



DIOCESAN UPDATES

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Thank you message for the Diocesan Appeal

I wish to thank all of you, individuals -laity and priests, schools and parishes who have already contributed so generously to the Appeal Fund or made commitments to do so. I am immensely grateful for your response. We will continue to update you on the progress.

Parishes	810 000
Promised	753 000
Schools	802 000
Individuals	259 673
TOTAL	2 624 673

Ordinations

We are planning on having two Ordination services this year. Ordination to the Priesthood on 13 November 2021 and to the Diaconate on the 11th December 2021. The following candidates are considered for ordination, let us pray for them as they prepare for the day:

Ordination to the Priesthood:

1. Alison Thabethe (Bryanston),
2. Lebogang Hys (Moroka),
3. Pop Motsisi (Bedfordview)
4. Kamo Kotsi, (Meadowlands)
5. Mandisa Mshuqwana (Mayibuye)

These ordinations will both take place at St John's College. Due to the limited numbers allowed, due to Covid 19, these services will not be open services where diocesan members are welcomed to attend physically. However, we have planned to livestream the services so that the saints can join us in the comfort of their homes. Zoom links will be shared closer to the services.

Congratulations

Please join me in congratulating the following saints who will be decorated at our next Diocesan Synod. They have and are still serving the diocese with grace.

- Revd Mlungisi Ntsele – Honorary Canon
- Ms Funeka Ndungane – Honorary Lay Canon
- Mr Sibusiso Zungu – Honorary Lay Canon

Moves and Placements

- We thank Revd. Jacque Williams (Halfway Gardens) for her ministry in the parishes she has served in, as well as her ministry within the Diocese. Last Sunday 17 October 2021 was her last Sunday at the parish of St Monnica's, Halfway Gardens. She has accepted a position overseas. We wish her and Rob well as they prepare to start a new chapter in their lives.
- Congratulations to Revd Sharmaine James who has now joined the ministry team of the parish of St Michael's, Bryanston effective 1st October 2021. She will be licensed as an Assistant Priest.
- I am happy to share with you that I will be licensing Revd Gaby Tucker as the Priest-in-Charge of the Bosmont and Noordgesig cluster. She will begin her ministry in the cluster on the 1st November 2021.
- We thank Revd Erna Basson who has been a faithful Priest in Charge at Noordgesig. She has agreed to stay on in the cluster with a PTO (Permission to Officiate) license.
- I will be licensing Ven Michelle Pilet as the new Rector of St Francis of Assisi, Parkview. She will be joining the saints there on the 1st December 2021.

Prayer Walk - Siya hamba!

To nurture our physical, mental, and spiritual beings, let us walk together as a family of God, lifting our eyes up to the hills. Join me on the 14th of November 2021 at the Walter Sisulu Botanical Gardens at 07h30 in the carpark for a Prayer Walk @ 8-9.30am, drawing us closer to one another and God in our ever-changing environment. In the spirit of working towards the financial recovery of our Diocese, this will also serve as a fundraising initiative organised by our young "Enablers Team". Participation in the hike is R150 per person and this will also cover the entrance fee at the park. Please diarise and let Tumi know if you would like to join me and details will be sent to you about depositing the money rather than dealing with that on the day.

Prayer Requests

- We pray for our learners and students in both our Diocesan and Public Schools and higher learning institutions. We pray for God's blessing and peace as you prepare to start your exams. With all the challenges of this year, may the Holy Spirit remind you of all that you have learned.

- Pray too for all teachers and our School Chaplains who have taught and nurtured our young students
- We pray also for our parishioners and their families as we all navigate through this difficult time of illness and loss.
- We remember all bereaved families in our Diocese, especially the Hlatshwayo family and the Bosman families as they prepare lay their loved ones to eternal rest. Linda and Vern are two of our ordinands.
- Please continue to pray intentionally for our country and for our Diocese. Thank you to those who continue to be committed to a sustained prayer presence, as individuals and as parishes at this time.

Leave and Retreat

I will be taking a short break of annual leave from tomorrow Sunday 24th until Friday 29th October, returning for Confirmations next Saturday and then will then be on retreat from the 31st until the November 5th 2021

The interim Diocesan Executive Officer also has leave, pre-booked before joining us in that position, from Thursday 4-11th November.

Please continue to send in all documentation as soon as possible to her/ Mr Geoff Diedericks for the Diocesan budget to be finalised and distributed by 6th November, as per the Diocesan Rules.

C – 2.5 Meetings of Diocesan Council

Notice of each meeting shall be sent to all the members of Council at least 3 weeks before the date of each meeting together with an agenda and all the reports which Council will be asked to consider. This is to give Council members time to study the reports, discuss the same with those they represent and obtain any additional information they may consider necessary.

As you can see, we are working on some very tight deadlines and your co-operation in the next couple of weeks is a vital part of us having a successful outcome to Diocesan Council on 27th November.

Grace, strength, and courage in Christ,

The Rt Revd Dr Steve Moreo
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