad's Edenvale and will be a presentation by the Revd Canon Cynthia Botha on the prayer book, the lectionary and the new prayer book in progress.
- **Bishop's Parish Visits 2022:** See attached form
- **Note from the Publishers:** "Our diaries and almanacs will be available sometime in November. We require a 50% deposit on all orders placed for diaries"
- **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. Your generous support makes it possible for us to help those in need.
- Back on **Green Anglicans:** as we promised in our previous article that we are going to expand on the two focal points which we suggest to be our central focus in making sure that we champion the concept of green Anglican as the diocese. Here are some details of the focal points.

**1. Moving towards green point** is a concept that focuses on planting e.g. flowers, herbs, vegetables, trees etc. It is our suggestion, as the portfolio committee on environment, that Anglicans throughout the diocese, use their own personal spaces, church sites and public spaces (schools) regardless of size, for planting. This move encompasses various spheres of our needs, such as alleviation of poverty (hunger and lack of food), creates job opportunities and brings a healthy and clean environment.

**2. Environmental care:**

This concept is specifically about keeping our environment clean.

How? By making sure we have and utilise dumping areas in our communities, for our homes we make sure we keep our yards clean at all times. If we keep our environment green through concept 1, this will ensure that our environment is clean and safe.

In our next article we are going to put before you the examples on how these two concepts can be implemented, individually or as a group.

**We encourage every parish in our diocese to provide and create space and time for these focal points.** Our next article will be expanding on how to work on each of these focal points.

We therefore appeal to clergy and parish councils to support the concepts, **have representatives** in the council and also have **parish coordinators** to work these concepts specifically.

➤ **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:**

**Unidentified payments:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reference</b>
21/09/2021	R 3650.00	NONTSIKELELO MOTAU
22/09/2021	R 1500.00	NONTSIKELELO MOTAU
22/09/2021	R1100.00	ST STEPHEN MU
25/09/2021	R 1100.00	NTSIKI FUNDRAISING
27/09/2021	R 300.00	E MOTSEPE

**DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD COVID-19 PROTOCOLS UNDER  
ALERT LEVEL 1 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:

29 <sup>th</sup>	Deacon Phil Laurings	29 <sup>th</sup>	Lynne Wesseloo
30 <sup>th</sup>	Johanna Nkala	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Fr Hugh Mbatha
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joan Bannerman		