



Ad Clerum

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NEWS OUT OF THE DIOCESE

This publication is yet another message of the good work being done by the people of the TAC in Southern Africa. I do hope that the message of Hope will encourage you, wherever you are.

BISHOP-ELECT WELLINGTON NCUBE MURINDA

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that following an elective process in accordance to our Canons and Constitution, our Vicar General, Fr Wellington Murinda, a man of great courage and zeal for the Gospel, a man of deep prayer and personal devotion, a man of loyalty and integrity, has been unanimously elected as a Suffragen Bishop for Zimbabwe and Southern Africa.



Fr Murinda's call to the Episcopate has been affirmed with joy and enthusiasm by the Traditional Anglican Communion, College of Bishops, and the Mandate for his Consecration has been issued by the Primate of the TAC, Archbishop Shane Janzen.

I have asked Bishop Craig Botterill of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (ACCC), a good and holy Bishop, to assist Bishop Andrew Mukuyamba and myself in this joyous occasion, and details of the date and venue will be sent to you as soon as we have met with Fr Murinda and his leadership. Please pray for Fr Murinda and his dear wife, Benita.

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Fr Murinda has asked to be a Suffragen Bishop, as it frees him to move between countries to assist in the growth of the TAC in Africa, and we have agreed to his request. His addition to the College of Bishops is most welcome, increasing the African presence on that body, and affirming the input he has already made over many years as Vicar General of the TAC in Southern Africa.

Fr Murinda at Bishop Andrew's Consecration in Lusaka 2015



Fr Murinda with Bishop Andrew, Archbishop Shane and Bishop Michael, Lincoln 2016



This is a momentous time in the history of the TAC in Africa. It sees our footprint increased and the establishment of a House of Bishops in Southern Africa. It also brings the Sacraments nearer to thousands of people who have had to wait too long for me to reach their remote destinations.

In Southern Africa, we have deliberately followed a policy of slow and steady growth, seeking quality over quantity, and that policy is bearing its fruit. We have seen many groups come and gone, claiming enormous growth and thousands of members. We have taken a different route, believing that the church is never to be some “flash in the pan” but rather an institution that will last for centuries to come; for our children and our children’s children, to the glory of God. We are well on the way to achieving that vision, and Fr Murinda’s election places us firmly in our next phase of growth.

Ordination at Holy Resurrection, Robertson, Western Cape

Fr Lionel Kuiper is one of our founding clergy, and he has had a vibrant and dedicated ministry to the people of Robertson. A man of the Scriptures, he has played a leading role in the spiritual life of that town, earning the respect of all its people. His chapel is beautiful, situated in a coach on the Gospel Express, a full train on its own siding just outside the town.

Fr Lionel's sight has been failing, and he has found it difficult to continue alone. He was delighted when he found a candidate suitable for ordination in David Purcell, a senior manager in the Graham Beck farming industry of the area.

Graham and Audrey live close to the Gospel Express, and Fr Lionel felt very comfortable to put forward David for ordination to the Deaconate.



The people of Holy Resurrection, Robertson, Western Cape outside the Gospel Express



Fr Lionel presents David Purcell to the Bishop. Deacon David is congratulated by a delighted Fr Lionel Kuiper



Fr Lionel with the Gospel Express.



The lovely chapel interior

Please pray for the witness and growth of the Parish of the Holy Resurrection, and for the ministry of Deacon David Purcell as he assists his faithful Priest, Fr Lionel Kuiper, in the work of the Gospel.

CHRIST CHURCH, BRACKENFELL, CAPE TOWN - CONFIRMATION



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While in the Western Cape, Bishop Michael and Dalene visited Christ Church, Brackenfell, for the Confirmation of Kyle Smuts, son of Fr Stephen Smuts. Kyle has been a faithful altar server, and it was a blessing to be with the community and the Smuts family for this celebration.

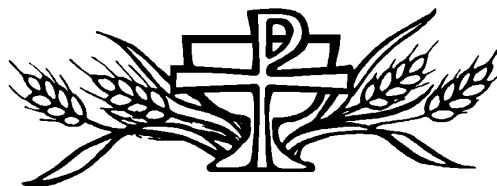
Fr Stephen Smuts has exercised a diligent and faithful ministry to his people, and, through his Chaplaincy to the City of Cape Town Emergency Services, all the people of Cape Town. He is assisted in the parish by two excellent Lay Ministers, Brian Hammond and Dalmaine Anthony, and a good crew of servers.



Fr Stephen Smuts preaches the sermon



Preparing for Confirmation



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THE PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE, MATHIBESTAD

For many years, the people of St Peter's Mathibestad have worshipped in an old and dilapidated house. Since the ordination to the Priesthood of Fr Godfrey Mathibe, the parish has grown considerably, and the old house could not cope with the numbers of new members joining the church.



On 30th April 2017, the Bishop visited the parish to consecrate their new church building. It was a time of great satisfaction for all the people, as they saw their work of faith come to fruition.



The new church building for St Pater's Parish, Mathibestad – a real work of Faith!



Mathibestad lies approximately two hours travel North of Pretoria, and is a largely rural area. Many people commute to the city for work, but the area, although widespread, is densely populated.

