



## DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY 31st 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	1st	10h00 18h00	Chrism Eucharist St Barnabas	Cathedral Kwa Thema
Frid	2nd	12h00	St Matthew & St Luke	Eden Park
Sun	4th	06h00 09h00	Dawn Eucharist Church of the Resurrection	Cathedral Wattville

#### Gazette:

- Attached is Bishop's Easter message.

#### ➤ Services for Holy Week:

**Maundy Thursday:** Chrism Eucharist for Clergy at the Cathedral at 10h00. Would all clergy please bring their prayer books with them, language of own choice.

Would clergy please fetch their post and any pre ordered books **before the service** from Funeka and Margaret as the office will only be open for a short time.

**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, (maximum 1 hour 20 minutes)

**Saturday:** Paschal candle may be lit

**Easter Sunday:**

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

- **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.
- 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:** A very happy birthday to:
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Fr Thabo Masweu | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Joshua Bodibe |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Tholani Mnyandu |                 |               |