Fr Godfrey has a strong ministry and the parish has shown significant growth under his leadership. He has been assisted by a faithful Catechist, Kgophane Daniel Tshlotlhang, who is to be made a Deacon in the next ordination in Tshwane. The parish has an active Mothers Union, Men's Guild, Youth and Servers Group.



The congregation gather outside the church



Blessing the outer walls



Happy people



Dancing in praise around the church interior



Above - Dressing the newly consecrated Altar.

Below - the Holy Gospel is read



Fr Godfrey with his team of servers



The Mothers Union



Dalene with the Mothers Union



St Peters Sunday School



St Veronicas Guild



Visiting Methodist dignitaries – two local bishops



Hearty congratulations to Fr Godfrey and his people on a great achievement. They have done this work entirely on their own and are to be highly commended on their efforts. This is a work that will endure for many generations to come. We are very proud of you!

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ANOTHER WORK COMING TO FRUITION – ST STEPHEN’S, THOKOZA, EAST RAND.

We welcomed the Parish of St Stephen the Martyr into the TAC on the Feast of the Epiphany in January. Since then, they have done a lot of work, changing the pitch of the roof and making their structure more permanent. The service was a Dedication of a Church and Confirmation.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, we were able to welcome the parish and Confirm many young believers. On this occasion, we were able to Licence their Priest and founder, Fr Mangaliso Jo Mdhlela, as a priest in the Traditional Anglican Communion. It was an occasion of great festivity, and the singing in the church was quite outstanding, led by the excellent choir. Visitors from St Andrew’s Parish, Mondeor, came to give their support and their presence was highly appreciated. The Mass was very beautiful as the pictures attest.



The people and clergy gather outside the church



Altar party



Fr Jo Mdhlela



The Gospel – Fr Judah



The sermon



The excellent choir



The Candidates for Confirmation



Below: Fr Jo addresses the congregation. Fr and Mrs Mdhlela are congratulated by their people



The group of wonderful young people confirmed at St Stephen's Thokoza



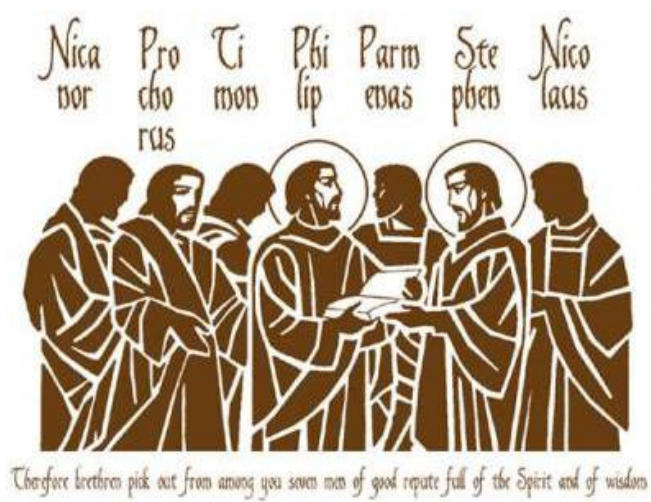
ORDINATION ON TRINITY SUNDAY 2017 – ST CYPRIAN THE MARTYR, ATTERIDGEVILLE

Trinity Sunday saw the ordination of one Priest and three Deacons at the Parish of St Cyprian the Martyr, Atteridgeville. The men ordained were all from the Tshwane Regional Deanery, under the leadership of Fr Martin Magoleng, Rector of St Cyprian's. Rev Fr Shadrack Mailia (St Cyprians), Deacon Mmbofeni Phasha (St Cyprians), Deacon Daniel Thlothlang (St Peters, Mathibestad) and Deacon Fanie Masilela (St Martin de Porres, Ekangala) were presented for ordination by their Dean.



A full house at St Cyprian the Martyr, Atteridgeville.

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The three Deacons are presented to the people From left to right: Fanie (Ekangala) Mmbofeni (St Cyprian) Daniel (Mathibestad – St Peters)



The Ordination to the holy priesthood of Shadrack Charles Maila, a man of integrity and deep devotion



The ordination of Fr Shadrack will mean that Fr Martin has more freedom to visit in his very thriving Region Deanery of Tshwane. Fr Shadrack will remain based at St Cyprians, but will also visit outstations of the Deanery as required. Please pray for his ministry, and for his family.



A delighted Fr Shadrack is presented to the people. Fr Martin is on the left and Fr Godfrey Mathibe (St Peter's, Mathibestad) is on the right. Fr Shadrack now beats Fr Murinda as the shortest clergyman in the Diocese!

I hope that you have enjoyed this pictorial record of the life of our Southern African Diocese over the past two months. Couple this *Ad Clerum* with the previous two, and you can clearly see a work of the Holy Spirit amongst His people, and open-hearted Christian men, women and young people responding to the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Season of Trinity now stretches out before us; a time for accelerated growth and development of our personal and corporate Christian lives. I urge you all, in the spirit of humility and obedience to the call of our Lord Jesus Christ, to work tirelessly in your communities to spread the Good News of the Gospel of our Lord to all those who need Him so desperately.

May you be blessed and may you know His Peace in your hearts.

+ Michael Gill

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